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Dear Secretary of State,

So this is my final attempt to try to convince you of what we shall be losing if you instruct the project to go ahead.

And when I say 'we' I mean the Nation at large.

1. Expense.

The cost of building Hinkley Point C - our 'template' - is already over budget by £8 Billion: increased to £26bn now. We know that Sizewell C/D is bound to follow suit, especially with inflation and a highly-likely recession looming large.

2. Construction period.

Again following the situation at Hinkley Point, our predictions of serious delays in completion (cf the time span allowed for by EDF), are very likely mto come to pass. HPC will not now produce electricity until a year beyond the original completion date. Such a delay here will continue the inevitable, frightful disruption to roads, tourism and nature conservation in East Suffolk.

3. Finance.

Given this poor record, what company will risk harming their reputation and bank balance by investing in this 'hot potato'? And so who will pay? The British public AGAIN, via electricity bills? Via general taxation?

4. Damage to the natural environment.

As well as being a haven for wildlife, people come from all over the country to experience the joys of watching nature in the wild, the calming and peaceful effect of a beautiful, undisturbed, timeless landscape, knowing that, here at least, humans are not wilfully disturbing or disrupting the rhythms of the wild and that here, at least, we are giving nature a home. We are rich in SSSIs and an AONB. What is the point of bestowing these priceless assets with apparently protective labels if they can be trashed without a care?

5. Nuclear Waste Storage.

Where? Is there enough space on site for an accumulation of this lethal, toxic by-product over decades? Given that there is no longer a national designated Safe Storage Facility anywhere in this country?

And can it be GUARANTEED that the storage area that is provided on site - in fact, the whole nuclear power station - will be flood-proof, given that the unstable shore, always at risk of flood and erosion, is likely to be battered and pounded by storms ever more frequently, due to Climate Change?

6. Damage to roads/ traffic jams and delays.

I am not satisfied that EDF have done their best to come up with the least-damaging transport solution for the duration of the build. They do not seem to have put in place a strategy that will reduce damage and delays/ noise and pollution/ disturbance and disruption to local settlements. Possibly because there cannot be one. The existing infrastructure of the A12 is already pushed to the limit with current traffic. 800-1000 extra lorry journeys DAILY is totally unsustainable and unfeasible. Trying to access a relatively remote area via B roads and country lanes to build such a massive piece of infrastructure shows serious misjudgement and lack of responsibility.

Neither do I believe that anyone has costed in the true effects of this seriously damaging increase in traffic to our roads, with the likelihood of continuous road works in attempts to remedy this destruction.

7.

EDF have not always been upfront and honest with the local population about this project. In fact I would say they have frequently been deceitful and duplicitous in their dealings with us. The latest 'oversights' must surely give those responsible for issuing the go-ahead for Sizewell C pause for thought regarding their integrity and trust-worthiness.

They have left two vital components for the construction of this nuclear power station out of the information given to the Planning Inspectorate at the Hearings:

a) The acquisition of potable water vital for this project - which our local Water Provider says it cannot provide. Then who? From where?

b) The fact that, as I understand it (not being a construction engineer), only now is EDF considering/announcing the necessity of digging huge deep trenches below the platform level, which will need massive shoring-up, primarily for the protection of the workforce.

How can anyone have faith in a company, entrusted with such a complex and hazardous endeavour lasting many years, which has apparently 'overlooked' and failed to declare such basic requirements until AFTER the Hearings of the Planning Inspectorate?

Finally I address the question of 'Nimbyism'.

Have you never fought for something you care passionately about? Or do you give up, shrug your shoulders and say oh well, qué sera....?

Although it will affect every household, one way or another, for miles around, for 10-15

years, what the great majority of people (whom I have spoken to, read letters/emails from, and heard speaking at meetings) care about is what it will do to this beautiful edge of our country - our nation's interface with a unique geography, ecology.

We know the value this area has for the people of this country - a stable, nourishing way of life that we freely share with all those who come here to escape their hectic lives, to breathe deeply and replenish their spirits, souls - whatever you wish to call that inner peace we all recognise to be vital to our mental wellbeing.

We know we are the Guardians, the Caretakers of this precious heritage, and we who live here know it is our duty, for the benefits of future generations, to protect it.

May I ask if you have visited us - other than your morning with EDF?

Have you been to Minsmere and spoken to the numerous wildlife and conservation experts there, for their advice and opinions?

Have you been to see the unique vegetation growing on the strip of shore running from Sizewell to Dunwich and to Aldeburgh?

Have you consulted Tourism experts for their input on the value of this industry to our, and the nation's economy? Why they feel people come here? And how likely it is that they will continue to come with the building of this behemoth blighting our seaside villages and towns?

How can you evaluate what you have never seen? (if indeed this is the case).

I fear that now Boris has been talking about Sizewell C as if it is a 'given' (it is NOT), everyone else assumes the same and joins in with his chorus, ignorant of the implications.

The song 'Qué sera, sera' continues with 'the future's not ours to see'...

Well, we can see the future re SC - and I tell you, it is neither bright nor pretty.

Yours very sincerely,

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