

Meeting Note



Southern Transport Forum

Meeting Type: Southern Transport Forum

Meeting held on: Wednesday 15th May 2024

Sizewell C Attendees:

Richard Bull, DCO Lead
Marjorie Barnes, Head of READ Team
David Peacop, Site Operations Director
Richard Watler, Site Delivery Lead
Tim Newton, Site Security Manager
Richard Knight, Senior Community Relations Manager
Jez Porter, SPM Associated Development – Highways
Chris Heaney, Sizewell C Transport Coordinator
Zoe Botten, Community Relations Manager
Stephen Keighley, Rail Manager
Daniel Fisk, Network Rail
Stephen Deaville, Network Rail

Invited External Attendees:

Cllr Lucy Lavender nominated by Hacheston Parish Council
Cllr David Chenery nominated by Wickham Market Parish Council
Cllr Ian Norman nominated by Farnham with Stratford St Andrew Parish Council
Cllr Brian Hunt nominated by Nacton Parish Council
Cllr Richard Cooper nominated by Marlesford Parish Council
Cllr Robin Sanders nominated by Woodbridge Town Council
Cllr Geraldine Barker nominated by Saxmundham Town Council
Cllr Michael Mahony Friston Parish Council
Cllr Tim Beach nominated by Snape Parish Council
Cllr Alexander Nicoll, Suffolk County Council
Clerk Klaus Fortmann Campsea Ashe Parish Council
Cllr Chris Yeo, Levington & Stratton Hall Parish Council
One elected Cllr or clerk nominated by Little Glemham Parish Council
One elected Cllr or clerk nominated by Martlesham Parish Council
Cllr John Bann nominated by Melton Parish Council
Steve Merry, Suffolk County Council, Highways
Julia Cox, Suffolk County Council, Highways
Cllr Lee Reeves, East Suffolk Council
Carolyn Barnes, East Suffolk Council

1. Welcome and Introduction of the Chair and Panel
2. Meeting note and matters arising from Southern Transport Forum (12th February 2024)
3. Report back from: Sizewell C Community Forum, Main Development Site Forum and Northern Transport Forum
4. Sizewell C Project Update and Overview
5. Transport Review Group Update
6. Updates: Freight Management Facility; Sothern Park and Ride; Two Village Bypass; A12 Improvements
7. Update from Network Rail
8. Q&A via Town and Parish Council Representative
9. Chair’s Concluding Remarks
10. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 14th August 2024

Meeting Minutes – 15/05/2024

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1	Welcome and Introduction of the Chair and Panel – (Chair)		
1.01	Brian Stewart, ‘The Chair’, opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.		
1.02	The Chair welcomed the Sizewell C team presenting at the Forum:		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Bull - DCO Lead • Marjorie Barnes - Head of Regional External Affairs & Development • David Peacop - Site Operations Director • Tim Newton - Site Security Manager • Richard Knight – Senior Community Relations Manager • Stephen Keighley – Rail Manager • Jez Porter – SPM Associated Development – Highways <p>The Chair also noted that Daniel Fisk and Stephen Deaville from Network Rail would be attending the Forum.</p>		
1.03	The Chair ran through the meeting agenda.		
2	Minutes and Actions from Previous Main Development Site Forum (12th February 2024) – (Chair)		
2.01	The Chair moved the minutes. Cllr Ian Norman seconded this.		
2.02	Cllr Michael Mahony said cumulative impact was discussed at the last meeting as well as the possibility of attendees from Scottish Power and National Grid attending the meetings. Cllr Mahony went on to say that he had a helpful meeting with the SZC team about this following the forum and that the minutes should record this. The Chair said a note of this will be made in the minutes.		
2.03	Cllr Tim Beach said there is a point recorded in the minutes in which he suggests that community speed watch could police some of the traffic movements. He wanted to clarify that his point was more nuanced than this and that community speed watch is something that could be developed to help with this. The Chair said a note will be included in the minutes to reflect this.		
2.04	A slide was shown which captured the key matters arising from the last meeting.		
2.05	The Chair noted that there had been a request for pre-submitted questions to be included on the agenda. He said this is difficult as it could delay the agenda being sent out and explained that part of the purpose of the agenda is for people to think of questions having seen it. He proposed to leave this for the time being but did say that the forum is a learning and iterative process and therefore such matters could be revisited.		
2.06	Cllr Alexander Nicoll said he has yet to receive an agenda that he has not had to ask for, arguing that this is basic admin and not good enough. Cllr Nicoll said that if he has not received such correspondence then others may be in the same position. Cllr Lee Reeves echoed this. ACTION: The Chair said Richard and Zoe will ensure the mailing lists are up to date.	RK and ZB	Complete
3	Report back from: Sizewell C Community Forum, Main Development Site Forum and Northern Transport Forum – (Richard Knight)		
3.01	Richard Knight (RK) ran through updates from the previous meetings of the other three forums. He said the minutes of the Forum meetings are hosted on the East Suffolk Council website, but that there would be a link on the Sizewell C website to direct members to this.		

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	<p>The Annual Community Forum (9th April 2024): The Annual Community Forum was held at Trinity Park which was an opportunity for all Town and Parish Council representatives in the East Suffolk region, along with members of the public, to hear an update on the project. Over 100 people attended. A project overview was provided by Managing Director Julia Pyke, along with an update on SZC's community offer, an outline of site works, as well as an update from Suffolk Community Foundation on the Suffolk Community Fund.</p> <p>Main Development Site Forum (16th April 2024): Pat Hogan, Sizewell Residents' Association, was welcomed as a new member of the Forum. Updates included an outline of the recruitment strategy and the Net Zero Leiston project. Updates were provided on the Main Development Site; Ancillary Construction Area; Temporary Construction Area; Main Construction Area; Accommodation Campus; Off Site Infrastructure; as well as the Marine and Coastal Strategy.</p> <p>Northern Transport Forum (8th May 2024): Josie Bassinette, representing Walberswick Parish Council, and Nicky Corbett, representing Leiston Town Council, were appointed as new members of the forum. SZC confirmed how they would resolve clarification of the Forum Chair in the Deed of Obligation. Updates were provided on the Construction Traffic Management Plan, the role of the Transport Review Group, as well as the Northern Park and Ride Site, Yoxford Roundabout, Sizewell Link Road Site, Other Highway Improvement Works Site.</p>		
3.02	<p>Cllr Brian Hunt said Trinity Park was a totally inappropriate venue for the forum. He said people who are heavily involved in the forum had to travel to the venue and that there is adequate car parking at other sites. He said the microphone system at the venue was appalling and people could not hear what was being said.</p> <p>The Chair said team will take this on board.</p> <p>Marjorie Barnes (MB) thanked Cllr Hunt for the feedback. MB explained that the venue was chosen because it is located in the district that SZC are serving. She took on board the feedback and agreed that the microphone system was not adequate. She said the plan is to move the annual forum around and use different venues, but the other three forums will be held in the same venues for consistency.</p>		
4	Sizewell C Project Update and Overview – (Marjorie Barnes)		
4.01	<p>MB outlined the recent key milestones reached on the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Purchase agreed • Nuclear Site Licence granted by the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) • Earth Works • B1122 resurfacing complete • ACA site building installed • Nuclear Site fencing installed <p>MB noted that the Supreme Court had rejected a case brought forward by local campaign group, Together Against Sizewell C, opposed to the new nuclear power station. She explained that the decision ends the legal action which was first launched in August 2022.</p>		
4.02	<p>Cllr Brian Hunt asked about the financial investment decision expected in the coming months, noting that a General Election is also likely to be announced soon. He asked whether SZC could comment on whether this will be something government will want to approve ahead of the election.</p> <p>MB said SZC have strong political support from both main parties, so the project continues to move forward and make progress.</p>		

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5	Update from Transport Review Group – (Steve Merry, Suffolk County Council)		
5.01	<p>Steve Merry (SM) gave an update from the Transport Review Group (TRG), confirming that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TRG is attended by Sizewell C, Suffolk County Council (SCC), East Suffolk Council (ESC), National Highways and Suffolk Constabulary. Scottish Power also attend as an observer for coordination purposes. • Last met in April – summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transport monitoring report to be provided on ESC website; - Meeting notes were issued on 10th May to ESC website for the April meeting; and - SZC project updates received reflect those presented at this meeting / nothing further to add to the Forum. • All agendas, meeting notes and monitoring reports provided on ESC website. • The TRG next meets on 24th June. 		
5.02	<p>Cllr Alexander Nicoll asked whether there were any non-compliance items reported at the meeting.</p> <p>Steve Merry (SM) said 5 were raised. He said the reasons were discussed and there was a brief overview of the actions taken by Sizewell C and all were satisfied with those actions to date.</p>		
5.03	<p>Cllr Tim Beach asked what the actions were.</p> <p>SM said disciplinary action was taken against lorry drivers.</p> <p>Chris Heaney (CH) spoke on the employee code of conduct and importance of educating line managers. He said that there were 5 HGVs off their designated routes in April.</p> <p>Asked about repercussions, SM said at least one contractor has been removed.</p> <p>ACTION: The Chair said this data will be included in the minutes and that the reports are on the East Suffolk Council website offering even more detail. The reports are available here: https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/national-infrastructure-and-energy-projects/sizewell-c-nuclear-power-station/governance-groups/</p>	SM	
6	Site Updates – (David Peacop, Spencer Bowdler, Stephen Keighley)		
6.01	An update was given on the off-site infrastructure delivery, focused on areas in the south of the district.		
6.02	<p>Countywide Highways Signage</p> <p>Images were shown of signage which will soon be implemented. It was noted that the signs will be upgraded throughout the transition of the construction programme in agreement with Suffolk County Council.</p>		
6.03	<p>Orwell Logistics Park - Freight Management Facility Relocation Option</p> <p>David Peacop (DP) said SZC are looking to move the Freight Management Facility to Orwell Logistics Park. SZC are currently looking at the modelling of how this will work and are listening to feedback on this.</p>		
6.04	<p>Cllr Lee Reeves asked for a statement on the water movements that were due out of Levington.</p> <p>DP said SZC are looking to move at the same location. There is currently some work to do with the water companies and SZC are awaiting their approval on which pumping station they can use. He said the water in the original design comes from that direction.</p>		



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	Cllr Reeves asked whether SZC will release the land and return it to agriculture if this does happen. DP gave assurance that SZC are listening.		
6.05	There was discussion on the Orwell Logistics Park traffic routes. SZC traffic travels eastbound on A12 in / out of Orwell Logistics Park then north on the A12 towards the Main Development Site and westbound on A12 in the opposite direction. There will be no traffic south-east of Seven Hills.		
6.06	An update was given on the Site Access Signboards and Vehicle Markings		
6.07	Southern Park and Ride Q2-Q4 2024 Southern Park and Ride – drawings were shown of what SZC will be doing, with the red dot showing where the access point will be.		
6.08	Southern Park and Ride - Construction Traffic management during access construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of temporary access managed with lane closure. • Slip lane would need to operate one-way northbound towards the A12. Traffic management during archaeology and construction of southern park and ride <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same traffic arrangement on slip road as currently (two-way slip). • Additional signage installed to warn of two-way traffic on slip road. 		
6.09	Updates were provided on the works at the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Village By-Pass Q3-Q4 2024 • Benhall Fen Meadow Q3-Q4 2024 		
6.10	A12 Improvements & Minor Roads Schemes – South Typical improvements include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New and enhanced pedestrian footways and crossings • New road surfacing • Village gateways • Safety improvements and side road visibility • Reduced speed limits DP said that work has started and the SZC team will use their slides at the forum to update members every quarter. He said they do not have a detailed timings for each of the works yet and said they want to try to do it in long stretches if possible and with the least impact.		
6.11	A12 Improvements - Strategic Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works to be implemented by Suffolk County Council (SCC) • Sizewell C is co-ordinating with SCC and other projects including Scottish Power Renewables to minimise disruption 		
6.12	Cllr Michael Mahony said SZC say they are working with Scottish Power, but noted that there is also National Grid. DP clarified that SZC have started discussions with Scottish Power and National Grid.		

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6.13	Cllr Ian Norman spoke on the Southern Park and Ride, asking whether SZC are proposing to do anything to the Fiveways roundabout. He said it is a smaller roundabout and an insufficient size to cope with the modern HGV. Richard Bull (RB) said there are no plans to change the roundabout materially but SZC are looking at access for cyclists from Wickham Market up to that location.		
6.14	Cllr Richard Cooper asked what design stage the Southern Park and Ride is at. Jez Porter (JP) said it is currently in the detailed design stage. Cllr Cooper said a request had been put in to have a review of the park and ride and that he suspects that SZC are getting close enough to do that. RB said SZC are happy to do that and are keen to get delivery management involved to help explain the approach to delivering the site and the methodology. ACTION: RB said he would try to speak to Cllr Cooper after the meeting to pencil in some time. JP said the intention would be to hold similar sessions to those held a few weeks ago. Cllr Cooper said he was happy with this. A meeting was held on 2 nd July 2024.	RB	Complete
6.15	Cllr David Chenery spoke on the Southern Park and Ride link from the roundabout into site, saying this section of road is two-way and it needs to be made clear that this is two-way traffic.		
6.16	Cllr Robin Sanders welcomed seeing timescales for construction works, particularly on the A12. SM said the intention is to undertake the second round of public consultation in September. Following the public consultation, the planning application and procuring a contractor, SM said his estimate would be that this would take place in two years' time.		
6.17	On the active travel Woodbridge scheme, Cllr Alexander Nicoll said he recently had a meeting with the divisional member for Woodbridge, Cllr Ruth Leach. He said there was a public consultation over this which drew a larger public response than some county wide issues, with around 2,300 submissions. He said the intention is to be able to make further public statements on what will be done and how they have taken on board the comments in early July. He said the active travel schemes will not be happening in isolation of these other things.		
6.18	Cllr Lucy Lavender said the slip road coming off the A12 is quite a narrow single-carriage way she anticipates a lot of traffic queuing up the road at peak times. She asked whether any improvements will be made on the slip road. RB said no improvements are planned, and said from SZC's perspective there will be buses returning from the Park and Ride site rather than cars. RB said an assessment has been undertaken which does not indicate that any work needs doing to the slip road and therefore nothing is currently planned for northbound traffic.		
6.19	Cllr Lavender said the B1078 is quite patchy in terms of ongoing traffic calming. She asked why certain areas have been identified as red. RB said it stems from a road safety audit. It was agreed which elements of the road need to be addressed from a road safety perspective. The red parts highlight the areas which need work and there should not be an existing issue in those areas not in red.		
6.20	Cllr Lavender also raised that Hacheston and Framingham Road is not included in the traffic calming measures, saying it is short sighted as traffic volume will increase. She said that Hacheston Parish Council have decided to undertake traffic surveys more frequently to demonstrate that traffic volume will increase. Cllr Lavender said she does not understand why this has not been considered as a risk, noting that there are children living along that road.		



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	RB said the TRG is up and running and this will help with transport issues that were not foreseen. He said the traffic assessment uses a gravity model which predicts where people will reside and which park and ride sites they will use. If this turns out to be more then it would need to be addressed through the TRG to assess whether it needs to be mitigated.		
6.21	<p>Cllr Tim Beach said these conversations show the importance of getting monitoring in place now as it will have an impact. He said the input that Parish and Town Councils can offer SZC will be important and they need to get to this point as soon as possible.</p> <p>SM acknowledged this.</p> <p>RB said this was discussed in the TRG and it was agreed that a list would be compiled with the key routes of concern. He gave assurance that SZC will make sure they have a definitive list of all the routes that they need to play close reference to in the coming months and keep these under review. He said this is the substance of what the conversation needs to be on a locational basis with the parish representatives, offering assurance that SZC are committed to doing this.</p> <p>Cllr Beach said the Parish and Town Councils have already done some work between them if this is helpful.</p>		
6.22	<p>Cllr Lee Reeves asked whether there is any timescale on the decision on the possible Freight Management Facility relocation to Orwell Logistics Park.</p> <p>RB said SZC are quietly confident it will happen, but there is a long process to go through including commercial and legal agreements to sign, ensuring all the due processes of the DCO are addressed, as well as ensuring all stakeholders are happy. He said it is likely to be a small number of months and gave assurance that SZC are making really good progress with it.</p>		
6.23	<p>Cllr Reeves asked what proportion of the freight going to Sizewell would come from the west off the A14.</p> <p>RB said the majority will be coming from the west.</p>		
7	Update from Network Rail – (Daniel Fisk and Stephen Deaville)		
7.01	<p>Rail Overview Stephen Keighley (SK) gave an overview of the rail plan.</p> <p>DCO Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rail infrastructure works to enable delivery of materials to SZC site by rail, thus reducing number of HGVs and impact on local community • Journeys from Ipswich to site and back only • Overnight trains to avoid disruption to other rail services • Rail noise mitigation plan acceptance by local authority <p>Impact Mitigation measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design to avoid trains stopping / starting en-route • Replace jointed track with continuous welded rail • 10 mph running in urban areas and branchline • Trains not permitted through Leiston at night 		
7.02	<p>Rail Level Crossings – Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Suffolk (ESK) line Scope • Darsham Level Crossing • Middleton Level Crossing • Core SZC Rail Sope (DCO) 		



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	<p>SK said there are a number of level crossings which need to be upgraded on the East Suffolk Line, explaining that most of them are associated with the Materials by Change Programme and these are relatively minor upgrades intended to improve the safety of the rail infrastructure. He said Darsham and Middleton Level Crossing interventions are intended to improve the safety of the rail infrastructure.</p>		
7.03	<p>Core Scope Overview</p> <p>SK said that SZC are undertaking significant upgrades to the branch line.</p> <p>Saxmundham Junction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal of existing connection from ESK to SIZ branch line • Installation of new powered crossover <p>2. Saxmundham to Leiston (SIZ) branch line:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track renewal – Jointed track replaced by CWR • Upgrade to the branch line signalling system, incl interlocking upgrade • Upgrade to 8Nr level crossings • Associated telecoms, signalling powers & civils <p>3. New Green Rail Route / Kenton Spur (CS2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary railway to connect the SIZ branch line to TCA railhead (freight unloading facility & concrete batching plant) • Installation of 2Nr new level crossings <p>4. New ACA siding (CS1): Temporary siding to connect the SIZ branch line to ACA Delivery Strategy (GRIP 5-8): NR: Systems: (Signalling, Telecoms & Power) SZC: Non Systems (All other disciplines)</p>		
7.04	<p>ESK Track Upgrades</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrades of the track in Bealings were undertaken in February 2024 • A renewal of the track was carried out in Saxmundham, replacing jointed track with continuous welded rail in April/May 2024 <p>Note: Replacement of existing jointed track with Continuously Welded Rail (CWR) to reduce rail noise & vibration in sensitive areas.</p>		
7.05	<p>Cllr Geraldine Barker said the decking was changed on Albion Street Level Crossing by the station but not on the Mill Road, Rendham Road crossing, questioning why given that this is fairly close to houses.</p> <p>SK explained that the work carried out was restricted to the section of track where there was existing jointed track. At Albion Street, the end of the jointed track was too close to the level crossing to not do the level crossing as well. The extent of the track relay was not needed there. He said some under sleeper pads were also installed which is an additional system that reduces the banging on highway crossings.</p>		
7.06	<p>Cllr Barker said the other crossing, which is equally as close to houses, remains as it is, asking why one and not the other. She said rubber decking would be a bonus for the houses which are very close.</p>		

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	Daniel Fisk said rubber decking is not known to reduce the noise and is not installed for this reason.		
7.07	Cllr Barker asked how long the trains are. In terms of design parameters, SK said the maximum length of the trains allowed to run is 339 metres long at 10mph. This is approximately a minute and a half of train if running at 10mph. He said there is a locomotive and up to 20 wagons.		
7.08	Cllr Barker noted that the trains are going to be held outside of Leiston, questioning where on the line they will be held. SK said there are sections along the line to the west of Saxmundham Road. He said there are some long sections more than capable of holding the trains between level crossings away from local properties.		
7.09	Cllr Geraldine Barker said there are a lot of houses close to the railway line which did not think there would be night trains. She asked whether it would be possible to have a dedicated forum so that people can raise any concerns they have. RB welcomed this idea. He said there is railway mitigation plan and a noise mitigation scheme directed to properties and this is currently being finalised. He recognised the importance of the SZC team engaging with the representatives from the Parishes where there will be a direct impact from the trains, with experts in attendance to explain the details of any impact and what potential mitigation there might be. ACTION: RB reiterated that he is happy for this to be taken forward. Cllr Barker clarified that this would not just be for Saxmundham, but other areas as well, including Melton and Woodbridge.	ACTION	
7.10	Cllr Alexander Nicoll said a few interventions will be required at the Melton Crossing. He said that he would be interested to know what kind of road closures will be necessary to enable the level crossing improvements to take place and called for early warning on this. SK agreed and said SZC are committed to doing this.		
7.11	Cllr Nicoll said he was delighted that Richard Bull responded positively to the suggestion of a dedicated forum on this but made clear that they would also want headline items on rail to come to the Southern Transport Forum and Northern Transport Forum and not just be provided in another meeting instead. Cllr Barker added that the dedicated forum would be for representatives to air their concerns directly on this. The Chair gave assurance that the member and colleagues can continue to do that at these forums.		
7.12	Cllr Lee Reeves asked about the trains being held at Leiston, questioning whether they come back in the day. SK explained that the trains would then have to leave the offloading facility to travel through Leiston back in a westerly direction in the day, and would then be held on the branch line in a similar location until after the last passenger train.		
7.13	Cllr Michael Mahony questioned whether it is four train movements at night into Sizewell and four out the following night. SK confirmed this. He said there are two different scenarios.		

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	<p>If the trains are travelling to the Ancillary Construction Area (ACA), then they travel through Leiston. There will be two trains per night going into the ACA as a maximum so they will be held on the branch line until 7am and will then travel through Leiston during the day and will be offloaded before then traveling back out through Leiston to be held on the branch line until after the last passenger train and travelling back to Ipswich.</p> <p>In the second scenario, there will be up to four trains per day going to the Temporary Construction Area via the green rail route which will not have to be held on the branch line, going into the offloading facility and travelling back down to Ipswich before the first passenger train.</p> <p>ACTION: DP said the team will produce an automation to demonstrate this at the next meeting.</p>	DP	
7.14	<p>Cllr Michael Mahony asked about time windows and what would happen if there were to be a delay. SK said there would be a cut off time after which no train will leave SZC. DP said there is a significant buffer.</p>		
7.15	<p>Cllr Mahony asked whether SZC could confirm that there will be no disruption to passenger services. SK said he cannot confirm this, giving the example of the possibility of a train breaking down en route and therefore causing disruption.</p>		
7.16	<p>Cllr Robin Sanders said he raised the issue of Woodbridge crossing at the last meeting and the delay is substantially more than at Melton due to the signalling issues. He raised concerns about access issues and delays blocking crossings.</p>		
7.17	<p>Cllr Alexander Nicoll said the barriers at Woodbridge often come down up to three minutes before a train is even visible coming into the station, saying this needs to be looked at. Daniel Fisk (DF) said they can look at Saxmundham towards Woodbridge but the low line speed would not help as there is a fixed point in the line which starts the sequencing for the barriers to come down. Cllr Nicoll said this needs to be looked at, saying he uses the service, and it is about three minutes for the scheduled arrival train before the barriers come down and he would be interested to know why this does not happen at Melton. DF said Melton will have a different type to that at Woodbridge.</p>		
7.18	<p>Responding to Cllr Sanders on access issues, DF said they think it will be about eight or nine minutes for a train to go through. DF said he does not think there is a solution for this as the barriers need to be down for the trains to come through and stressed the need to look after the safety of the public at crossings. Cllr Sanders said he understands this but reiterated his point on access issues. Cllr Nicoll said there was a need to look at this in more detail.</p>		
8	Q&A via Town and Parish Council Representative – (Chair)		
8.01	<p>Submitted by Cllr Robin Sanders, Woodbridge Town Council</p> <p>“If the destination for an HGV is to a business park , such as that at Bentwaters Business Park, or other commercial premises to the north of the A14/A12 junction at Seven Hills, where goods will be temporarily stored or otherwise used to develop items to be eventually be delivered to</p>		

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	<p>Sizewell C, will that HGV movement be required to be registered, and the HGV monitored, by SZC? When such goods are to eventually delivered to Sizewell C from such locations, which generally will lie off the line of the designated route to Sizewell C will the delivery vehicle be able to select its route to the designated route or will that route be defined by SZC?"</p> <p>Answer: RB said SZC have no plans to utilise Bentwaters Business Park.</p> <p>Cllr Sanders said SZC's suppliers may have plans. RB said he was also speaking on behalf of SZC's suppliers. RB said all deliveries to the site will need to be booked on the delivery management system and will need to adhere to the HGV routes. If there is a request to deviate from that, it must go to the TRG for approval, saying there is a governance process for this. He said there is a slight caveat to this for local deliveries to ensure SZC do not preclude local businesses, but gave assurance that this would be small and should not cause concerns to communities. He said all vehicles are monitored and tracked on the system and included in the reports to the TRG, saying it is a transparent process.</p>		
8.02	<p>Submitted by Cllr Robin Sanders, Woodbridge Town Council</p> <p>"Where there is a prolonged issue with access along the A12 and the police set up a diversionary route, such as the B1438 through Woodbridge and Melton, will HGV remain precluded from use of the diversionary routes until such time as the A12 is reopened for traffic?"</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>RB said the Traffic Incident Management Plan sets out how SZC would respond to an incident on the highway. He explained that the first action would be to contact all suppliers to advise them of the incident and they would then advise their drivers to hold HGVs on the main construction site. He said there is an area in the Southern Park and Ride to hold vehicles in an emergency, as well as the Freight Management Facility. He said that SZC would not be diverting HGVs onto any diversion route in the event of an incident, explaining that the focus is on holding vehicles in the appropriate places until the incident is cleared and they can continue on the route. RB gave assurance that HGVs would not be diverted through minor roads.</p>		
8.03	<p>Submitted by Cllr Robin Sanders on behalf of Melton Parish Council</p> <p>"How long will it take for the Sizewell train to go over the A1152 Melton level crossing and what are arrangements with the emergency services for accessing properties on the Peninsular side of the track when the trains are passing through - and related to this - has there been any update about the noise concerns (trains sounding horns and level crossing alarms) when the trains are passing through settlements at nighttime?"</p> <p>Answer: Cllr Sanders agreed this was addressed in the meeting.</p>		
8.04	<p>Submitted by Cllr Robin Sanders on behalf of Melton Parish Council</p> <p>"Concerns have been raised about traffic (especially lorries) on local roads generated by Sizewell sub-contractors based in our local area, particularly at Bentwaters. What will SZC do to monitor this potential problem?"</p> <p>Answer: Cllr Sanders agreed this was addressed in the meeting.</p>		

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8.05	Cllr Alexander Nicoll said he received a message from the clerk of Milton Parish Council reporting that apparently there were some trains running through last night and also some horn blowing. He asked whether there were any Sizewell related trains on the line last night. SK said he was not aware of any Sizewell related trains.		
8.06	<p>Stephen Deaville said a community letter has been issued which specifies that on Tuesday 14th May there are likely to be some works happening. He said this is directly related to works around Saxmundham station.</p> <p>Cllr Nicoll requested a copy to be sent to him as the county councillor covering this area.</p> <p>Cllr Geraldine Barker said Saxmundham residents have not received any communications, adding that she has not received anything regarding the works taking place over the past four weeks.</p> <p>ACTION: Stephen Deaville said he would check the distribution of this correspondence.</p>	SD	
8.07	<p>Submitted by Clerk of Hacheston Parish Council</p> <p>Question 1: "We've had someone ask about the P&R routes at Hacheston/Wickham Market. Can you tell us which way cars are supposed to access it please?"</p> <p>Question 2: "We were discussing the traffic from the Charsfield direction on the B1078 going to the park and ride. In the original consultation they mentioned using a cut through Glevering and changing the road layout to the roundabout or taking all parking off the street in Wickham Market but nobody seems to know what the final decision was or if any decision was made!"</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>RB said the main access was highlighted on the slide. He said they are encouraging drivers to stay to the main roads A12 and A14. If someone is residing to the west of A12 and east of Coddenham then they are expected to travel to the Park and Ride from their residence on the most appropriate route.</p> <p>RB referred to the SZC public consultation to try to find a resolution to concerns about traffic flows and said they looked at a potential alternative route which was not optimal and did not get the support of the local community. He said that there is some loss of on street parking with the proposed Wickham Market scheme in order to deliver wider and improved pavements, crossing points and traffic calming.</p>		
8.08	Lucy Lavender said lower Hacheston is on the route and someone has put their own DIY speed camera along there.		
8.09	<p>Submitted by Cllr Tim Beach, Snape Parish Council</p> <p>"What progress has been made to follow up our request made at the AGM to carry out traffic monitoring on vulnerable and main roads?"</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>RB said this was covered and SZC wanted to ensure this was dealt with formally through the TRG. He said they have discussed it specifically within the group and it is minuted as an action. He said it is not limited to Snape Parish Council and they are looking at all the areas and routes</p>		

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	of concern to adopt an appropriate strategy to monitor the traffic situation as it develops. It will continue to be reported in the TRG minutes and will be transparent.		
8.10	<p>Submitted by Cllr Richard Cooper, Marlesford Parish Council</p> <p>“In the Directional Signage Principles (page 6) there is a clear statement that the success of the signage strategy in discouraging SZC/Southern Park and Ride traffic from using the B1078 will be monitored – how is the monitoring going to take place?”</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>RB said this comes back to the previous points, saying it could be from reports back from the parishes or reports into the TRG.</p> <p>Cllr Richard Cooper said it highlights the need to take monitoring seriously and there is a need to convene something on this soon. RB agreed.</p>		
8.11	<p>Submitted by Cllr Richard Cooper, Marlesford Parish Council</p> <p>“There seems to be a gap in the messaging under “Long-term temporary signs” – this may be because the Signage Strategy only show examples and it may be further expanded. However there appears to be good signage around the A14/A140/B1078 junctions for Sizewell C traffic but no mention of Southern Park and Ride, where the same principles should apply, ie For Southern Park and Ride follow A14 and A12 (N). Without such signage, traffic for the Park and Ride will use B1078. Will this issue be addressed?”</p> <p>Answer:</p> <p>RB said it is an evolving strategy and said signs have been put out and these will increase as they start to open up new sites. He said Cllr Cooper makes a good point about ensuring the Southern Park and Ride is referenced on the A14 and SZC will take action on this. He said SZC will continue to review and address this and can evolve the strategy as it goes forward. He said it is always helpful to get comments back.</p>		
9	Chair’s Concluding Remarks – (Chair)		
9.01	The Chair said that building on Cllr Michael Mahony’s comments, it would be appropriate to possibly invite someone from Scottish Power and National Grid to give their view on some of the cumulative impacts of some of the other projects in the area.		
9.02	Cllr Ian Norman raised concerns about the timing of work on the two-village by-pass. DP said construction will start once the archaeology and ecology works have finished.		
10	Date of next meeting: Wednesday 7th August at 18.30 – (Chair)		
10.01	<p>The dates of future Forum meetings were provided.</p> <p>Main Development Site Forum Tuesday 16th July 2024 Tuesday 15th October 2024</p>		



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	<p>Northern Transport Forum Wednesday 7th August 2024 Wednesday 6th November 2024</p> <p>Southern Transport Forum Wednesday 14th August 2024 Wednesday 13th November 2024</p> <p>The Chair noted that the meeting notes will be posted on the East Suffolk webpage.</p>		