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Dear Bill,

Summary Business Case for the Sizewell C Project

I am writing to inform you that today the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero will publish the Summary Business Case for the Sizewell C (SZC) Project on gov.uk, as per HM Treasury requirements for projects on the Government Major Projects Portfolio, and place a copy in the House Library following the commitment made by the Chief Secretary to the Treasury on 11 July 2025.

SZC will be a nuclear power plant, located in Suffolk, providing generating capacity of up to 3.2 Gigawatts (GW) of electricity - enough to power the equivalent of six million of today's homes. With the strategic objective of providing a firm and low-carbon source of electricity, the target is for generation to begin from the mid-to-late 2030s.

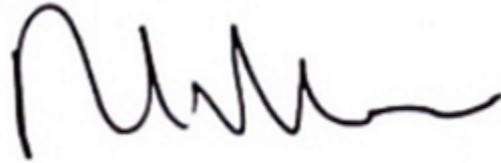
The scope of the Summary Business Case relates to the Full Business Case (FBC) that was prepared for the SZC project and reviewed by the Government's Major Projects Review Group (MPRG) ahead of the project taking its financial close late last year. This Summary Business Case sets out the strategic justification and delivery approach for the project, as well as how it will be overseen and managed.

Following a study led by the Office for Value for Money (OVfM) on Governance and Budgeting Arrangements for Mega Projects, SZC was identified as one of the three current HMG mega-projects. This Summary Business Case additionally incorporates the content required of a Strategy and Delivery Plan as set out within this guidance.

To action the latter, I have attached a copy of the Summary Business Case for the SZC Project. I will place a copy of the Business Case in the Libraries of the House.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'N. Vallance', written in a cursive style.

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