

Dear Othona Members and friends,

This letter is about the Bradwell B Nuclear Power Station Consultation.

Many of you have asked what action Othona is taking in response to consultation on the proposed Bradwell B nuclear Power Station plans. A letter, summarised below, has been sent to the BrB Chief Executive Officer about the impact of the proposed development on our Bradwell site and the Othona business. We ask you to be aware that Othona is not a political body and cannot speak for its membership in expressing views. We each have our own views, and you are all encouraged to respond to the consultation exercise via www.bradwellb.co.uk by 30 June 2020 and write to your local MPs on this national matter that has an impact on our whole Othona Community. This is a summary of Othona's letter:

1. The Othona Trust owns not only the site and track occupied by the Community but a strip of land that runs alongside the present site, from the Solar Powered gate down towards the Othona Coastal Park. Othona also has a covenant on the East Hall Farm land sold to Strutt and Parker. Trustees are writing in relation to protecting our interests in this land.
2. Trustees commented on the volume of traffic and the reference to considerable site activity, marine dredging, materials storage etc. on this vast site, and "beach landings to the west and east of the existing Bradwell power station for transporting bulk materials...by sea." We refer to the SSSI status and the Othona Coastal Park, and require a noise impact statement relating to the noise impact on the tranquil Othona site, and information on how they intend to mitigate that impact in both the construction and operation phases.
3. Trustees have asked for proposals for landscaping to minimise damage to Othona's trees, hedges and view of St Peter's Chapel. We have emphasised the need for protection of Othona from sea flooding, protecting and preserving Othona's objectives.
4. Othona has very little mention in the Document other than that we exist, accessed by a private road which they would retain, subject to potential minor realignment. Trustees have asked for their firm commitment to the retention of good private access and security (gate.)
5. Trustees have noted that the proposed nuclear power station would be raised by as much as 7m, but that adjacent land, including the Othona Site would "benefit from existing sea defences." If the main power plant site is raised, we have asked how the adjacent land, including Othona, would be affected by being at a consequently lower level, potentially affected by run-off; and how they would intend to protect Othona's land from this altered topography.
6. Noting that there is "limited, if any, potential for contaminant migration onto the site from adjacent land," Othona trustees are asking for full and evidenced assurance that the land will contain no toxic waste, contaminants or pollutants.
7. Othona Trustees have pointed out that over the past 75 years the Othona Community has invested considerable Charity funds to the creation, development and enhancement of our assets at Bradwell-on-Sea, being at the point of completing major renovations in line with the Community's green credentials for an energy-efficient plant, at a cost of £0.5m, with plans in hand for a second wind turbine for this

off-grid site. The BrB consultation document refers to mitigating works to provide community and legacy benefits, and maximising the economic benefits to local communities and businesses. Trustees have advised about the likely impact on Othona's business and the need for legacy benefits from the outset, to help retain and sustain Othona at Bradwell, located here because of the peace and tranquillity of the area, unique historic sense of the being at one with the natural landscape and rich coastal wildlife of Bradwell which is what attracts many of our visitors.

8. There is reference to "a number of small beaches" which would include our First Beach. We are seeking clarification about the future safety of this beach, used for swimming by community members for 75 years.

9. We point out that "the burden of change will fall on younger Othoina shoulders than ours and we must do what we can now, to care for our future generations."

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Trustees have commented that we have built our Community in a tranquil, peaceful location.

We are a "green" community which will be bordered by all the activities associated with nuclear fuel - and all the infrastructure developments requiring fossil fuel. The Bradwell B Project will have an impact on Othona's business for years to come. BrB is a long term plan. The burden of change will fall on younger Othona shoulders than ours and we must do what we can now, to care for our future generations.

On behalf of our Trustee Chair Clare Fuller Gough and all the Othona Trustees I have requested a response from the BrB Chief Executive Officer in relation to these concerns.

If you would like to see a full copy of the Othona Chair's letter, you are welcome to contact me at essexchair@othona.org or Clare at chair@othona.org. You are always welcome to contact me about this or anything else that is going on at Othona Bradwell.

Yours Sincerely,
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