

Sizewell Working Group

The SWG has been heavily involved in discussions with EDF and has made limited progress. It has also formulated all PC responses to the DCO examination. There has been over 2 years of arduous work for the members of the team.

First a little history. The SWG was set up to try to get mitigation from the impact of the Southern Park and Ride in 2018. We started having meetings with EDF chaired by Steve Merry from Suffolk County Council. The first meeting took place in December 2019. Progress was extremely slow. In November 2020 after almost a year of meetings, EDF employed consultants to look at schemes to mitigate traffic. After a further 8 months of slow progress the SWG felt that it was worth consulting with residents. We were not making much progress. As far as the consultation went most of the questions came from the EDF side with some modifications by us. In retrospect the questions were often ambiguous or combined multiple aspects and answers could not be used to gain a realistic idea of people's opinion of the scheme.

Important points that had not been addressed during meetings with EDF and SCC were:

Pollution - a 30% increase in traffic will increase pollution and it is now scientifically proven that pollution has serious health impacts

Monitoring - we have repeatedly asked for monitoring without any take up

Methods to reduce traffic. I have discussed with EDF methods using mobile phone GPS technology to monitor workers journeys to the park and ride, principally to check if they passed through WM.

Vibration we have asked for vibration from extra traffic to be assessed.

Alternative parking EDF failed to engage at all in the need for replacement parking for parking lost by the scheme.

Following the consultation both EDF and SCC appeared to have the opinion that the scheme was mainly complete.

There has not been a meeting of the PC to fully discuss the consultation or to form a consensus of what to do about the scheme. In an informal meeting at the village hall several months ago, the general consensus appeared to be that the scheme had many failings.

The Parish Council meeting with the agenda items of particular points of the scheme was quite unsatisfactory and appeared to be designed to limit discussion. The result and email from Ivan to Tom McGarry I feel leaves the PC in a weakened position as far as the scheme is concerned.

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