

Meeting Note



Northern Transport Forum

Meeting Type:	Northern Transport Forum	Meeting held on:	Wednesday 6 th November 2024
Chair:	Brian Stewart, Chair	Council Representatives:	Cllr Ian Patterson representing Yoxford Parish Council Cllr Andrew Turner, Westleton Parish Council Cllr Sam Seddon representing Peasenhall Parish Council Cllr Matthew Saunders, Blythburgh Parish Council Cllr Paul Collins, Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council Cllr Traci Weaver, Kelsale-cum-Carlton Parish Council Cllr Josie Bassinette, Walberswick Parish Council Cllr Alexander Nicoll, Suffolk County Council Cllr Paul Ashton, East Suffolk Council Cllr Stuart Walmsley, Darsham Parish Council Steve Merry, Suffolk County Council, Highways Naomi Hayes, East Suffolk Council Carolyn Barnes, East Suffolk Council
Sizewell C Attendees:	Richard Bull, DCO Lead Marjorie Barnes, Head of READ Team 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 Zoe Botten, Community Relations Manager Darren Benford Brown, Community Safety Officer	Apologies and substitutions:	Cllr Charles Macdowell with Cllr Graham Lacey substituting for Middleton-cum-Fordley Parish Council Cllr Nicky Corbett with Cllr David Morsley substituting for Leiston Town Council
External Attendees:	Robyn Evans, SEC Newgate Rebecca Walker, SEC Newgate		

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Meeting note and matters arising from Northern Transport Forum (7th August 2024)
3. Report back from: Community Forum, Main Development Site Forum and Southern Transport Forum
4. Community Relations
5. Housing Fund
6. Road and Rail Updates
7. Traffic and Transport
8. Community Safety
9. Q&A via Town and Parish Council Representative
10. Dates of Future Meetings



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1	Welcome and Introductions – (Chair)		
1.01	<p>Brian Stewart, 'The Chair', opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.</p> <p>Several apologies and substitutions were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies from Cllr Charles Macdowell with Cllr Graham Lacey substituting • Apologies from Cllr Nicky Corbett with Cllr David Morsley substituting • Christine Redgrave is stepping down from Darsham Parish Council, with Stuart Walmsley serving as the new representative from Darsham Parish Council 		
1.02	The Chair introduced the Sizewell C team presenting at the Forum and ran through the meeting agenda.		
2	Meeting note and matters arising from Northern Transport Forum (7th August 2024) – Chair		
2.01	<p>The Chair moved the minutes from the previous meeting for their correctness. Cllr Paul Ashton seconded this. Cllr Ian Patterson noted that he attended the meeting, but this is not recorded in the attendee list.</p> <p>ACTION: It was agreed that the meeting note would be updated to reflect this, and the meeting note was approved.</p> <p>A slide was shown highlighting actions that have taken place following the last meeting.</p> <p>Item 2.02 – The Terms of Reference for the forum was sent to Paul Collins. AFTERNOTE: Cllr Collins confirmed that he has these now but by downloading them from the website not by having received them direct. The Chair then reiterated that these details are also on the website, but encouraged members to ask the SZC team if they need help finding any information.</p> <p>AFTERNOTE:</p> <p>Item 6.15 – With regard to a sign for the closure of Middleton Crossing, the Chair reported that the signs were in connection with the traffic management measures which were required to complete the UKPN works. It was confirmed that the works at Middleton Level Crossing have now been completed.</p> <p>Item 6.16 – The Chair said that speed enforcement will be covered in the police statement in the item on community safety at this evening's meeting.</p> <p>Item 6.20 – It was confirmed that the passenger handling plans in relation to the 9-day blockade of the East Suffolk Line next May/June are currently under review and will be communicated in due course.</p>		<p>Complete</p> <p>AFTERNOTE</p>



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	<p>Item 6.22 – With regard to the request for Average Speed Cameras in Darsham, the Chair said discussions with Suffolk County Council are ongoing. Steve Merry said these are discussions with the Police.</p> <p>Item 6.23 – There were calls for clarification on the Darsham Park & Ride dates as the slides showed different completion dates. The Chair said an update would be provided at this evening’s meeting.</p> <p>Item 6.24 – There were questions about whether passengers would be able to use Darsham car park from Q1 2026. The Chair said precise timings are still to be confirmed.</p> <p>Item 6.32 – The Chair said data for crash incidents in Darsham was provided by Steve Merry at the last meeting. Steve Merry provided the below information on this.</p> <p>AFTERNOTE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level Crossing: Contrary to public and Network Rail concerns there is no evidence in the data to suggest there is a significant road safety issue at the level crossing • A12 / C225 High Street Junction: A total of 5 injury related collisions including one serious. Possibly a common theme with rear end collisions with NB A12 traffic turning into the minor road. Check junction warning signs on the NB carriageway to see if any improvement necessary. • A12 / A144 Junction: A number of collisions here (6 resulting in slight injury) with a common theme of poor judgement turning out of the A144. Need to feed this through to the AD2 design team for consideration I A12/A144 junction design. <p>Item 6.36 – With regard to a question on the change to ACA caravan park and traffic flow, the Chair said this is a matter that will continue to be considered by the MDSF. The Chair said he would go on to refine what should be considered within each of the forums.</p> <p>Item 7.01 – On the representation of Middleton Parish Council on the B1125 Working Group, the Chair confirmed that bespoke meetings took place with Middleton Parish Council last week regarding works on the B1125.</p>		
2.02	<p>The Chair reflected on the purpose of the Northern Transport Forum, outlining the areas within its remit below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions between SZC and representatives from communities located in the immediate vicinity of the Northern Park and Ride • Yoxford Roundabout • Other highways improvement sites • Sizewell Link Road site • Provide project information in relation to relevant construction issues and progress • To enable local elected representatives to ask questions and raise issues of concern relating to road and rail specific to SZC construction 		



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform SZC on key issues affecting the local community in the immediate vicinity of the NTF Sites Find ways to minimise the impacts and maximise the benefits of the project to those living and working nearby. 		
2.03	<p>Cllr Paul Collins said the issue regarding the ACA was about the traffic changes.</p> <p>The Chair drew distinctions between the forums, saying discussions should be about the traffic and transport implications of the development proposals at this meeting, and anything to do with the development proposals is for the main site.</p> <p>Richard Bull (RB) said that as a project, SZC has not decided what it wants to do with this land. He said that there will either there be no change and something will be done within the confines of the DCO, or there will be plenty of information provided in the event that an alternative decision is taken. He said information will come through once the process starts.</p>		
3	Report back from: Community Forum, Main Development Site Forum and Southern Transport Forum – (Richard Knight)		
3.01	Richard Knight (RK) gave an update on the most recent Main Development Site Forum (15 October 2024), Community Forum (9 October 2024) and Southern Transport Forum (14 August 2024).		
3.03	The agendas and presentations can be found on the Sizewell C website and the meeting notes are located on the East Suffolk Council website.		
4	Community Relations – (Marjorie Barnes)		
4.01	Marjorie Barnes (MB) said the project received 205 enquiries over October, with over 70% either positive or neutral, and 21% negative. On the complaints received, MB said it is clear there are still concerns over vehicles and the routes they are taking, and also on some of the vegetation clearance in the area. She said the SZC team respond to all enquiries within an average of 2 working days.		
4.02	<p>MB reported that October had been a busy month for the Transport Working Groups. She noted that meetings were held with Leiston Town Council, Middleton, Westleton, Blythburgh and Walberswick Parish Councils outlining progress on road improvements that are planned for the A12, B1122 and B1125.</p> <p>SZC also attended the Darsham Parish Council meeting which included representatives from Yoxford Parish Council to give an update on progress and timelines on the Northern Park and Ride, Yoxford Roundabout and the Sizewell Link Road.</p>		
4.03	MB acknowledged the importance of minimising the impacts and maximising the benefits of the project for people in the local area. She said SZC are supporting improvements in local education, raising awareness and increasing engagement and are working with hard-to-reach groups to support next steps in education, training and employment.		



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	In October, SZC held its first careers fair, which saw over 200 local people attend and a number of supply chain representatives and social partners also in attendance. MB also informed the Forum that the annual skills implementation plan has been agreed with Suffolk County Council and the outreach programme with local schools and colleges has been signed off and is being put into action.		
4.04	<p>MB gave an update on the Sizewell C Community Fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £309,843 was awarded in Round 1 • Round 2 closed on 6th October with applicants contacted in January with decisions • Round 3 will close 18th January with applicants contacted in April with decisions • The team will be working with small organisations in the Leiston area over the next few months to ensure these are supported to apply for a grant. 		
5	Housing Fund – (Sarah Allison)		
5.01	<p>The Chair explained that as one of the signatories to the DCO and DoO East Suffolk Council as the housing authority has asked that the widest possible publicity is given to the Housing Fund. Sarah Allison (SA), operational lead for the private sector housing team at East Suffolk Council, gave an update on the Housing Fund provided by SZC to support the local housing market during the construction phases of the project.</p> <p>Increase supply of bedspaces in private housing: Applications are now open for two new grants to help East Suffolk homeowners get ready to rent out high quality accommodation to Sizewell C workers.</p> <p>Minor Works Grants: Up to £3,000 per bedroom is available to turn an unused bedroom into accommodation for a Sizewell C worker. This can cover things like repainting, new flooring, electrical upgrades, extra heating, new windows, or adding a washbasin.</p> <p>Renovation Grants: Up to £7,000 per bedroom is available for larger projects, including converting buildings to homes, structural work, electrical rewiring, heating installation, new windows and doors, plumbing, and adding kitchen or bathroom facilities. This grant can also be used to create shared accommodation - Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO).</p> <p>Further information on grant conditions and how to register an enquiry is available at: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/sizewell-c-housing-grants</p> <p>SA said that East Suffolk Council also have a housing advice team who are providing housing advice and homelessness services resilience measures, outlining further details on this. She also informed the Forum that work is underway to understand the current level of visitor accommodation across East Suffolk. Expertise has been brought in to assist in developing the required management plan in terms of best practice with regards to the planning, licensing and enforcement options. As part of this work, an approach will be developed to try to address any issues with capacity and affordability and any other impacts occurring as a result of the additional</p>		



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	demands. The project is being managed by the Tourism Fund Planning Manager and further information on this can be provided by the Economic Development Team.		
5.02	<p>Cllr Alexander Nicoll highlighted the recent Autumn Budget announcements and said some of the elements of this might not be very helpful for those wanting to let out property in the private sector. He asked whether the ESC housing team has undertaken any assessment into whether its measures might be counterweighted by some of the elements of the budget, such as private sector renting costs.</p> <p>SA said the grants are currently being provided for the private sector and ESC are looking to potentially extend the grants. At the moment, they are looking at more of a lodging option for individual homeowners in their homes.</p> <p>Cllr Nicoll said he would be interested to see whether there will be take up in the market.</p> <p>SA said ESC will be monitoring as the programme goes along and will be looking to see how effective the measures are.</p>		
5.03	<p>Cllr Traci Weaver asked whether ESC will also be working with housing associations on the homelessness prevention measures.</p> <p>SA said ESC are starting with private sector, with a view in the next six months to see if they can also work with housing associations.</p>		
5.04	<p>Cllr Andrew Turner asked who is funding the Housing Fund.</p> <p>SA confirmed that SZC are funding this.</p>		
5.05	<p>Cllr Matthew Saunders asked how these services are being publicised, saying ESC is not always easy to get hold of, particularly compared with other agencies who assist with homelessness.</p> <p>SA said ESC have just started a promotional scheme, with leaflets now available and information on the Council's website. She said leaflet drops will take place in areas local to Sizewell and Leiston, and the team are putting the leaflets in local libraries and contacting all the local Parish Councils to make them aware of these measures. She said it is still early days, and they have only been able to start taking applications in the last few days whilst the legal paperwork is being finalised.</p> <p>Cllr Saunders questioned whether leaflets in libraries would work, suggesting local pubs and shops would be a better way to reach people.</p> <p>SA said an article will be placed in the local magazine which is distributed to every household in East Suffolk. She added that ESC are looking at getting "boots on the ground" to speak to people and advertise the offer.</p>		
5.06	<p>Cllr Paul Collins asked whether ESC will be looking at the impacts of road and parking when considering who is applying for the grants. He said one of the biggest issues at Hinkley was blocked roads.</p> <p>SA said that is something that ESC have said they will look at if it proves necessary.</p> <p>Cllr Collins said a lot of the roads do not have parking spaces, and needs to be looked at, reiterating that it was a big issue in Bridgwater.</p>		
5.07	<p>Cllr Alexander Nicoll spoke about the pressure that HMOs can put on communities in terms of the strain on local services, as well as the parking point.</p> <p>The Chair said there is a difference between an HMO and someone renting a vacant room.</p>		



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6	Road and Rail Updates – (David Peacop and Stephen Keighley)		
6.01	<p>A fly through video of the main site was shown to members. David Peacop (DP) said the team are aiming to produce one of these videos on a regular basis to show the work that is taking place on the project.</p> <p>Updates were provided on the Northern Park and Ride early works, Yoxford Roundabout early works and main works, Sizewell Link Road early works and main works, main development site roads early works and main development site utilities.</p> <p>DP explained that local road improvement schemes are in procurement. Typical improvements include new and enhanced pedestrian footways and crossings, new road surfacing, village gateways, safety improvements and side road visibility. An update was provided on Orwell Logistics Park. DP also said SZC are working with Steve Merry and Suffolk Police to minimise speed wherever they can.</p>		
6.02	<p>DP said SZC are working with other infrastructure projects on a variety of topics, including communications and community engagement and logistics to understand planning and timelines. He highlighted the Suffolk County Council Major Road Network Scheme (MRN)</p> <p>Specific projects SZC are engaging with include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Grid Ventures (Lion Link); National Grid Electricity Transmission (Sea Link); Scottish Power (Nautilus) • Each project is at different stages of their DCOs • In Sizewell C regular contact with Scottish Power Renewables and joined up with Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council • Ensuring that each other’s DCO do not overlap, and works complement and do not duplicate • Scottish Power attends the Transport Review Group • Working groups on logistics and communications up and running - Road management - Abnormal Indivisible Loads coordination <p>AFTERNOTE: On receipt of the draft meeting note, Cllr Paul Collins suggested that the Scottish Power project was (EA1N and EA2)” and not Nautilus as listed in the slide.</p>		AFTERNOTE
6.03	<p>Rail Scope Overview Stephen Keighley (SK) gave an update on rail.</p> <p>East Suffolk line Upgrades:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level Crossing Upgrades • Track Works • Additional Signals <p>Rail – East Suffolk (ESK) line Rail Delivery – Construction Phases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saxmundham Junction – Upgrade existing junction • Sizewell Branch line – Track upgrade, Level crossing upgrade (7Nr) and signalling upgrade 		



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACA Sidings – Temporary sidings (3Nr) Green Rail Route – Temporary connection to TCA New level crossings (2Nr) TCA Sidings – Temporary sidings (8Nr) East Suffolk line – Level Crossing upgrades (11Nr), track upgrades, signalling upgrade 		
6.04	<p>Cllr Matthew Saunders said a lot of the information shared during the presentation was interesting and some of what was said would go a fair way to putting minds at rest, or at least explaining the reasons behind the works, for example the sudden cutting of trees at Yoxford. He stressed the importance of communication and suggested information boards would be a good way of informing people of works.</p> <p>DP asked Cllr Saunders where information boards would be best placed.</p> <p>Cllr Saunders suggested towards Yoxford, possibly in one of the laybys further back into Darsham, adding that it must be somewhere where people can stop. He also said some of the explanations as to why SZC are having to cut vegetation, as well as the archaeology results, will be interesting for local people.</p> <p>MB agreed with Cllr Saunders’ points, saying some of the parish noticeboard type comms is a grassroots way of getting directly to people. On the archaeology points, she said SZC have an agreement in place with Oxford Cotswold Archaeology, with plans to hold some outreach events across the parishes.</p> <p>AFTERNOTE: The team are working to identify locations and content for information noticeboards.</p>	AFTERNOTE	
6.05	<p>Cllr Andrew Turner said there are a number of parish magazines and websites and SZC could offer to pay for space in these. The Chair said this was a good suggestion.</p> <p>AFTERNOTE: It was confirmed that both the Yoxmere Fisherman and the Tide Collection magazines will be publishing community updates.</p>	SZC Team ACTIONED	
6.06	<p>Cllr Josie Bassinette called on SZC to calm down its “boosterism”, arguing that communication could be improved by focusing on the impacts of the project that people are feeling in the area.</p> <p>Cllr Saunders said the way David Peacop was presenting earlier, is in significant contrast to the boosterism approach and is a more effective way of communicating with people.</p> <p>MB said the next newsletter from the project will be heavily construction focused. She understood Cllr Bassinette’s point about PR but argued that it is also important for people to hear about the opportunities that the project is bringing, acknowledging that there is a balance that needs to be met.</p>		
6.07	<p>Cllr Stuart Walmsley said there is lot to absorb in the meetings and communicate back to a parish. He said the pace of works since the last meeting is significant and said it would be helpful to have an update from the groups working on ecology, suggesting they attend one of the meetings in future.</p> <p>AFTERNOTE: On agenda for the next Northern Transport Forum</p>	AFTERNOTE	
6.08	<p>Cllr Andrew Candler said Willowmarsh Lane was closed 2-3 times but with no notification and called for improved communication and notification on road closures.</p>		



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6.09	Cllr Traci Weaver said SZC relies on the works tracker and social media, but a lot of people do not use those channels and reiterated that sometimes more old-fashioned methods are helpful. MB said SZC would be fully supportive of this and welcomed the comments made by members throughout the meeting on alternative communication methods.		
6.10	Cllr Paul Collins spoke on clearing vegetation and said people will be looking for some kind of reassurance that the re-planting and restitution work will be ongoing. He asked what plans there are to do this. RB offered assurance that SZC is considering this and is committed to leaving a legacy as a project. He said SZC are working closely with the officers at ESC and SCC on the highway schemes and ensuring there is clarity on the landscape schemes.		
6.11	Cllr Collins asked about the closure of Eastbridge Road for two to four weeks and said this cannot be shut permanently. ACTION: DP said SZC are looking not to close it and that he would come back with details on the partial closure. AFTERNOTE: on Agenda for next Northern Transport Forum.	ACTION DP AFTERNOTE	
6.12	Cllr Paul Ashton said there has been a noticeable improvement in community relations since the first meetings. He put on record his thanks to SZC for stepping up, but acknowledged that there is still more to do.		
6.13	Carolyn Barnes said there had been a number of comments made in relation to landscaping. She agreed with RB that there has been a significant number of meetings looking at landscaping as part of the road schemes and how the crossover of the landscaping works. She said that as the enforcing authority, ESC will have discharges which relate to landscaping and will be looking to ensure there are appropriate maintenance programmes associated with those and that there will also be monitoring associated with this.		
6.14	Cllr Alexander Nicoll said there is a need to identify where the current noticeboards are and to assess whether they are in the right location, as well as making sure they do not include out of date communications. On re-planting, he said the quality of new plants is important and they should be significant and varied. With regard to other NSIPs in the area, he said there is also a need to consider some of the smaller scale projects, such as residential housing developments, as they are small compared with SZC but will still cause issues for people.		
6.15	Steve Merry said there have been some lively engagements between highways engineers, with the environmental team pushing the engineers to deliver the best landscaping possible. He also said there are plans for more of a performance-based management system, so all landscaping is reviewed at the end of the 5-year maintenance period. He said there is a lot of work coming forward on the A12 B1122 and asked that SZC start talking about managing these impacts at the next meeting. ACTION: DP said he would take this as an action for the next NTF meeting.	DP	



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7	Traffic and Transport – (Rebecca Quig and Steve Merry)		
7.01	<p>Rebecca Quig (RQ) introduced herself and outlined her role and responsibilities as Transport Coordinator.</p> <p>Transport Monitoring Reporting Q3 2024 RQ updated on the average and maximum daily HGV movements, average HGV movements and compliance breaches for Q3 2024 and average and maximum LGV movements. All data is available on East Suffolk Council's website.</p> <p>Wider Traffic Monitoring RQ gave an update on wider traffic monitoring and traffic count sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 count sites agreed with local parish councils • First surveys complete: summary of data to be provided in November • Ongoing annual counts in April and October • Single set of summer counts in August 2025 • Four permanent SCC counter sites (green) to monitor seasonal changes <p>Transport Working Groups Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leiston – Meeting to discuss design updates: 3 October 2024 • B1122 – Next meeting date in discussion • B1125 – In person walkthrough of B1387 with Blythburgh and Walberswick Parish Councils: 30 September 2024 • Meeting to discuss the Westleton Scheme and Middleton Footways: 31 October 2024 • Marlesford and Little Glemham – Next meeting date in discussion • Wickham Market – Design feedback received: 1 October 2024 and next meeting date in discussion • Yoxford – Meeting in November to update <p>Transport Review Group General Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport Monitoring Report high level data will be made available on a monthly basis (with a more in-depth report presented quarterly at the TRG) • Next Transport Review Group is scheduled for 16th January 2025 due to the Christmas break • Transport Review Group meetings will be scheduled for 2025 before the end of the year • Transport Working Group meetings will be scheduled for 2025 before the end of the year 		
7.02	<p>Cllr Traci Weaver said it is difficult to find the TRG items on East Suffolk website and said it would be helpful to publish a link so people can easily access them. Cllr Weaver also said she has been involved in traffic monitoring, asking whether there is any indication that numbers are higher than expected. RQ said she does not yet have the data.</p>		
7.03	<p>Cllr Matthew Saunders highlighted the reference to the B1387 and how that interplays with the B1125, and said the experience with the B1387 is illustrative of a wider problem. He raised the issue of funding to maintain the roads. RB said this is a good point and that SZC are committed to finding a solution to that road. He said it should be included in the scheme and it will have funds attached to it.</p>		



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	He said there is a need to ensure they are listed in the agreement to provide assurance that there is funding to maintain the road for the duration of the project.		
8	Community Safety – (Darren Benford-Brown)		
8.01	Darren Benford-Brown (DBB) gave an update on community safety. He outlined the code of conduct, which he said will soon be available on the Sizewell C website. DBB then went on to read out a statement on behalf of Suffolk Constabulary regarding policing support.		
8.02	Cllr Alexander Nicoll said DP previously reported that one or two people had been removed from the project for speeding. He asked whether there have been any further instances. DP said there have been no further instances in the last few months.		
8.04	Cllr Matthew Saunders reiterated that it is the police who have the primary enforcement powers, and it would therefore be useful if they attended forum meetings. The Chair said he made the same point previously and that SZC would follow this up, even if it resulted in a representative attending the forums once a year. Cllr Alexander Nicoll said it should have been followed up before. MB confirmed that it has already been followed up in the past and offered assurance that SZC would look at it again. ACTION: DBB said would feed this back in his next weekly meeting. ACTON: The Chair said he would write to Suffolk Constabulary on this. AFTERNOTE: Actioned: Independent chair wrote to the Chief Constable and received a response to be shared at the forum (5 Feb 2025)	DBB & Chair AFTERNOTE	
9	Q&A via Town and Parish Council Representatives – (Chair)		
9.01	Submitted by Cllr Nicky Corbett, Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council “The scale of work at the rail compound in Buckleswood Road is greater and will take longer than we had anticipated. The HGV route - up to 10 deliveries at peak - is through residential roads in Leiston. Presumably, this is also the advisory route for contractors, small delivery vehicles and buses. Will the Transport Review Group monitor the traffic movements on this route? In addition, will the surface condition along Abbey Road, at the level crossing, along Station Road, Waterloo Avenue and Saxmundham Road be monitored, and repairs carried out as and when needed?” Answer: SK said there is an error in the question as it states that the access to HGVs is through residential roads within Leiston. He clarified that the approved route for all contractor vehicle movements to the Buckleswood Compound is through Saxmundham Road Level Crossing down Buckleswood Road through the north. AFTERNOTE: NC clarified that there was not an error in the question as stated in the draft meeting note. Following double-checking, the approved route does go through residential roads, route being the B1122, Waterloo Avenue and up to the level crossing and NC requested that this clarification was made in the final meeting note.	AFTERNOTE	



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9.02	<p>Submitted by Cllr Nicky Corbett, Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council “In addition, we have concerns about the increased traffic at the right turn on a blind corner at the gatehouse on the B1119, especially during the winter months. Will this be traffic controlled?”</p> <p>Answer: SK said SZC will be monitoring to make sure those approved routes are complied with and will be recording numbers of vehicles coming to and from the site. SK said the blind corner route being referred to is the Saxmundham Road Level Crossing and at the moment, SZC are not planning to traffic control it, but will monitor it and if there is any problem will consider putting some further control in there.</p>		
9.03	<p>Submitted by Cllr Sam Seddon, Peasenhall Parish Council “Could the forum supply an illustration of the 'SZC' identification plate and provide details of where this will be placed on vehicles, so that we may inform residents of where to look.”</p> <p>Answer: An image was shown.</p>		
9.04	<p>Cllr Andrew Candler said it needs to be on the front as well and should be bigger, especially on HGVs. DP said there is nowhere it can be put on the front for an LGV. On an HGV, they will probably put something on the front. There was a suggestion that could put it elsewhere, for example in windows. ACTION: DP said he would take the action to consider this.</p>	DP	
9.05	<p>Cllr Andrew Turner sought clarity that all HGVs coming to site will be labelled with the SZC logo. DP said all regular deliveries will have the logo. Cllr Turner asked what percentage of HGVs. DP did not have the exact figure for this. Cllr Turner agreed that stickers on the front would be good, particularly for community speed watch teams as it would allow people to log vehicles as they come towards them.</p>		
9.06	<p>Cllr Sam Seddon, Peasenhall Parish Council pre-submitted this question: “Are they in use yet and will these only be displayed on vehicles over 3.5 tonnes GVW or on all SZC vehicles of any size?”</p> <p>But following the questions (9.03/9.04 /9.05), asked for points of clarification:</p> <p>“Are all HGVs coming to site will be labelled? Answer: DP confirmed that all regular deliveries will be labelled</p> <p>“What percentage of HGVs do you think will be ‘regular’? Answer: DP said he did not know.</p> <p>Cllr Seddon welcomed the idea of having labels on the front vehicles so community speed watch can identify SZC vehicles as they approach.</p>		



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9.07	<p>Submitted by Kelsale-cum-Carlton Parish Council “Residents in Kelsale-cum-Carlton are extremely concerned about the significant increase in traffic both on the A12 and local roads. A resident in North Green has services located under the A12 and the foundation of their property is on sand. If there is any maintenance issue or damage to either their services or their foundation caused by the increased heavy traffic and resultant vibrations, what assistance, financial or otherwise, can SZC offer?”</p> <p>Answer: RB said this is about concerns regarding potential damage to properties and traffic volumes increasing. He said this is something SZC have discussed recently with Marlesford and Little Glemham Parish Council representatives on behalf of some residents along the A12. He said the SZC noise and vibration expert discussed the concerns with representatives and that they could do this again with anyone who has concerns. RB encouraged people to go through Marjorie Barnes and Richard Knight to set up such a meeting. He also said that if a homeowner is concerned, it might be worth getting a property survey done to benchmark the property’s condition and where it might be in a few years.</p>		
9.08	<p>Submitted by Kelsale-cum-Carlton Parish Council “At our recent PC meeting, residents close to the SLR construction site reported that they are experiencing adverse mental health issues, some severe. What support will SZC offer to local residents to assist them in coping with the stress of having the largest construction project in Europe being on their back door?”</p> <p>Answer: MB said SZC are very mindful of the pressures on local communities as they are building the project, and highlighted the mitigations in the Deed of Obligation as well as the Community Fund. Cllr Weaver said better communication would go a long way on this as well.</p>		
9.09	<p>Submitted by Cllr Graham Lacey, Middleton-cum-Fordley Parish Council “The 700m of the B1125 from its junction with the B1122 to the start of the Middleton village 30mph zone is currently set at the national 60mph speed limit. This is dangerous, including as it does a 90 degree bend accident blackspot. Will Sizewell C support an application to change this short section to 30mph?”</p> <p>Answer: RB explained that it is complicated as SZC do not have powers within the DCO to do this and would therefore need a discussion with Suffolk Constabulary to understand the accident rate and how dangerous this road is, and they would need to bring Steve Merry into the discussion. He said SZC are happy to play their part in this conversation. Steve Merry said he would be happy to look into this with Sizewell C. He said that a speed limit reduction seems reasonable, but perhaps not to 30mph.</p>		
9.10	<p>Submitted by Cllr Graham Lacey, Middleton-cum-Fordley Parish Council “Will Sizewell C put pressure on Suffolk Police for higher levels of speed enforcement on the B1122 especially at rush hour periods?”</p> <p>Answer: DBB said the abnormal load teams also undertake traffic enforcement. He referred to the statement from Suffolk Constabulary encouraging people to report traffic issues and stated that they have not seen any online reports on speeding along the B1122 in recent months.</p>		



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9.11	<p>Cllr Lacey said people are experiencing overtaking and warned there will be an accident sooner or later.</p> <p>Cllr Matthew Saunders argued it is no good saying the words written by Suffolk Constabulary, arguing that people in Blythburgh have been encouraging the police to do serious traffic enforcement for years. He said that when people try to engage with the police they do nothing and it is not convincing to hear assurances when the experience of the last decade is that nothing happens.</p> <p>DBB said he could not comment on where Suffolk Police deploy. However, he said that he has been overtaken on that road before and part of his role is to provide feedback and report speeding concerns to the police in his weekly meetings. He encouraged people to report concerns online in order for Suffolk Police to act.</p> <p>Cllr Saunders said people do and nothing happens.</p>		
9.12	<p>DBB said the AIL teams do active enforcement when they are not handling the AIL movements.</p> <p>Cllr Lacey said it is difficult to do this as a lone driver and record the details when driving.</p> <p>Cllr Paul Ashton suggested that when the Chair writes a letter to Suffolk Police, he could remind them that they have received a lot of funding from Sizewell to police the additional impacts of the project and that turning up to the meetings would be a good way to spend this money.</p> <p>ACTION: The Chair committed to doing this.</p>	Chair	
10	Dates of Future Meetings – (Chair)		
10.01	<p>It was confirmed that the next Northern Transport Forum would take place on 5th February 2025. The Forum schedule for 2025 was provided.</p>		