

**Waldringfield Parish Council** wishes to raise the following issues for the Sizewell C Examination:

### **Location**

- The project is far too big for the setting and land available.
- It is unsuitable for the nationally important AONB.
- Climate change and rising sea levels mean that the site will be prone to flooding and is likely to become an island containing vulnerable nuclear reactors.

### **Environmental Impacts**

- The environmental impact during the construction phase will cause an unacceptable loss and fragmentation of habitats, resulting in reduced biodiversity.
- The water levels in the area will be changed, damaging the adjacent fragile ecosystems.
- The proposed 'town' for workers and enormous spoil heaps will have a devastating impact on nearby protected areas.
- Construction noise and vibration will cause serious disturbance to wildlife.
- Light pollution during the construction phase will cause disorientation to birds, particularly during the winter months.
- There will be an adverse impact on the coastline and its marine environment.
- The CO<sub>2</sub> produced in the construction phase will take many years to offset.

### **Nuclear Waste**

- There is a lack of information on how the nuclear waste will be stored, how long the decommissioning phase will take or what will be done with the waste at this stage.
- There will be environmental and security threats into the distant future.
- No information is provided about the dangerous and long-lived high level waste produced by the reactors.
- There is a lack of information on transportation of the nuclear waste.

### **The Economy**

- Eyesores, noise, dust and lorry traffic will deter visitors to the coast and the AONB, impacting tourism on which the local economy depends.
- It will take many years to entice these visitors back.

### **Accommodation**

- There is a need for affordable housing in the area, but the proposal does not provide for that need.
- The large residential blocks with car parks and leisure facilities will have a damaging impact on local residents' quality of life.

### **Transport**

- Insufficient justification has been provided for dropping the 'marine led' transport option.
- The proposed Sizewell Link Road runs too close to many homes and listed buildings. It will be of little use once the power station is built.
- The high number of HGVs on the A12 will have a massive impact on the area around Martlesham, which is already congested much of the time.
- No account has been taken of the extra traffic that will be generated by the 2,000 new dwellings planned for Brightwell Lakes.
- No account has been taken of the extra traffic from the Felixstowe port expansion, impacting the Seven Hills roundabout, the A14 and the Orwell Bridge.

- There is no mention of cumulative impacts of overlapping energy projects (such as the East Anglia offshore wind farms).

#### **Application Process**

- The application is unsuitable for a digital examination process.
- Waldringfield Parish Council wishes to endorse the Relevant Representation submitted by Stop Sizewell C.