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Dear Sirs,

As a registered interested party, we have been invited to comment as per the letter dated 25th April 2022 reference EN010012. We are residents of Middleton Moor and our property is on the B1122, the proposed 'haul' and 'early years construction traffic' road that runs from Yoxford to the proposed construction site.

Potable Water

We reside in the driest county and are always very aware of the necessity to monitor and use water resources sparingly. The agricultural sector, which is very large and important in this area obviously has a large requirement to fulfil. Our own usage is metered and as the start to this year has been unprecedentedly dry, we have had need to utilise all our grey water to keep our vegetable plot and garden irrigated. We cannot afford to water from the mains system and it therefore is no surprise to us that the provision of large quantities of water could present a problem.

The issue of potable water for Sizewell C has been known about in this area and raised with EDF a number of years prior to them actually acknowledging the problem. The fact that Northumbrian Water cannot confirm that they can satisfy this demand either in the short term or even the future is of great concern, particularly as EFD have admitted that the use of long term desalination is neither feasible or affordable. Although not knowing a huge amount about the science of this extraction, I am assuming that it will affect the salination of the water returned to the sea after processing, which must have an effect on the marine biology. As Minsmere Nature Reserve abuts this proposed site, what will be the effects both short and long term on the flora and fauna?

EDF's reply on this matter appears very blasé, indicating that potable water is not an issue and should be accommodated in the future, although they do not state how! With a desalination plant required either temporary or long term, in the early years, water will need to be tankered in. Again EDF appear very reluctant to commit to actual figures but it cannot deny that any water will have to travel the only route into Sizewell C, that is along the B1122. This will add to the already preposterous numbers of HGVs expected to use this designated B road.

## Sizewell Relief Road and B1122

The B1122 is the only route proposed for usage of all construction traffic prior to the building and opening of the proposed 'link/relief' road. This is a B road which at present takes its burden of seasonal agricultural and tourist traffic, as well as the normal HGVs, LGVs and cars. The road runs through Middleton Moor which although has a 30mph speed limit, is regularly abused. Many of the houses, mine included are over 250 years old and have no foundations so the future possibility of damage due to traffic subsidence is of great concern. A number of the houses on the Moor sit alongside this road and front doors and windows are no more than **1 metre** from the carriageway. Doors and windows are on a level with exhaust and diesel fumes. There is no pavement, no pedestrian walkway and no safe crossing point, either in front of these houses or along this stretch of the B1122.

Earlier this year, as a member of Middleton Parish Council and a resident on the Moor, I was invited to attend a survey walk undertaken by EDF, Suffolk CC Highways Division and EDF's appointed Borough Engineers. The walk took place at 11am with good visibility and well outside of the tourist season. Even wearing high visibility jackets it was considered too dangerous to walk stretches of this road through the Moor. HGVs were observed crossing the centre white lines to navigate sections of the road at various pinch points and road speeds in general were acknowledged to often be well over the speed limit. Suffolk CC acknowledged that for a number of issues that were raised regarding safety, access and the environment, there is no mitigation available and the B1122 will be expected to carry all construction traffic in the early years with only minor improvements.

The fact that EDF have been requested to answer questions regarding traffic mitigation on the B1122 does at least indicate that residents legitimate concerns have been acknowledged. Residents campaign and continued request for the D2 relief road has always been ignored and was refused consideration by EDF. This route would have been more environmentally sympathetic and prevented the majority of the issues that are now being raised. However, it would not have provided the same amount of aggregate that this route will, and that EDF require. This is also in my opinion, the real reason that EDF will not construct the relief road prior to the construction of the site. So it would appear that the B1122 will be a 'haul' road for the construction of the Link Road, as well as being expected to carry construction traffic in the early year. Just what constitutes 'early' years is again open to interpretation and knowing EDF's propensity for delays and over runs, we are not hopeful of a timeous completion.

Middleton Cum Fordley residents, my family included were surveyed regarding the proposed Link Road and the over whelming majority of us consider it vital that the construction of the proposed Relief/Link road should take place and be completed **BEFORE** construction of the main site commences. If this means EDF have to pay for extraction, storage

and delivery of the required aggregates, so be it. They should not be allowed to profiteer at the expense of residents quality of life and the environment.

Although labelled as NIMBYS, residents of this area have endeavoured to consult and engage with EDF for many years but our concerns and genuine questions have been ignored or blatantly turned down. Issues such as potable water, lack of transport infrastructure and rare nesting birds are hardly new and have all been flagged up and dismissed as non relevant. Far from being the good neighbours that they state and being keen to communicate, they have consistently treated the residents of East Suffolk with complete contempt and arrogance.

To finalise, having read the replies to the SOS requests to EDF to supply more information, I do not consider that they have satisfactorily answered, as in fact they do not have answers and therein lies the problems. These are issues that cannot be resolved and therefore should lend considerable weight to dismiss this application.

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