

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2021

BRADWELL B
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Candidates standing for election were asked to comment on their attitude about the new nuclear power station proposed for Bradwell-on-Sea, Essex.

... here are the responses so far ...

Asa Aldis- AGAINST - Green Party - Wivenhoe St Andrews

I'm against more nuclear power with the constant revolution of renewal technology.

But I fear halting this at ECC is futile as the Secretary of State will wave it through rather than renege on the deal with China.

Peter Banks - AGAINST - Green Party - Mersea and Tiptree

My position on the proposal for a new nuclear power plant at Bradwell on Sea using Chinese technology is adamant:

Wrong technology

Wrong place

Wrong strategy

The damage to both the visual and ecological environment is incalculable and I am totally against it.

Sue Clutterbuck - AGAINST - Green Party - Frinton and Walton

I wholeheartedly support your objection to the creation of Bradwell B.

I object to the use of nuclear power for both environmental and economic reasons. With renewable energy now cheaper and safer than nuclear energy, the massive impact caused to the local and wider environment by construction, and storage of toxic waste (that future generations will have to deal with), is in my opinion totally unacceptable.

If elected I will do my best to prevent its construction.

Rosie Dodds - AGAINST - Green Party - Clacton East

I am against all nuclear power and desperate for us all to address the climate and ecological emergency.

I believe that we can seriously reduce our carbon footprint and energy use by the use of existing technology such as a massive, co-ordinated insulation programme, improved public transport, driving less and flying only when absolutely necessary, rapidly reduced meat and dairy intake, restoration of forests and wetlands, locally sourced food and much else.

We (Green Party) had a joint meeting with BANNG speakers in Brightlingsea a few years ago, which was well attended.

John Hamilton - AGAINST - Green Party - Brentwood South

I fully support Green Party policy in committing wholly to clean energy as soon as possible, based on renewable, low carbon sources. Nuclear power stations should therefore be decommissioned as soon as possible.

Dave Harris - AGAINST - Labour Party - Maypole

Against Bradwell.

Kevin Horner - NO COMMENT - Independent - Buckhurst Hill and Loughton South

I have no comment on the proposed bradwell b power station at present without reviewing all pros and cons, ecology strategy, infrastructure plans and local enhancement plans for the proposed project.

Kevin Lagan - AGAINST - Independent - Maldon

Quite simply, I say No to Bradwell B- Bradwell has done it's bit! Building a Chinese designed and operated monster in the UK on an area of flood risk doesn't make any sense at all. And think about the security of supply and risk of disaster from a failure.

It is no secret that I have not supported Bradwell B from day one. Why would anyone endorse untried design, a flawed EIA and destruction of our beautiful peninsular for ever to build a monster that is not needed.

The loss of our environment and heritage which can never be replaced saddens me and is an insult to those that were stationed in Bradwell in the Second World War who gave their tomorrows for our today and fought for our freedom.

The impact on our surrounding villages would be devastating not to mention thousands of traffic movements each by HGVs that would polite our air.

Stop taking other areas spent waste. I won't support this and cannot understand why the CC extended the agreement. How many pieces of silver?.

Bradwell and the Dengie is a very special area and is a place for people to come and be at peace with themselves and nature so I endorse and stand for leaving Bradwell Be so our future generations have space and safety for ever.

James Lombard - AGAINST - Green Party - Springfield

I am firmly opposed to the new, bigger site proposed to be occupied by the Bradwell B power station, and the threat it poses to several protected wildlife sites around the Blackwater and Colne estuaries, and the rich wildlife habitats that are present throughout the area. I am also concerned about safety issues relating to the presence of nuclear power stations. I note that the proposal was rejected in August 2020, with the Environment Agency citing at least 6 safety concerns which had not been addressed.

Should the development be approved, I would do all I can to ensure that its construction is as environmentally considerate as possible, protecting the precious habitats in the area, and that stringent safety considerations are met.

Tracey Osben - AGAINST - Green Party - Clacton West

I am completely opposed to the building of Bradwell B . I think it is completely unsafe to build this power station in a low lying estuary area when global scientist agree that climate change could cause the sea level to rise and increases the risk of tidal surge. I am also concerned that having the reactor insitu will cause a raise in the temperature of the surrounding estuary water and have a detrimental impact on the eco system.

The proposed reactor size means it will dominate the landscape and surroundings. I live in St Osyth and we can see the remains of Bradwell A from our beach. I understand the planned Bradwell b is much larger,

I am deeply concerned that new nuclear power plants are being planned with no viable way of dealing with the radioactive waste that they will produce and this will be a problem for many generations to come.

I believe we should use renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power and invest in energy efficiency in order to tackle climate change. These methods will not only enable us to reduce CO2 production but will provide cheaper energy production.

Lee Scordis - AGAINST - Labour Party - Abbey

Yes, I am certainly opposed to Bradwell B.

James Taylor - AGAINST - Green Party - Southminster

I am against new nuclear power stations in the UK and the proposed Bradwell B in particular.

- I think that without a democratically decided long-term storage solution for existing nuclear waste it is imprudent to produce anymore and is generationally unjust to do so.
- I am not convinced that new nuclear can make a contribution to zero carbon energy generation within the timeframe necessary to meet our zero carbon goals - so any expense on nuclear is a misallocation of resources better spent on forms of energy generation and reductions in consumption that can make a difference in that timeframe.
- I believe that the future of electricity in the UK will be very different from its past and large nuclear power stations would be expensive white elephants in a nation of smart grids, de-centralised production, home and community generation, and widely dispersed battery technology in homes and vehicles.

In addition to the above I consider Bradwell to be an inappropriate location for a power station of the scale proposed.

- The local area is of national and international significance for wildlife. Both construction and operation of a power station on this site would be detrimental to biodiversity at a time when wildlife is already under significant pressure.
- Rising sea levels, the isostatic rebound causing the south of England to sink, and likely increased turbulence in weather systems in the North Sea make flooding a significant risk in the area.
- The proposed raised platform and high new sea defences to mitigate the above risk would require a massive transportation of materials, involving unacceptable energy and material costs and an insupportable impact on local people and the more than human world.

Should I be elected I will work to prevent the Bradwell B proposals moving forward.

Angela J Thomson - AGAINST - Green Party - Chelmsford North

I am have always been against nuclear power as it seems to be very unsafe, takes ages to build, & is very costly. Very little appears to have been done in that industry to make the process any safer or to speed up the time needed to store spent nuclear fuel.

Though I am not native to Essex, I love the salt marshes & mudflats & the existing Bradwell power station building seems to me to be just a blot on the landscape. I was pleased to see most Essex councils oppose plans to build a new nuclear facility & the new infrastructure needed solely for that purpose & would certainly oppose it should I be lucky enough to win a seat on Essex County Council.

Tim Vaughan - COMMENTED - Liberal Democrat - Epping Forest

Although I do not know many details on this proposal, my strong inclination is that the money would be more sensibly spent on promoting the UK renewables energy industry, in all its varieties (eg not just solar panel farms and offshore wind turbines, but ASHP, HSHP, hydro, tidal and wave, as well as improved battery and electricity storage solutions), as well as encouraging reduced usage of energy. I have a feeling Essex CC would face the same campaign as Cumbria when it approved the coal mine recently, if the former give support to this plan at Bradwell.

Chris Southall - AGAINST - Green Party - Tendring Rural East

I do agree with you that we should oppose the building of a new power station at Bradwell for many reasons, climate change and sea level rise being the most obvious.

Brian Littlechild - AGAINST - Green Party - Brentwood & Chelmsford

I advise that I am not a candidate for the Green Party in the upcoming council elections but am a member of the Party's local branch Brentwood & Chelmsford.

The national Party's policy is that electricity should be generated from wind, sun and wave not hydro-carbons which are a major contributor to the climate crisis via pollution, and the nuclear option has very high construction costs with over spending running into billions of pounds and a huge problem with the waste that is generated, currently buried underground a possible ticking time bomb for future generations.

So in conclusion the Green Party and all of its candidates national and local would totally support your organisation in saying NO to Bradwell B as well as Hinckley Point C and Sizewell, and wish you every success in your campaign.