



WHY STOP SIZEWELL C?

EDF wants to build two huge nuclear reactors on the fragile Suffolk Heritage Coast. The government will decide if Sizewell C will get planning permission in April 2022. The government is also in negotiations with EDF about how Sizewell C would be paid for, with the aim of getting a “final investment decision” for at least one large-scale nuclear project by the end of 2024.

Sizewell C is the wrong project in the wrong place and will not help the UK achieve its objectives.

The wrong project:

- Sizewell C is slow - it would take 10-12 years to build, so not generate any power until 2034.
- Sizewell C is expensive, costing £20+ billion, which could be invested in renewables such as offshore wind or hydrogen storage.
- Sizewell C takes a lot of carbon to build. EDF estimates it would take 6 years to pay this back, meaning Sizewell C wouldn't contribute to net zero until 2040.
- The type of reactor EDF wants to build (the EPR) has an appalling track record. The few EPRs under construction are all well over budget and - in France and Finland - running a decade late.
- No one yet knows how Sizewell C will be paid for; EDF wants consumers to help pay for it through a nuclear tax on energy bills, but nuclear projects remain very risky.
- It won't help 'level up' the UK. Sites in the north and west would do more to narrow the gap.
- EDF's partner - China General Nuclear - is mired in controversy.
- Nuclear energy is not green energy. There is as yet no long-term solution for nuclear waste.

The wrong place:

- EDF's claims of thousands of jobs for locals and billions of pounds spent locally are unproven. We maintain that Sizewell C would damage the local economy
- EDF wants to bring its Hinkley workers to Sizewell, meaning 6,000 workers would flood the area; 2,400 of them would live in a “campus” near the tiny hamlet of Eastbridge.
- Visitors would stay away, losing the tourism industry up to £40 million a year (independent research) and losing 400 jobs. EDF admits 725 'local' staff would come from other businesses.
- There would be around 12,000 extra vehicles a day on the A12, including 700 HGVs.
- The Sizewell C site is on an eroding coastline and surrounded by protected wildlife habitats.
- Toxic nuclear waste would have to remain on site for well over 100 years.
- The site is wholly within the Suffolk Coast & Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Construction will cut the AONB in half for a decade
- The site adjoins internationally famous RSPB Minsmere reserve, and some of Sizewell Marshes Site of Scientific Interest will be built on.

Stop Sizewell C was born in the frontline community of Theberton & Eastbridge. We raise awareness of the impacts of Sizewell C and put pressure on national and local government to see that the impacts outweigh the benefits. We do this through national and regional media stories, face to face advocacy supported by expert evidence, and are supported by a considerable following of influencers and members of the public.

We share the aspirations of all for a prosperous East Suffolk; building on - rather than threatening - its natural capital and the strengths of the current economy.