



Together Against Sizewell C

To: Mr Matthew Hicks, Leader, Suffolk County Council

12th March 2019

Dear Matthew Hicks,

We are pleased to present you with a petition signed by 1500 people, many of whom are members of the constituency for which you and Suffolk County Council are responsible in terms of their safety and wellbeing.

It is the view of Together Against Sizewell C (TASC) that Sizewell C must not be built as it represents an entirely unnecessary and highly dangerous development situated on an eroding coast, infringing an area of outstanding natural beauty and causing a decade or more of disruption and degradation to a heritage area of which Suffolk can rightly be proud. We urge you to recognize that any 'benefits' the plant's construction will bring in economic regeneration will be transient and small in comparison to the long-term dis-benefits the county will have to bear over the long period of construction.

Long-term, permanent job opportunities will be small. Road and infrastructure disruption will be significant and will fundamentally change the character of east Suffolk and beyond. The influx of thousands of workers will be hugely disruptive given the relative size of Leiston and the additional numbers of people in the area will complicate and jeopardise the already uncertain efficiency of the emergency evacuation plans in the event of an off-site incident at the site. The plant will have unknown effects on the marine environment in respect of erosion and accretion and impact on fish numbers through the demand for cooling water. Potable water demand will also be high in a water-poor area.

Nuclear power development is perhaps more a moral issue than a technical or economic one: Sizewell C will leave behind hundreds of tonnes of spent nuclear fuel which will long outlast EdF. We cannot morally justify handing on to future generations a legacy of lethal radioactive waste which has been generated by those of us making the decisions today and from which they have derived no putative benefits.

We trust you will bear these issues in mind when dealing with EdF in the future and coming to a decision about the weight of benefit versus costs to us all in this county. Please remember that opposition is growing and will do so as time goes by and as people come to understand the full impact of EdF's plans on this area of our precious heritage coastline.

Yours sincerely,

Pete Wilkinson
Chairperson TASC