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Wickham Market Parish Council

The Sizewell C Project

Verbal submission to first day of PINS Preliminary Meeting 23rd March 2021

Agenda Item 4 (other submissions made on the PM form were not delivered verbally as they were covered by many other attendees) over the course of the two-day hearing.

Delivered verbally by Cllr Westover in two sections of the meeting.

Based on Preliminary meeting submission form and the Relevant Representations made in September and December by WMPC.

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"I speak on behalf of WMPC and our neighbouring parishes, Pettistree, Hacheston, Marlesford, and Campsea Ashe with whom we have been working and sharing knowledge, resident's concerns and submissions to the EDF consultation and the DCO process over the last two to three years.

1. TRAFFIC

- We request that the traffic issues relating to Wickham Market are fully considered during the examination including any scheme which may have been developed by EDF for dealing with the increased volumes of traffic through the village if received by the time of the start of the formal part of this examination.
- Despite liaising with SCC Highways and EDF since December 2019 over the matter of traffic through the village, we have not yet received a scheme ready for wider Parish consultation. We are concerned that we may be unable to effectively consult all our residents on such scheme, this due to the pandemic making displaying plans and information in a public place difficult or even impossible. We are as yet unsure whether we will have been able to consult residents on any scheme put forward in a timely manner and to fit with the examination timescale.

- This local consultation will be essential as many residents are still unaware of the impacts of some 1000 cars/vans per day coming through the village. Speeding and vehicle volumes are already problematical and this, combined with a proposed loss of on street residential parking will cause insurmountable challenges for many residents.
- We have requested speed controls, traffic calming measures, the possibility of comprehensive tracking and monitoring of all vehicles to the SP&R and SZC sites, and local weight restrictions which might restrict LGVs travelling through the village to the SP&R. As yet we have received no firm commitment from EDF on any of these matters, we continue to press EDF through liaison but are concerned about the timescale in relation to this examination.
- We request that the cumulative impact with other traffic coming through the village in future arising from further housing developments in the area along with other associated business traffic is comprehensively considered.
- We request that the process of ensuring that any traffic mitigation measures which might subsequently be locally supported (with caveats) are fully considered by the panel in respect to effective control through legal agreements and funding mechanisms.

2. SP&R DETAILS AND IMPACTS

- We request that the SP&R site, suite of plans titled 'not for approval' are fully considered in terms of the proposals and likely impacts and that the ExA consider how the details contained therein are assessed i.e., design of the TIMA zone, lighting, buildings, structures, ancillary features (security, fences, CCTV) and then fully controlled through the planning process.
- We request that our own recommendations for the provision of a more comprehensive scheme of landscape mitigation, including immediate off-site planting which could leave a long-term legacy of landscape enhancement, especially in the zone around the site access to B1078/B1116 roundabout is fully considered by the panel.
- We request that time be given to visit the public road and right of way viewpoints of the SP&R site from Wickham Market and our neighbouring parishes. Most of these were not assessed within the EDF LVIA. This should help inform the need for further mitigation of this significant development within a prominent and rural area".

23rd March 2021

Next deadline: Procedural Deadline B 7th April 2021