



## Together Against Sizewell C

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### THE TIDE IS TURNING ON SIZEWELL C

- **RSPB concerns**
- **Petitions gather pace**
- **Artists, actors and businesspeople express concern**
- **Outrage at scale of environmental impact**
- **TASC's devastating response to EdF's third stage consultation**

**Together Against Sizewell C (TASC) believes that plans for a new nuclear development at Sizewell have been exposed as entirely inadequate in the last few weeks.**

TASC's Chairman, Pete Wilkinson, said today, 'Since the delivery of a 1500 petition to the Leader of Suffolk County Council earlier this month, we have seen a surge in support for our position of outright opposition to Sizewell, local artists and actors voicing their concerns and the RSPB warning that the most important bird reserve in the country, Minsmere, is potentially threatened by the Sizewell development. Our petitions are attracting more and more signatures and we are convinced that the hurdles to building such a complicated and dangerous plant in such a confined and remote area will be recognised as overwhelming and terminal. With recent increased media interest in the issue, people are waking up to the sheer scale of the environmental and infrastructure changes the plant will require and they are becoming more and more vocal in opposition. It is very encouraging.'

Joan Girling, TASC's Secretary and life-long Suffolk resident, has finalised TASC's response to EdF's third stage consultation and has concluded that the environmental case against the Sizewell C development plans is overwhelming. It has been submitted to EdF and seeks answers which will reveal further detailed information on a range of issues and the scale of impact on which the consultation documentation has been woefully lacking, viz

- Suitability of the site: Sizewell has always been referred to by government as a potential' site. TASC submits that at 32 hectares it is too small for the proposed development.
- It will require the loss of 5 hectares of the SSSI.
- Visual intrusion created by the plant will negatively affect the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB as well as despoiling the Heritage Coast.
- The quantities and the destination of the thousands of tonnes of peat and clay requiring removal from the development site.
- The discharge arrangements resulting from the de-watering of the site and the means of dealing with millions of tonnes of acidic waste.
- Overall water management in an area deeply affected by climate change.
- Details of the quantities of aggregates, cement, and water required for the build.
- Levels of resulting noise, light and particulate pollution

Joan Girling said, 'Our detailed report clearly demonstrates three things:

- we require much more information from EdF before we can fully appreciate the impact of their plans;
- even on the information available, it is clear that the dis-benefits associated with Sizewell C far outweigh the putative benefits, and
- EdF must plan for a fourth round of consultation.

'But the overall message is that EdF should follow the lead of NuGen and others and pack their bags and leave us and this tranquil and invaluable part of Suffolk alone.'

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