

Green Party co-leader criticises £100 million bailout for Sizewell C



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Responding to today's news that energy company EDF will receive an additional £100 million cash injection from the Government to help it build the Sizewell C nuclear power plant, Green Party co-leader and MP candidate in Suffolk Adrian Ramsay said:

"Nuclear power is a burden and a risk, not a solution. The next decade is crucial for cutting carbon emissions but nuclear will only slow the energy transition, not speed it up. Even with constant injections of yet more taxpayers' cash, the energy from Sizewell C won't come onstream for years, whereas more cost-effective solar and wind can be deployed right now.

"At a time when people are already struggling with energy prices, it is absurd to throw yet more millions of pounds into a nuclear plant that could just drive energy prices up further [1] when we could be expanding cheaper, cleaner alternatives like solar or wind.

"If built, Sizewell C would not only be a blight on Suffolk, but it would be a drag on the UK's race to meet climate targets."

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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-60140854> and
<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/jan/27/ministers-invest-100m-in-edfs-20bn-sizewell-c-nuclear-power-station>

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