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Dear Marianne

**Petition about East Suffolk Council (ESC)'s Response to the Development Consent Order (DCO) for Sizewell C**

I refer to the petition which was received by ESC on 18 September 2020, which indicated that emails from supporting individuals would follow. I also refer to the emails which you have sent to members of the Democratic Services Team, subsequently, yesterday, and others which have come in today. I also refer to your conversation with my colleague, Nicola Wotton, the Deputy Democratic Services Manager. I refer also to the ESC's Petitions Scheme. As at 15.00 hrs today, we have had 240 emails in support of the Petition.

In accordance with the Petitions Scheme, please accept this letter as acknowledgement of the petition. The subject of the petition is "EDF Energy's claims of benefit in East Suffolk's Relevant Representation".

Our petitions scheme says, at paragraph 7.4, that "If the petition applies to a planning or licensing application, is a statutory petition (for example requesting a referendum on having an elected mayor), or on a matter where there is already an existing right of appeal, such as Council Tax banding and non-domestic rates, other procedures apply, for example:

- Rateable value for Business Rates
- Council Tax banding
- Licensing applications
- Planning or enforcement appeals

The Sizewell C proposal is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Process (NSIP), as you know. The NSIP is a process which is run by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. Approval for Sizewell C requires a DCO, and you will have the opportunity to make your concerns about the proposed development directly to the Planning Inspectorate, as part of the DCO consultation which is underway, currently. Whilst there is no right of appeal against any decision made as part of the DCO, there is the right to challenge by way of judicial review in the Administrative Court.

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Therefore, I suggest most strongly that you make the comments which you have, about the interpretation of the economic arguments, for and against Sizewell C, to the Planning Inspectorate before the end of this month, when the consultation closes. In that way, your views will be considered directly by the deciding body. You may also wish to submit the petition to them.

ESC is a statutory consultee in relation to the DCO. We have considered our response to the consultation, and our relevant representation (RR), in some detail, at the Extraordinary Council which we held especially for this purpose on 3 September 2020. The RR was again considered, and finalised, on 21 September at the Special Cabinet held for the purpose. I refer you to those reports (ES/0475 and ES/0472), which set out in detail the ESC's consideration of this important matter, and our view of the relevant policies and impacts, economically, in relation to the proposed development. The petition was referenced in the Cabinet's discussions, yesterday evening, I understand.

However, as the DCO forms part of another statutory process for Planning, which is not being run or administered by the ESC, it is a matter which is excluded from consideration under our Petitions Scheme. Therefore, and for the reasons set out above, this petition is an excluded matter for the purposes of Local Authorities (Petitions) England) Order 2010 and is not covered by the ESC's petitions scheme. Please note, for your information, and for consistency, that we took the same view in relation to a petition which was received in June 2018, about the proposed sub-stations for the application by Scottish Power Renewables, which was also a NSIP.

Please note that the details of the petition will be referred to on our website. This can be viewed at [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk) and entering the word 'petitions' in the search bar.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Hilary Slater".

**Hilary Slater | Head of Legal & Democratic Services**  
East Suffolk Council