

# Middleton-cum-Fordley Parish Council

## Final submission: Deadline 10



12 October 2021

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This submission is in two parts:

Part 1: Our opposition to SZC and the Sizewell Link Road (SLR)

Part 2: Our demand for mitigation.

### Part 1: Our opposition to SZC and the SLR

In May 2021 members of the Parish Council went door to door asking Middleton and Fordley residents what they thought about Sizewell C and the proposed Sizewell Link Road (SLR). We got responses from 138 individuals which is about 44% of the total on the electoral register.

The clear messages based on majority views are:

- opposition to the construction of a new nuclear power station at Sizewell
- support for a relief road if SZC does go ahead and for this to be in place before construction starts
- opposition to the proposed route of the SLR.

Opposition to the proposed route for the SLR derives from concerns about the resulting 'severance' of the Parish.

This has at least three consequences of concern:

1. The blocking under current plans of the 'minor road' routes to the south, which are used by many residents to access Saxmundham and beyond
2. The disruption of farming businesses from the loss of land to the road and the blocking of access routes, causing increased costs of working
3. The intrusion of the SLR into the landscape and the physical divide it will make between Fordley and Middleton.

We further elaborated on the problems created by the SLR in our representations dated 21/7/21 following ISH4. We do not consider that these concerns have been significantly reduced by anything we have heard to date. Despite repeated requests the Applicant has not engaged with us further since a meeting on 5 July 2021.

In particular, we remain very concerned about the risk of rat-running along Fordley Road and do not consider the responses so far provided by the Applicant to be sufficient.

## Part 2: Mitigation

We request that if the DCO is approved with the SLR as currently routed, that the Applicant and/or Suffolk County Council be required to give full and serious consideration to measures to mitigate the impact of the SLR on Middleton and Fordley and surrounding Parishes.

The outcomes we demand of these measures are:

1. Continued connectivity south from Middleton to Kelsale and Saxmundham for motor vehicles, pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists
2. The removal of any material risk of Fordley Road or the B1125 being blocked by 'rat-running' traffic due to congestion on the A12 or elsewhere
3. Safe(r) passage for non-motorised road users along the B1122 especially in the 'early years' when construction traffic will not yet be using the SLR and along the B1125.

The precise measures to achieve these objectives will require careful design and we request that funds be made available to allow the necessary research and design work to be carried out.

We also request that measures be taken to mitigate the impact of construction traffic on the properties along the B1122 through the Parish and their residents including:

- quiet surface dressing
- assessment of vulnerable properties adjacent to the road for noise and vibration before the start of the early years and continuous monitoring for damage throughout the construction period
- the offer secondary or triple glazing to property owners adjacent to the B1122.