

WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Draft response to EDF Sizewell C – Stage 4 Consultation

Walberswick Parish Council (WPC) submitted its concerns to EDF in the third round consultation. This submission, attached for ease of reference, has been largely ignored by EDF in its rapid move to the 4th round. In particular, we note that in its latest consultation documents EDF has not in our view:

- made any effort to reconsider the inappropriate siting of the campus at Eastbridge
- addressed the environmental issues or the issues associated with possible erosion of the coast north of the site
- addressed the deep concerns about the impact of lorries on the A12 and the likelihood of rat-running on other routes
- addressed the concerns about the losses to the tourism industry which brings in considerably more revenue than even the most optimistic of economic/tax benefit from the construction of Sizewell C.

We also note that EDF continues to hold that it will not implement traffic mitigation construction including A12 by-pass until “peak” meaning that 100% of the negative externalities of the construction will be borne by the local communities for nearly half of the construction period.

WPC feels that the move to Consultation 4, with very little attempt to provide the additional environmental information essential to understanding the impact of the construction on the AONB and on all the neighbouring communities, is unjustified and that no further consideration of Sizewell C should go forward until a serious effort is made at addressing the concerns of the community and in releasing full environmental impact assessments.