

# WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL



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Sizewell Nuclear New Build  
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4<sup>th</sup> February 2013

Dear Sirs,

**Re: Response to Sizewell C Stage 1 Pre-Application Consultation**

To advise at a recent meeting of Wickham Market Parish Council the above mentioned subject was considered. Please see comments as follows:-

**Timescale of Consultation**

The Council felt that the timescale was unrealistically short for such a consultation – the Stage 1 information was published on 21 November 2012, and responses are required by 6 February 2013, some eleven weeks later. This period also included the Christmas and New Year holidays.

**Impact on Traffic/Highways**

One of the Council's biggest concerns was the likely increase in traffic during construction – a period likely to last up to 9 years by EDF's own estimates. EDF has provided an explanatory document to deal with this topic but it was felt that this document contained few numbers so it is difficult to judge the overall impact on traffic within the area. Therefore it is vital that EDF Energy address the huge implications that the building of Sizewell C will have on road, rail and sea transport.

**Proposed Park and Ride Northern Site (Option 1)**

Due to this site being very close to Wickham Market the Council would insist that a strict Traffic Plan is implemented in order to ensure that the correct route would be used at all times as the roads within Wickham Market are very narrow and contain many fragile buildings within the Conservation Area. The Council also stated that they would expect to see a legacy use for this park and ride site, so that the landscaping around it could be retained as community woodland and added to once the hard paving had been removed. It was also suggested that a secondary community use should be considered for any buildings which need to be built to enable the park and ride to operate.

**Improvements to roads**

The Council felt that it is vital that a 4 village by-pass is constructed in order to reduce the effect on traffic impact in the surrounding rural villages and were therefore In Favour of Suffolk County Councils proposals for this scheme.

**Community Benefit/Planning Gain**

There are plans to rebuild Wickham Market Village Hall and the Council felt that this could be considered through the Community Benefit/Planning Gain due to the effect that the above mentioned Park and Ride site may have on the village.

I trust that you will take the above comments into consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Joanne Jones  
Clerk to the Council