

**THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL**

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To: Cllr Matthew Hicks, Leader, Suffolk County Council and Cllr Steve Gallant Leader East Suffolk Council  
cc Therese Coffey MP, Peter Aldous MP, Dan Poulter MP  
cc Planning Inspectorate, Sizewell Case Team  
cc Cllr Richard Rout, Suffolk County Council, Cllr Craig Rivett, East Suffolk Council

11 May 2020

Dear Cllr Hicks and Cllr Gallant,

We are writing in response to your letter to EDF of 9 April concerning its Development Consent Order (DCO) application for Sizewell C.

We are very disappointed that your Councils state they are "supportive" of EDF submitting the DCO at this time. Just knowing the Sizewell C application is about to be submitted is creating additional anxiety in our communities at a very difficult time. We do, however, note and appreciate that the Councils are questioning whether the public consultation period should start after the application is accepted. We urge you to strongly hold the line that it would be completely inappropriate for this period to start unless coronavirus restrictions are entirely lifted. It would be unfair to begin for example while libraries remained shut and public meetings prohibited. We recognise that EDF is proposing this period could be extended. However, time is not the main constraint for those who would struggle to access EDF's proposals online, or would be unable to get together with others to discuss the implications of EDF's plans. We are depending on you to be extremely robust on this point when EDF will be applying considerable pressure to proceed.

We further note that the Planning Inspectorate still does not know how examinations would work for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects. We understand PINS will likely issue more guidance on this, but their representatives have repeatedly stated that digital examinations will not be suitable for all projects. Given its scale, it is vital that you uphold the view that the Sizewell C DCO would be totally unsuitable for a digital examination process.

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Clerk, Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council, on behalf of Stephen Brett, Chair and Tim Beach, Chair of Snape Parish Council and the following 54 additional Parish and Town Councils:

Aldeburgh Town Council  
Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council  
Bawdsey Parish Council  
Benhall and Sternfield Parish Council  
Blaxhall Parish Council  
Blythburgh Parish Council  
Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council  
Brandeston Parish Council

Bredfield Parish Council  
Bromeswell Parish Council  
Bungay Town Council  
Butley, Capel St Andrew and Wantisden Parish Council  
Campsea Ashe Parish Council  
Chillesford Parish Meeting  
Cookley and Walpole Parish Council

Corton Parish Council  
Darsham Parish Council  
Dunwich Parish Meeting  
Earl Soham Parish Council  
Eyke Parish Council  
Farnham with Stratford St Andrew Parish  
Council  
Friston Parish Council  
Great Glemham Parish Council  
Hacheston Parish Council  
Halesworth Town Council  
Heveningham Parish Council  
Huntingfield Parish Council  
Iken Parish Council  
Kelsale-cum-Carlton Parish Council  
Kirton & Falkenham Parish Council  
Knodishall Parish Council  
Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council  
Levington and Stratton Hall Parish Council  
Little Glemham Parish Council

Marlesford Parish Council  
Martlesham Parish Council  
Melton Parish Council  
Middleton-cum-Fordley Parish Council  
Parham Parish Council  
Pettistree Parish Council  
Rendham Parish Council  
Saxmundham Town Council  
Southwold Town Council  
Spexhall Parish Council  
Sudbourne Parish Council  
Sutton Parish Council  
Ufford Parish Council  
Walberswick Parish Council  
Waldringfield Parish Council  
Westerfield Parish Council  
Westleton Parish Council  
Wickham Market Parish Council  
Woodbridge Town Council  
Yoxford Parish Council

*Additionally Framlingham Town Council and Great Bealings Parish Council have sent individual letters of concern to you. A number of further Parishes said they were unable to sign as they are finding it challenging to make decisions via email. This illustrates how it will be almost impossible for such Parishes to deal with the Sizewell C application during social distancing.*