

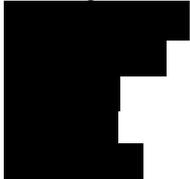


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Mrs Lynda Stanley,



Date:

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Dear Mrs Stanley

**Re: Sizewell C**

Thank you for your letter of 5 May 2015, which was received in this office on 15 May 2015. I read with interest the points you raised about the impact that the noise from HGV traffic, serving the construction of the Sizewell B Dry Fuel Store, has had on your enjoyment of your home.

Your account of events surrounding the construction of your fence and the advice you have received along the way does not paint the planning profession in a good light; however, it would not be appropriate for me to comment more directly than that given I have had no involvement in that case and am not in a position to do anything about it. Your local Council will be able to advise you about their complaints process or how to escalate any complaint to the Local Authority Ombudsman.

I understand from your letter that you are concerned about how the proposals by EDF Energy (EDFE) for a new nuclear power station at Sizewell will affect you, in light of the experience you describe in your letter relating to the Dry Fuel Store. Clearly there has been a bit of a hiatus following EDFE's first stage of consultation for the Sizewell C project; however, I note from the enclosures in your letter that you have been in correspondence with EDFE following the publication of their update document in October 2014. I am pleased to see you have put forward your views and concerns very clearly already. In due course, I expect that EDFE will launch their stage 2 consultation for Sizewell C, although I know nothing about their timescales for this at the present time.

Please use any opportunity provided by EDFE in future to put forward your views about their proposals for Sizewell C. Our expectation is that subsequent stages of consultation by EDFE will be based on progressively more detailed proposals and so you will be able to understand better how they may impact on you and your property.

The legislation which governs making an application for this type of nationally significant infrastructure project requires developers to have regard to the views put to them during the pre-application stage. While this doesn't necessarily mean that

developers are required to agree with every point put to them, it does mean they need to respond with reasons as to why the issue or matter has not been dealt with in the way the consultee wishes. These responses (or a summary of them) are contained in a Consultation Report, which is one of the documents which must be submitted as part of the application for development consent.

Just to reassure you, the issue of HGV movements was an important matter dealt with at the Hinkley Point C examination in Somerset for a similar new nuclear generating station. At that examination the Panel of Examining Inspectors heard from many residents about their concerns in terms of routing, noise and safety issues arising from HGV movements during the construction phase. In response, the applicant (also EDFE) proposed a range of mitigation measures to monitor and manage the HGV movements around the various construction sites. Of course, the local authorities and other technical consultees were influential in ensuring the mitigation proposals were fit for purpose. Local residents also put forward compelling evidence about their fears and concerns, which the Panel also had regard to.

Whatever the Sizewell C project ends up looking like, I would encourage you to understand the project and how it may affect you, and to continue to engage with EDFE about their proposals. The whole point of the pre-application stage is to provide the local community with an opportunity to influence the preparation of the application, which may eventually be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

I will publish your letter (after removing your personal details) and this response on the Sizewell C project page of our website at the following web address:  
<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/eastern/sizewell-c-new-nuclear-power-station/?ipcsection=advice>

Please use the contact details at the top of this letter if you have any questions about the development consent planning process. You can also visit our website where you will find a suite of advice notes which provide detailed explanations of different aspects of the development consent process.

Yours sincerely

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