

If the Secretary of State refuses to call in this planning application, we would immediately want to apply to the High Court for Judicial Review. Whilst hoping that will not be necessary we need to prepare for that contingency. We would have no time to lose because, as pointed out above, UDC is fast-tracking this application and intends to have the planning approval process completed by 18 July.

Inevitably a Judicial Review would involve considerable expense and put a severe strain on our financial resources. We are therefore asking for your support and that is why you will find an 'Appeal for Funds' enclosed with this letter. Please help if you can. Our opponents need to know that SSE, in seeking to safeguard the interests of the local community and the local environment, has not only the determination but also the financial resources to do so.

The Secretary of State may however agree that the application should be given the higher level of scrutiny provided by the national determination process. That would be a welcome outcome and it would save us the expense and urgency of a Judicial Review. This would however trigger the start of a lengthy inquiry process which would also be costly because we would want to present our evidence and arguments as effectively as possible.

SSE is not daunted by any of these challenges. On the contrary, SSE has a highly motivated and knowledgeable team of people who will rise to any challenge, and we have learned from many years of experience in this field that our determination very often leads to success.

Finally, If you would like to make Uttlesford District Council aware of your views on this planning application, our advice on how best to do this is set out in the enclosed guide *"How to Respond to the Planning Application"*.

I hope you will support us with this latest challenge.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Peter Sanders'.

Peter Sanders  
Chairman

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