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Access road. EDF estimate there will be an increase of 600 HGVs a day on the B1122. Plus, initially, there will be an increase in private vehicles as the Park and Rides will not be up and running. Public safety, congestion, noise, disruption and pollution on this unimproved rural road need to be seriously considered. Emergencies at the site itself or anywhere along this road, will be delayed by the traffic chaos. EDF have been reluctant to build a link road at all and possibly not for two years after work starts on the site. Furthermore, they have made a poor choice of a link road route - rejecting the better choice of route W which is supported by Suffolk County Council.

Erosion. Who in their right mind builds a nuclear reactor on an eroding coast? According to EDF's own assessments, flood defences will be insufficient to cope with the rise in sea level and storm surges. But they have made no provision for this in their application.

Storage of spent fuel. EDF have claimed that all spent fuel will be off site by 2140. This seems highly unlikely since it will take until 2135 to get rid of the nuclear waste from A and B; 2190 seems a more realistic estimate.

Environment Act 2021. Quite simply, the DCO does not meet the current legal requirements. EDF's late and inadequate compensation plans include building on an SSI site.

Costs. EDF have recently admitted that the costs of building Hinkley have rocketed to £26 billion and completion delayed until June 2027. Surely the answer is to build the nukes proposed by Rolls Royce? Not only would they avoid destroying a heritage coast and its associated tourist industry and provide employment in areas of high unemployment such as Hartlepool, but they would be quicker and cheaper to build.

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