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Dear Richard

**WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL: SIZEWELL C
SIZEWELL WORKING GROUP (SWG) AND TRAFFIC AND PARKING WORKING
GROUP
RESPONSE TO WSP POWERPOINT DOCUMENT RELATING TO TRAFFIC MITIGATION
OPTIONS FOR WM**

Further to receipt of the WSP PowerPoint document titled "High Street – Potential Approach" by email on 28th July, we have now had the opportunity to consider this.

Our comments are included in the attached copy which we hope you will find useful.

Following a request from our County Councillor, we convened a constructive meeting with County Cllr Nicoll, County Cllr Rout and District Cllr Poulter on 11th August. Steve Merry was also present and we were able to look at the key highway areas where we consider that the impacts from additional SZC related traffic will cause significant impacts. Although it was not a particularly busy afternoon it was noticeably clear where issues will arise from the additional traffic volumes.

As you know, we are concerned about a wider area of road network than the WSP presentation has covered. This being the B1078, the High Street right through the village and the small feeder roads into/out of the village. Given that EDF will be looking to employ local people on the project, we must be prepared for some of these workers to travel through the village to the car park. It is also likely to be the case that some workers will divert and stop off at our food outlets for refreshments before and/or after their shifts. The latter of course may be welcomed by our local businesses.

SCC are aware, and equally concerned, about these local issues regarding traffic volumes, safety and resulting impacts on the village.

If you would like us to assist with more specific proposals, please let us know. At present we are focussing on highway safety and we assume this to be the objective behind the DCO submission wording "to provide pedestrian, cycle and public realm improvements".

You have our joint parishes "Parish Traffic Mitigation Proposals Working Document" dated 3rd July which we hope is proving useful to you, although we have not yet had any feedback on this. In this we describe the wider area of highway network we would wish to see considered. We look forward to receiving your feedback at our next meeting.

We have not so far had the opportunity to discuss our specific concerns regarding the SP&R site at the shared meetings. We have continuing concerns now that we are able to view the DCO submission and it would be useful to discuss queries we have regarding highway matters on the 24th August. These being traffic volumes, slip road queries, impact on the roundabout when the traffic incident management area is in use by HGVs, access road, location of foot and cycleways and provision for cyclists and pedestrians to access the site.

Anne Westover has recently raised some specific queries with EDF relating to ecological data and the inability to locate this within the DCO/ES submission. EDF have signposted us to some of the Phase 1 Habitat Survey data but the hedge and tree surveys have not been located. This would assist us to assess fully the impact of the 40metre wide opening proposed for the access road.

We look forward to our meeting on 24th August and request that the above points are included in the agenda for discussion.

Yours sincerely,



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