

SIZEWELL C REPORT TO THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
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It has been two months since the last report on activities surrounding the Sizewell C proposal. The meeting at Theberton Church for 21st March was cancelled due to coronavirus, but TEAGS recorded video statements from Alison, Steve, Charles and Paul regarding the change in approach and our adoption of Stop Sizewell C as the campaigning direction.

Along with Anglian Energy Planning Alliance we have worked to have two letters delivered to EDF, Planning Inspectorate, Suffolk County and East Suffolk District Councils, as well as MPs and individual councillors, firstly to prevent a DCO submission and secondly to ask that the period following any DCO acceptance by PINS be postponed indefinitely until public meetings can be held and all documents can be made physically available at public libraries and council offices. For the first letter 54 Town and Parish councils signed up and over 60 for the second.

Despite rumblings that the DCO was to be submitted on 31st March, then several dates in April and continuing rumours of a May submission, no such submission has taken place so far. This may be more a result of the Planning Inspectorate's availability to manage the initial 28 day acceptance review period at this point in the coronavirus pandemic than anything else, as EDF maintain they are ready to submit, but we are still waiting.

In the meantime, we have still been working to get further media articles generated and these have variously appeared in national press (Times, Telegraph, Mail, Guardian and FT), East Anglia Daily Times (where there has been some interesting exchanges in the letters section as well) and on both BBC and ITV local news. We also took out a full-page advert in EADT requesting EDF to refrain from submitting the DCO using the catchphrase "EDF should Stay @home" using the logo from the coronavirus pandemic.

Prior to lockdown, meetings with politicians, government advisory panel members and others had continued to take place and contact has continued electronically in the time since. Nick Scarr's review of coastal processes and issues with the Sizewell and Dunwich Banks system have been taken up in national press and other publications and work continues on this and other areas of concern regarding potential impacts of Sizewell C in preparation for the DCO whenever it is submitted.

General meetings have taken place on 16th March and 6th and 27th April and 18th May. Our next meeting is scheduled for 8th June but dependent upon EDF's next moves on DCO submission, that may yet change.

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Nothing further to report apart from the letters referred to above.