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The Aldeburgh Society's response to the Stage 3 Public Consultation on the proposal to build a new nuclear power stations at Sizewell

The Aldeburgh Society, as a civic society, has reviewed your stage 3 public consultation in relation to the proposal to build new nuclear power stations Sizewell C and D in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty just up the coast from our historic town.

We object strenuously to the piecemeal approach to energy infrastructure development being adopted by you and Scottish Power Renewables who are consulting at this very same time on the Proposed East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two windfarms off our coast. The effect of both projects going ahead together would result in up to 12 years of major construction work on our heritage coast in the AONB. This is clearly unacceptable and we have called on central government to examine the development of the East Suffolk energy hub in a holistic way in consultation with the local councils.

In relation to this Sizewell C and D consultation we are profoundly worried about specific aspects of the proposals and repeat that we object to both the SPR and EDF development being allowed to proceed together.

In particular:

We object most strenuously to the prospect of over 10 years of construction with resulting unsupportable volumes of construction traffic, which will indirectly impact Aldeburgh and affect civic amenities in the town. We note that the proposals as presently out for consultation are not specific enough, do not reference the impact of the SPR developments to be carried out concurrently and seem to ignore the marine led - strategy discussed in earlier phases.

The plans call for the employment of over 5,600 workers during construction. The impact of the housing needs for that number have not been thought through, and we are deeply worried about what effect the influx of such a large number of people would have on our already severely depleted public services such as the NHS and the police. The negative impact such numbers would have on tourism and the environment in Aldeburgh could be devastating.

The Society remains very concerned that the proposals would have a substantial damaging impact on the natural environment in an AONB.

Finally, we cannot emphasise strongly enough how imperative it is for a comprehensive strategy for all energy projects to be adopted to stop each development being considered in this piecemeal way. The combined projects are likely to have a considerable adverse impact on the communities, environment and businesses in the area and on Aldeburgh in particular.

Yours faithfully

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