

To The Planning Dept East Suffolk Council Melton Woodbridge 9-12-2020

Re Planning Application (hybrid) Sizewell B Facilities Relocation

TASC strongly object to Planning Application DC/20/4646/FUL Re-location of SZB facilities and request that East Suffolk Council refuses this application for the reasons given below.

This application is premature and should be considered as part of the DCO for Sizewell C.

The application shows that Coronation Wood is to be felled, to make way for an outage carpark alongside the training facility and visitors centre. This is an unacceptable reason to fell woodland which is part of a landscape feature and which also acts as a noise buffer. We understand that Sizewell B is exceeding its noise limits at present and complaints have been made to SZB. Removing Coronation Wood will exacerbate the situation.

We also believe before any alternative use for SZA land, the Sizewell A site licence will have to be reviewed.

It is unknown at present if NDA/ Magnox will release the Sizewell A land to EDF for the proposed use of a lay-up area, and that the fall back position would be to use Pill Box Field. The use of Pill Box field has been questioned both by ESC, Natural England, and others in previous applications, to allow an application when land use may not be available and is unknown should not be permissable. We also consider Pill Box Field should not be used for tree planting as it is a sensitive acid

grassland site, and should be retained as such. The actual Pill Box is a feature and should not be surrounded by trees.

We note that the maps and plans do not show the complete EA flood plain. The Flood Zone Category 3 includes the public highway C288 and areas which cover the existing entrance and the proposed entrance to Pill Box Field. To allow the only road at present to the Nuclear complex and complicate it with entrances to Pill Box Field would give rise to problems with any emergency plan.

We note the training centre is to be reduced in height, however a major concern, apart from the removal of Coronation Wood, is the close proximity of the SSSI, the introduction of light and noise with a large number of vehicles and personel, the height of the building will have little or no reduction of these disrupive attributes.

With the loss of Coronation Wood and the natural surface water sink we are not satisfied that there are sufficient details of how the water is to be managed to prevent any surface water, which will be contaminated by pollutants, transgressing into the SSSI.

The Western Access Road which will skirt the planned buildings and is shown to be extremely close to the western boundary covers the complete length of the Nuclear Complex, causing a massive intrusion into the AONB and the SSSI. Light, noise, water run off, etc will all have a very negative and lasting undesirable impact on the water quality and on the sensitive designated landscape which include the flora and fauna.

The planting of two and a half thousand trees is welcomed but should be undertaken on their estate without damage and felling of the existing old trees and all species they contain. The CO2 which mature trees absorb will take new immature trees many years to replicate.

It is also noted that trees which have been planted on the estate have not fared well due to lack of management, this is a true measure of EDFE.

TASC is of the opinion that yet again the maps and missing information make it impossible to fully understand the reasoning behind the application. It is clear that this application should be part of the DCO, as it forms part of the DCO application and should not be a piecemeal application to be decided by the Planning Authority under the Town and Country Planning Act.

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