

THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL, THEBERTON ON WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2023 AT 7:00 PM.

1. Attendance and apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Stephen Brett – Chair
Cllr. Hilary Ward – Vice Chair
Cllr. Bob Flindall
Cllr. Hazel Collins
Cllr. Daryl Ash
Cllr. Paul Collins
Cllr. Steven Morphey
Cllr. Nat Bacon
Cllr. Graham Ward

Apologies for absence:

District Cllr. Katie Graham
District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock

Members of the public:

Four members of the public were in attendance.

In attendance:

Honor Houlding - Clerk/RFO
County Cllr. Richard Smith
District Cllr. Tom Daly
Sizewell C. Richard Knight
Sizewell C. Zoe Botten
Sizewell C. David Peacop
Sizewell C. Spencer Bowdler
Sizewell C. Tim Newton

2. To receive declarations of interest and to consider requests for dispensations.

None.

3. Public Forum

- a) To receive presentation from Sizewell C Richard Knight and Zoe Botten.

Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council welcomed Richard Knight (Senior Community Relations Manager), Zoe Botten (Community Relations Manager,) David Peacop (Site Operations Director), Spencer Bowdler (Site Operations Site Lead) and Tim Newton (Site Head of Security) to the meeting.

Richard Knight introduced the presentation which has been adapted and presented at Parish and Town Council meetings in East Suffolk to provide an update on the Sizewell C development.

The presentation slides are available on the Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council website.

ACTION: Clerk to add the Sizewell C presentation slides to the Parish Council website under the Energy Projects section.

Richard Knight explained the importance of effective relationships between local Council's and the Sizewell C development over the expected ten year project. Mutual respect, consistent communications and thorough accountability by the Sizewell Community Relations Team are hugely important factors to develop respect of the infrastructure project taking place in communities.

Richard Knight continued by introducing the legally binding Development Consent Order, DCO which addresses the wider impacts and concerns during the consultation period that Sizewell C, including additional accommodation and housing, noise mitigation, transport and traffic strategies and the commencement of community funding. He added that Sizewell C have already commissioned four additional police officers in Leiston, to police the area and therefore

not be pulling on Suffolk County Council's emergency service resources. The DCO is intended to be triggered in early 2024.

A member of the public referred to the Works Traffic website which has been updated and states that every project will commence work on the 4th of January 2024 and be completed by September 2032. They continued to express concern that if the DCO is intended to be triggered in early 2024, this could be before the final investment decision is made and that although the works currently under way are said to be reversible, would this still be the case once the DCO is triggered. Richard Knight confirmed the triggering of the DCO would mean that the next phase of construction will begin which is the work Sizewell C have been instructed to commence and complete.

There will be a structured process to engage with communities in the area which include the introduction of 4 forums that plan to meet throughout the year. A Northern Transport Forum, Southern Transport Forum and Main Site Forum which will meet quarterly and an annual Sizewell C Forum and AGM. Alongside Parish and Town Council representatives, East Suffolk Council, the Office of Nuclear Regulation, and the Environment Agency which is to be held each April. The forums will offer the opportunity for Town and Parish Council's to hold robust discussions, share concerns and regularly escalate any issues. The forums will be open to residents to attend.

Richard Knight explained the associated developments around Sizewell C which are necessary to improve the local infrastructure to support the build. He noted that 60% of building materials are planned to arrive by train and sea therefore 40% to arrive by road, which means that improvements to the A12 including the bypass of Stratford St Andrew and Farnham. The Sizewell Link Road is also planned to connect south of Yoxford to the site to address this. Along with the commencement of the Suffolk Rail Line from Saxmundham to Sizewell to assist with freight management and impact to traffic in the area.

Commencement to works in Leiston to the auxiliary construction area have begun preparations for construction and the Marsh Harrier Reserve project has now been completed to address the conservation issues surrounding the project.

Richard Knight introduced the temporary accommodation campus which is to be situated in Eastbridge to accommodate up to 2400 workers which is of particular concern to Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council. The campus will house accommodation, restaurants, recreational buildings, car parking facilities and utilities for workers throughout the ten year project. David Peacop also introduced Operation Saxophone, which is planned for BT to improve broadband services and 5g connection in the area which will also benefit the Parish and confirmed that the campus will be deconstructed and removed as soon as it is no longer required. A Councillor raised a question with regards to how the workers will arrive each week to the campus and travel to the construction site of Sizewell C each day. David Peacop explained the campus will eventually be part of the Sizewell C site and that therefore will not affect the local road network and that security workers will manage the site, controlling access points in and out of the campus.

A question with regards to the layout of the site and the suggested two storey car park sparked concern for light pollution with car headlamps transmitting light across properties in Eastbridge. David Peacop offered to attend the Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council meeting on 10th of January to present the construction plans for the temporary accommodation campus.

Cllr. Robert Flindall also expressed his concern over the noise of construction vehicles, in particular their reverse alarms being heard 24 hours a day. David Peacop confirmed that legislation had been changed and that no reversing alarms would be used on site.

ACTION: Clerk to organise David Peacop to attend the Parish Council meeting on 10th of January.

Concerns with regards to the workforce and the legacy the workers left during the construction of Sizewell B have led to a robust Code of Conduct for all Sizewell C workers to adhere to. All workers whether they are administrative,

management or work in construction must sign the Code of Conduct and will be reprimanded if any part of the agreement is breached. This includes a good neighbour's scheme, addressing Intoxication with the implementation of alcohol and drug testing and forbidding any anti-social behaviour.

Cllr. Robert Flindall questioned as to why he had to wait three months for an answer with regards to the community consultation strategy when contacting Sizewell C. Zoe Botten informed the Parish Council that soon there will be a 24 hour phone line available to answer all questions and complaints and that residents are welcome at the Sizewell C Office on the High Street in Leiston at any time. A member of the public mentioned their experience of attending the Leiston office and that after no response from them after five working days she contacted the County Council to address the issue. David Peacop agreed that waiting for a response to a complaint for more than twelve hours was unacceptable and that in the meantime, before the hot line is live, he would be happy for residents to contact him directly with urgent noise and site complaints.

A conversation was held with regards to the planned caravan accommodation on the outskirts of Theberton with a park and ride service into the Sizewell C Main Development site and how this will be controlled before and after the implementation of the North and South park and ride services.

One member of the public requested that a speed camera to be set up on the B1122 from 6am to 7.30am to monitor the quantity and speed of lorries travelling through the village. This appears to be the busiest time and that the drivers may be taking advantage of the half-light and early travel time. They continued to explain that they had requested a speed camera with local law enforcement, however had been told that traffic enforcement officers do not begin duty until 7.30am.

Cllr. Nat Bacon drew attention to the noticeable increase in traffic on the B1125 cut through from the A12 at Blythburgh to the B1122 between Middleton Moore and Theberton. He explained he had experienced a queue of over 100 cars, this is before the project has officially begun and that more information was required from Sizewell C on how they will monitor all vehicles, not only lorries and HGVs travelling to the Main Development site.

Richard Knight explained how traffic controls in the locality had begun, including the reduction of the speed limit on Lover's Lane. The briefing of all contractors and staff with regards to recommended access and adhering to speed limits is strongly demonstrated in the Code of Conduct. He continued to ensure the Council that the Sizewell Link Road would ease this pressure. Cllr. Nat Bacon questioned this as the B1125 cut through is and will always be a shorter route to the B1122 and therefore always a possible cut through for all Sizewell C workers. David Peacop assured the Council that a sign would be installed at the entrance to the B1125 at Blythburgh to discourage Sizewell C workers from using this route.

Cllr. Paul Collins asked when the Sizewell Link Road construction would begin and when Theberton B1122 will receive their 20mph speed limit. David Peacop explained that they are waiting on timescales from BT with regards to the laying of broadband cables as to avoid building the road to then dig channels for the new broadband in time to come.

Cllr. Robert Flindall expressed concern that the police and public bodies are already under economical pressure and how can Theberton and Eastbridge be certain that there will be an increase in traffic and speed controls in the area. David Peacop confirmed that they could monitor and enforce speed restrictions on the communities affected and perhaps that average speed cameras could be a suitable solution.

Cllr. Stephen Brett introduced the intention for other energy infrastructures including SeaLink for using the Sizewell C facilities such as the park and ride at Nacton, Ipswich. He asked how will this impact the delivery of Sizewell C if both projects are sharing their devised facilities to cope with the development and traffic. Richard Knight assured the Council that Sizewell are already working closely with the other projects, as well as national and district councils to ensure relationships and logistical plans are robust enough to not be affected with incorporating the use of these facilities. The transport forums will also allow all projects to share their strategies and welcome questions from the public and Parish and Town council representatives.

Cllr Stephen Brett spoke on how the sluice path from Eastbridge to the seafront has suffered in the floods and has become impassable for extended periods of time in recent months. As has the New Cut at Eastbridge. He continued to explain that he had recently drawn this to the attention of Sizewell C and shown them the flooded areas because the path is a popular route used by residents and visitors alike and provides the closest access to the sea front from the Parish. Spencer Bowdler explained that he had spoken with stake holders and although there will no immediate action he will begin to engage with local landowners and formulate a plan on how the footpath can be protected for year-round use.

It was questioned when the Kenton Hills footpaths and Sandlings Walk would reopen. Spencer Bowdler apologised for the delays to reopening the footpaths due to the wet weather in the recent months and confirmed that they would reopen soon. A member of the public requested whether the signage could be changed with a retrospective future date of opening, which Spencer confirmed had already been completed in the past few days.

Cllr Hilary Ward mentioned the conservation site at Wild Aldhurst and how the Harris fencing and works appear to have begun very close if not at the conservation site. Sizewell C confirmed that the wildlife mitigation area has not and will not be interfered with.

A question was raised with regards to protecting Sizewell B and the increased risk of terrorism at the site once up to 10,000 workers will be allowed access to the proximity of Sizewell B. Tim Newton explained that there is a consistent, well vetted, security staffing programme already in place. He confirmed that all staff working on Sizewell C will be vetted under nuclear license; an enhanced level of security and undergo training as if they were working on an active nuclear site such as Sizewell B.

The above listed Sizewell C attendees left the meeting along with the four members of public.

ACTION: clerk to summarise action points from the Sizewell C presentation and circulate as appropriate.

b) Members of the public may address the Council on any agenda item.

4 members of the public present.

c) To receive a report from the County Councillor.

County Cllr. Richard Smith began his report by explaining the difficult times ahead with regard to the development of SeaLink in Saxmundham.

He continued to with the continued effects flooding since storm Babet; 1900 premises were flooded throughout Suffolk including 1700 private dwellings. The County Council resources are at full capacity with the clearing of culverts and ditches. Those that have already witnessed flooding are very worried it will happen again. There have been considerable road closures due to flooding in East Suffolk. Grants are available to those affected of £500 to flooded with up to £5,000 per property available over time in order to make properties more flood resistant. County Cllr. Richard Smith explained that in his 14 years in the role he has never experienced flooding on this scale and with the intense severity, meaning that detailed investigations will take place. The County Council usually expect 3 investigations per year, however since storm Babet they are expecting 200 investigations in the coming months. Cllr. Stephen Brett asked whether the Environment Agency would also have a shared responsibility to the effects of flooding in the area, however County Cllr. Richard Smith explained it would predominantly be the Council's responsibility to resolve the continued pressure of flooding.

County Cllr. Richard Smith told the Council that the balanced budget will be agreed at the full council meeting on 15th December. He continued to say that there is presently an overspend of £20,000,000 this year because of the demand for youth care. There is much higher spending than previously expected which has been made more prominent by the increase in prices and inflation. He explained that there will be a very robust budget set for 2024/2025 with reductions in services and to expect Council Tax Rates to increase. He expects that the full information will be in the public domain by 3rd January 2024.

Cllr. Paul Collins made County Cllr. Richard Smith and the Council aware that neither Theberton and Eastbridge or Middleton Parish Council had thus far received an invitation to the Sizewell C Transport Forum which would undoubtedly lead to the advance of the 20mph speed limit on the B1122 within the Parish.

County Cllr. Richard Smith agreed that both Middleton and Theberton and Eastbridge should be involved and would ensure an invitation would be sent to both.

ACTION: Clerk to email Richard Smith requesting invitation to the Sizewell C Transport Forum.

d) To receive reports from the District Councillors.

District Cllr. Tom Daly began by discussing flooding initiatives and the money which will be becoming available via DEFRA flood recovery grants. East Suffolk Council are helping flooded communities and affected households and explained that affected residents are welcome to apply online or by telephone. He continued to confirm that action is required to resolve the continued flooding in the area, including communication more openly with stakeholders including farmers on biodiversity gain and the overall management of the land to resist soil flowing on to roads and enhancing biodiversity. He explained a more holistic approach would be taken by those involved.

District Cllr. Tom Daly introduced a Festive Free Parking Campaign taking place between 12pm and 6pm on Saturday 16th December across the District.

There is a public campaign on polling stations where residents are encouraged to 'have their say' on polling stations across East Suffolk.

East Suffolk Council have responded to the governments initiative to create more oil licenses, to no longer accept new tenancies from companies who produce oil and gas. Green companies will in the future be prioritised for new tenancies in the district.

4. Minutes and Matters Arising

a) To approve as accurate the minutes of the meeting on 8th November 2023.

It was proposed by Cllr. Graham Ward and seconded by Cllr. Steve Morphey and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2023 to be signed as a true record. All in favour.

b) Matters arising.

None.

5. Energy Projects

a) To receive an update from Cllr. Paul Collins.

Cllr. Paul Collins Energy Projects Report for December 2023 is attached as **Appendix I**.

Cllr. Paul Collins began by discussing the imminent SeaLink consultation response which is due on or before the 18th of December 2023.

He continued to discuss the exhibition attended with Cllr. Stephen Brett, which appeared to show that the SeaLink will have minimal impact on our Parish compared to the development of Sizewell. Cllr. Nat Bacon explained that the cumulative impact is significant to our area due to the transformer stations being incredibly large, transport networks must be large enough to cope with the structures which can be unreliable and subject to failures.

Cllr. Paul Collins continued to explain that although the impact of SeaLink is minimal, that other Parishes have signed up to support Saxmundham Town Council in solidarity against SeaLink and further developments in the area.

The Council voted that they agreed in sending a solidarity statement against the development of the SeaLink project. All in favour.

ACTION: Paul to write statement of solidarity in response to the SeaLink consultation and circulate with the Council ahead of the deadline on the 18th of December.

Cllr. Paul Collins continued to explain that once again, Andrew Bowie was supposed to be attending a Suffolk meeting today, which he again did not attend. Which he feels is showing a strong message that he is not prepared to show his face in the areas affected by the planned national energy infrastructures.

Cllr. Paul Collins explained we have invitations to nominate Councillors to attend each of the three Sizewell C Forums for Transport, Main Site Development and Sizewell C Forum's.

The Council voted to nominate Cllr. Paul Collins to attend the Northern Transport forum and nominated Councillor Stephen Brett to attend the Main Site Development and Sizewell C Forum's. All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to send Councillor nominations to each of the Sizewell C forums as above.

6. Planning

- a) DC/23/4199/FUL - Extend existing single storey extension on North side. Create a bathroom in existing utility room. Create new 'lean to' to form a utility room and larder on West side. Extend Kitchen / Dining Room on West side. Reinstate removed wall in passage at East end of the heritage asset. Flash Cottage, Flash Corner, Theberton, Leiston, Suffolk IP16 4RW.

Cllr. Robert Flindall summarised the above application as a modest extension to the existing detached listed building. The Council voted that they did not have an objection to the planning submission therefore no comments are required to be submitted. All in favour.

- c) SCC/0115/23/DOR - Sizewell C Nuclear Power Station.

Cllr. Robert Flindall summarised the above application as being subject to thorough archaeological assessments. The Council voted that they did not have any objections and therefore no comments are required to be submitted. All in favour.

- c) Draft Healthy Environment and Draft Rural Development Supplementary Planning Documents. Consultation ends on Wednesday 10th January 2024.

Cllr. Robert Flindall offered to address the Rural Development Supplementary Planning Document Consultation and present to the Council at our January meeting ahead of the 10th of January deadline.

ACTION: Cllr. Robert Flindall offered to address the Draft Healthy Environment and Rural Development Supplementary Planning Document Consultation and present to the Council at our January meeting ahead of the 10th of January deadline.

ACTION: Clerk to add the Draft Healthy Environment and Rural Development Supplementary Planning Document Consultation to January's Agenda.

- d) Update from East Suffolk Council Planning with regards to DC/23/3712/FUL - Change of use of existing car breakers and scrap metal yard to storage.

The clerk confirmed that no correspondence had been received in response to the above planning application.

ACTION: Clerk to request a response from ESC Planning with regards to DC/23/3712/FUL - Change of use of existing car breakers and scrap metal yard to storage.

- e) Local Validation List Consultation – Expires 2nd February 2024.

Cllr. Robert Flindall summarised the Local Validation List Consultation. The Council voted that they did not have any objections and therefore no comments are required to be submitted. All in favour.

7. Clerk/Councillors' Reports

Due to the scheduled Sizewell C presentation held at the beginning of this meeting, it was decided by the Council to not address the below items and instead add for discussion at the next Parish meeting scheduled to be held on the 10th of January 2024.

- a) Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Maintenance Volunteer Scheme and Strategic Objectives.
- b) Platinum Heritage Trail.
- e) Police Crime Report.

The Police Crime Report for October 2023 is attached as **Appendix II**.

- f) Speed Indicator Device.

The Speed Indicator Report for October 2023 is attached as **Appendix III**.

- g) Theberton Playing Field.
- h) Village Noticeboards refurbishments.
- i) The Village Hall Broadband Funding.
- j) Eastbridge Common, Silver Birch.
- k) Eastbridge Village Sign Triangle parking prevention.
- l) To review costs for maintenance of parish assets including tractor oil, diesel and strimming equipment and purchase of two bulb planters.
- m) To review costs of annual defibrillator support with Community Heartbeat.
- n) Clerk Training for VAT and Precept Planning.
- o) Support for Climate & Ecology Bill.
- p) Outstanding Actions List.

The Council addressed the following Councillor reports during the meeting held on the 13th of December 2023:

c) Community Council.

Cllr. Hilary Ward notified the Parish Council that at the recent Community Council meeting, The Community Council have agreed to pay towards half of the monthly broadband service in order to continue providing broadband for The Village Hall.

ACTION: Clerk to discuss with the Community Council Chairman as to how the Council would like to transfer the funds to pay for 50% of the broadband service in 2024.

Cllr. Hilary Ward went on to explain that the Community Council had also agreed to pay 50% of the planned website updates as per the Clerk report, at a cost of £500.00 therefore a cost of £250.00 to be paid for by the Community Council and £250.00 to be paid for by the Parish Council if the Parish Council decide to go ahead with the planned updates.

d) Newsletter and Website Update.

The Clerk presented the quotation received by Community Action Suffolk for the suggested website updates, of which a report had been circulated prior to the meeting with the Council. The website updates have also been agreed by the Community Council. The cost for updating the Parish Council website has been quoted at £200.00 for the rebuild and new design and an additional £300.00 to migrate the information from our current website, equating to a total of £500.00 to be split 50% between the Parish and Community Councils.

The Clerk continued to explain that the higher migration cost would mean that the history sections would also be kept and not lost in the migration.

The Parish Council agreed that transferring all the old information, including the history section of the website was important.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hilary Ward and seconded by Cllr. Steven Morphey to approve the website update and agree to contribute £250.00 to the website update project. All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to instruct Community Action Suffolk to commence works on the Parish Council website and request two invoices of £250.00 to be raised.

8. Parish Matters

Due to the scheduled Sizewell C presentation held at the beginning of this meeting, it was decided by the Council to not address the below items and instead add for discussion at the next Parish meeting scheduled to be held on the 10th of January 2024.

- a) Daffodil and Parish Planting.
- b) Theberton Woods Update.
- c) D Day 80 – Parish involvement.

9. Budget and Precept 2024-2025

- a) To consider the draft budget for the financial year 2024-2025.
- b) To set the parish precept for the financial year 2024-2025.

The supporting documentation sent to the Council by the Clerk on the 10th of December had experienced formatting issues making the document unreadable. Therefore, it was agreed at the meeting that the Clerk would recirculate to all Councillor's for review and discussed and agreed at our next meeting on the 10th of January 2024.

10. Administration

- a) To conduct the annual review of the Risk Assessment.

It was proposed by Cllr. Paul Collins and seconded by Cllr. Steven Morphey and to approve the annual Risk Assessment review. All in favour.

- b) To agree to appoint the Suffolk Association of Local Councils as internal auditor.

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins and appoint Suffolk Association of Local Councils as internal auditor. All in favour.

11. Finance

- a) To note the latest financial position.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hilary Ward and seconded by Cllr. Steven Morphey and it was agreed that the latest financial position to be a true record. All in favour.

- b) To ratify the following payments:

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Clerk Precept Training	SALC	£30.00	LGA 1972 s.111

It was proposed by Cllr. Hilary Ward and seconded by Cllr. Daryl Ash and agreed the authorisation of the payment above. All in favour.

- c) To authorise the following payments:

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Clerk's Salary	Honor Houlding	£301.67	LGA 1972 s.112
Newsletter	Leiston Press	£22.00	LGA 1972 s.111
Snowdrops and Bluebell Bulbs	Hilary Ward – Expenses	£66.00	OSA 1906, ss. 9-10
Bulb Planters	Hilary Ward – Expenses	£73.98	OSA 1906, ss. 9-10
Clerk VAT Training	SALC	£30.00	LGA 1972 s.111

It was proposed by Cllr. Paul Collins and seconded by Cllr. Stephen Brett and agreed the authorisation of the payments listed above. All in favour.

- d) To approve the Community Infrastructure Levy report for 2023-2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hilary Ward and seconded by Cllr. Steven Morphey to approve the Community Infrastructure Levy report for 2024-2025. All in favour.

12. Correspondence

To review the correspondence received between 8th November 2023 and 8th December 2023 and take action as appropriate.

The Council did not review the above listed correspondence. It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate after the meeting for review and discussed at the next meeting scheduled to be held on the 10th of January 2024.

13. Questions to the Chair/Items for the Next Agenda

Cllr. Robert Flindall made the Council aware that the construction of Swift Tower at the Eel's Foot, Eastbridge has begun.

ACTION: Clerk to request invoice for paying the pledged donation of £100.00 towards the project and add to January's agenda to be authorised as a payment.

Cllr. Steven Morphey mentioned the website update with One Suffolk and whether they also offer a SEO improvement service so that the new website will appear more prominently on Google searches.

ACTION: Clerk to speak with Community Action Suffolk to discuss SEO services.

Cllr. Nat Bacon discussed the Parish Playing Field sinking fund and whether East Suffolk Council would allow us to allocate Community Infrastructure Levy payments to this fund.

ACTION: Clerk to speak with East Suffolk Council to gain knowledge of how to spend CIL fund and whether we could use it to add to Theberton and Eastbridge Playing Field sinking fund.

14. Next Meeting

To agree the date and time of the next meeting of the Council which is scheduled for Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Jubilee Hall.

Honor Houlding

Parish Clerk

Meeting ended at 9.28pm on 13th December 2023

Appendix I – Cllr. Paul Collins - Energy Projects Report – December 2023

1 TEAGS – Stop Sizewell C

The Judicial Review Appeal was heard on 1st and 2nd November in front of Sir Keith Lindblom (Senior President of Tribunals), Lady Justice Andrews and Lord Justice Lewis. The one and a half day hearing started at 2:00pm on 1st November and concluded at 4:30pm on 2nd November in the Royal Courts of Justice.

We still await the results of the Judicial Review Appeal hearing.

Erosion and beach level lowering across the Sizewell frontage continues with minor breeches evident at the tank traps close to the SZB Northern Mound.

A number of documents and letters have been sent to ESC planning regarding Discharge of Requirements 19 and most are available on the ESC Planning website.

I am still awaiting responses from both the Environment Agency and Marine Management Organisation regarding the submissions regarding DoRs 12, 14 and 19. Decisions on all of these are due by 18th December. So far no recommendation from Coastal Protection East or report from the Energy Planning group at ESC has been submitted to the planning website.

The government and EDF continue to work towards a Final Investment Decision, and it has been reported that Centrica, Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS), Stonepeak (Investment house) and Mubadala (UAE ENEC – Nuclear Energy corporation) are all reported as potential investors following the completion of the validation process run by DESNZ. It is also notable that Andrew Bowie has signed a nuclear partnership with UAE ENEC during the Cop28 meeting in Dubai.

Stop Sizewell C hired an AdVan to display various posters and one of our video shorts outside all four of the offices in London of these organisations as well as outside the Downing Street entrance. We also met with Caroline Lucas (Green) and Alan Brown (SNP) who both support our efforts. Wera Hobhouse (Lib Dems) was unfortunately not available otherwise she would have also supported us. We also tried to deliver letters to all four organisations inviting them to a meeting and visit to Suffolk. We failed to deliver at Centrica, because no one would come down to accept the letter and the reception would not accept the letter on their behalf for later collection.

2 Energy Projects Cumulative Impact Group and Anglia Energy Planning Alliance

We are still pressing for Andrew Bowie to visit the area and meet with local councils. He pulled out of a meeting initially scheduled for 13th December and has yet to arrange another date. However, Declan Burke's replacement as Head of DESNZ Nuclear Directorate, Caroline Botwood, is visiting the area and will meet with Alison at the SZC office in Leiston. It is not clear if she will meet with any of the local Parish or Town Councils during the visit.

3 B1122 planning discussions with SZC

The joint meeting with Middleton PC, EDF and SCC on EDF's plans for the B1122 through Theberton and other SZC related road plans happened on 15th November as planned.

Unfortunately, the plans that were presented did not relate specifically to the Early Years configuration.

EDF had decided to shortcut process by drawing up plans that represented a peculiar hybrid of those existing parts of the B1122 through Middleton Moor and Theberton as they envisaged it to be after the SLR was complete and operational, but without the B1122 to SLR Link Road west of Middleton Moor, the changes to the B1122 junction with the B1125 (which becomes a staggered junction) and the changes to the existing B1122 south of Theberton.

EDF initially suggested that they could make some comment additions to the plans to reflect changes to the speed limit across the whole of the B1122 and the 20mph speed limit through Theberton amongst other comments that would be required.

This was rejected by both parish representatives, and we requested that new plans that just address the Early Years B1122 configuration be supplied to ensure that they are clearly representative of the agreed plan. This would then avoid any confusion for the contractors when the plans are implemented. Richard Bull (EDF) agreed that this would be done.

We also pointed out that it was inappropriate to pre-empt discussions on the repurposing of the B1122, post Sizewell Link Road completion and becoming operational, as this was subject to another discussion group that is committed to within the Deed of Obligation and has yet to be set up.

Steve Merry pointed out that no plans had been received by SCC regarding the work that is due to be done to resurface the B1122 as well as all the other changes (village gateways, speed limit signs, etc.) prior to any HGV use at the start of the project and throughout the Early Years. It was noted that in order to achieve the resurfacing, there would be overnight closures of the B1122.

Steve Merry also pointed out to EDF that a strict procedure with consultation had to be gone through before the 20mph speed limit through Theberton could be approved by SCC and Highways and he encouraged EDF to get the ball rolling with that as soon as possible. The more general lowering of the speed limit to 30mph along the rest of that part of the B1122 was less onerous in terms of authorisation but still needed to be applied for.

We asked Richard Bull when he expected the work on the B1122 to start to prepare it for the early years. He stated he expected this to be early in the New Year. Steve Merry pointed out once more that this will require all their proposals, planning and specifications to be sent to SCC Highways for scrutiny and approval as soon as possible and before any work could begin.

Whilst Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council have been invited to nominate a representative to attend the first SZC Mains Site Forum in January, we have noticed that the Deed of Obligation has missed off including both Theberton and Eastbridge Parish council and Middleton Parish council from the Norther Transport Forum which has the Sizewell Link Road as part of its remit. Councillor Brett has raised this with EDF and Middleton Parish Council are also now aware of their omission.

4 Scottish Power DCO Examination

The appeal by SASES is now set to be heard in December. A decision is awaited on SEAS JR hearing.

5 LionLink (formerly EuroLink) and Nautilus – National Grid Ventures No further progress or updates at this time.

6 Hydrogen East/Capital Hydrogen

No further updates are available at this time.

7 Sea Link Interconnector – National Grid Electricity Transmission

Councillor Brett and I attended the Sea Link exhibition in Saxmundham on 24th November. Their plans place the converter station outside Saxmundham overlooking the Fromus valley south and east of the town. Three access route options were given all linking to the B1121, one between Saxmundham and Kelsale (bridging the railway close to the Leiston spur junction), one south of Saxmundham, close to Pegg's and Hurt's Hall, and the other joining the access track to Red Barn farm from the B1121 and accessing the B1121 at the sharp right-hand bend where the farm track joins it.

The model presented by Sea Link also showed the potential positions of the two other converter stations for LionLink and Nautilus with the clear implication that they would all be collocated.

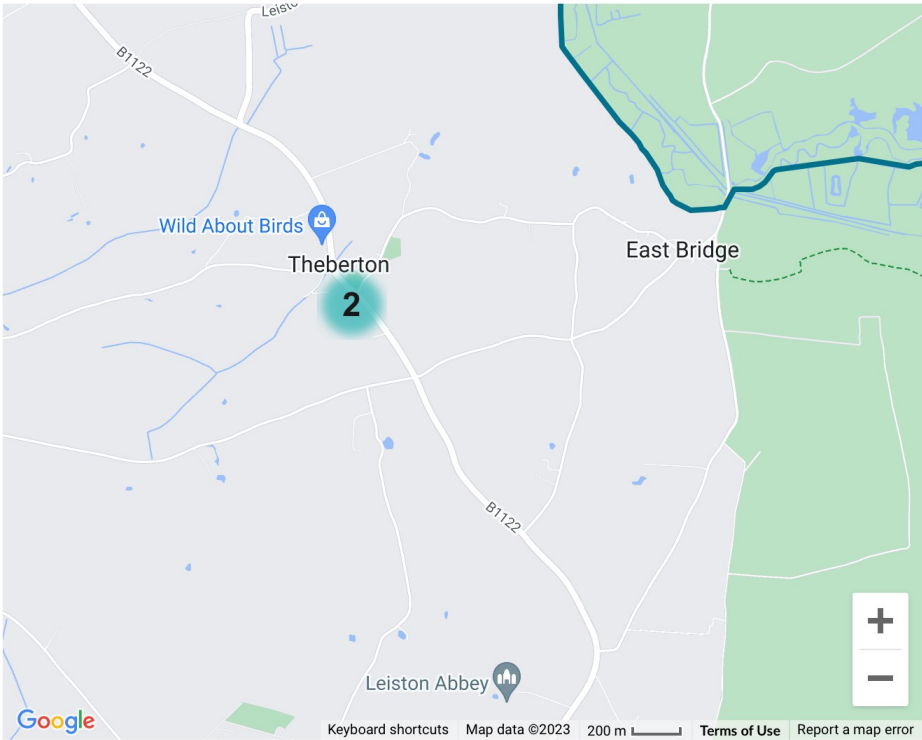
None of the cable routes for this project or the converter station or access routes are within Theberton and Eastbridge Parish.

Having examined the Preliminary Environmental Information for the project, it is clear that whilst the B1122 will be used by the project, it will only be for a limited number of AIL deliveries of cable drums to various locations along the cable landfall route, mainly close to Aldeburgh, and that the individual and cumulative impact with SZC, SPR and other projects will be minimal.

There may be some individual worker and LGV delivery traffic on the B1122, but these will be minimal and not significant. There will be an increase of traffic on the A12 both from the south and north to the A1094 and B1121 but once again these will not be significant either individually or cumulatively.

Given the lack of direct impact on Theberton and Eastbridge Parish, other than the AIL movements along the B1122, I would suggest that we do not make a response to this statutory consultation.

Appendix II – Police Crime Report - October 2023



All Crimes (69) ▼

October 2023 ▼

2 crimes were reported here in October 2023

Violence and sexual offences	1
Other crime	1

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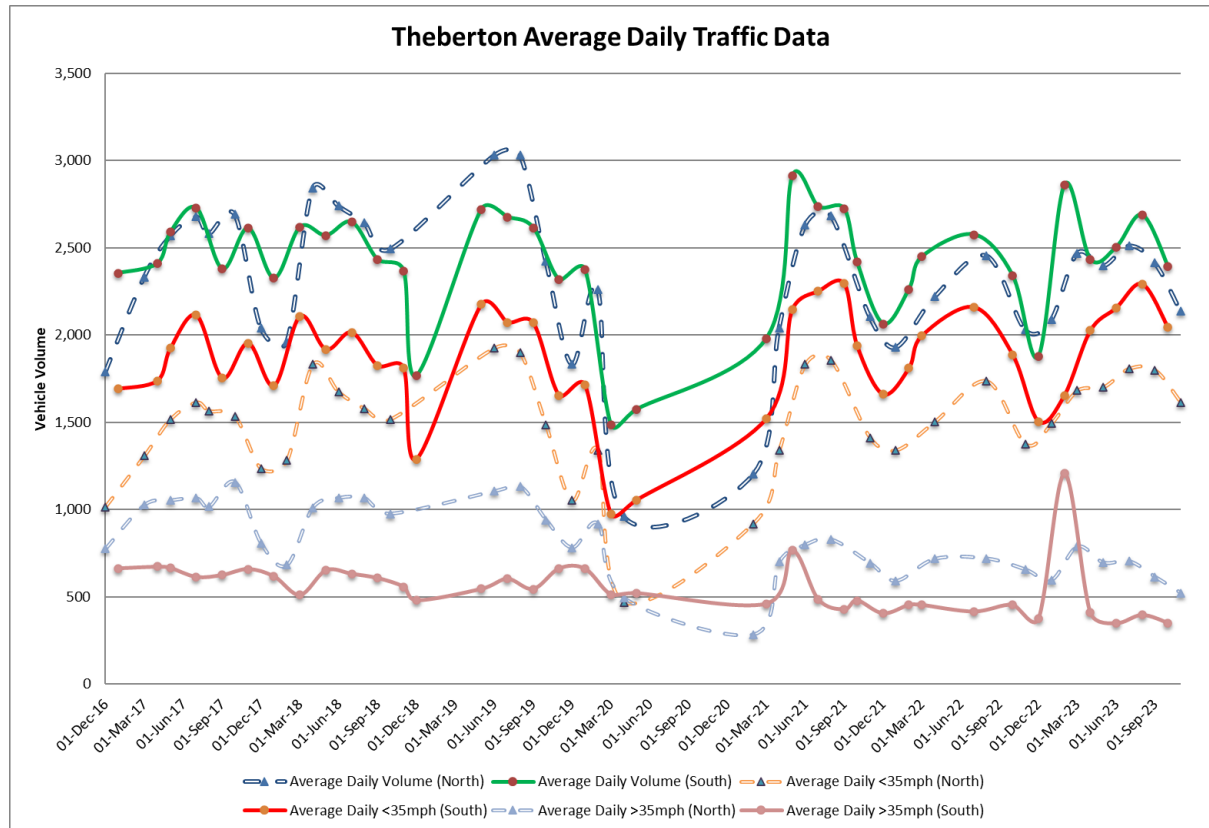
Appendix III – Speed Indicator Device – December 2023

Theberton Speed Indicator Device Report 13th December 2023

The speed indicator device has been operational for seventy-two ~20-day periods since 20th December 2016. It is placed at one end of the village or other at ~30-day intervals.

Traffic volumes long-term averages for those exceeding 35mph is now 35.4% from north and 23.1% from south.

The 85th percentile speed* is 39.9mph from North and 37.5mph from South when they enter the village. These averages are over the whole period from December 2016.



SID Start Date	21-Oct-22	20-Nov-22	20-Dec-22	19-Jan-23	18-Feb-23	20-Mar-23	15-Apr-23	19-May-23	17-Jun-23	18-Jul-23	17-Aug-23	22-Sep-23	16-Oct-23	16-Nov-23
Average Daily Volume (North)		2,030		2,089		2,470		2,397		2,513		2,414		2,135
Average Daily Volume (South)	2,342		1,879		2,860		2,434		2,504		2,688		2,392	
Total Vehicles (North)		40,605		39,686		46,937		45,543		47,740		45,863		40,570
Total Vehicles (South)	44,493		35,702		54,345		46,245		42,564		51,079		47,830	
Total Vehicles <35mph (North)		27,495		28,371		31,971		32,329		34,371		34,203		30,668
Total Vehicles <35mph (South)	35,882		28,589		31,428		38,483		36,660		43,580		40,856	
Total Vehicles >35mph (North)		13,110		11,315		14,966		13,214		13,369		11,660		9,902
Total Vehicles >35mph (South)	8,611		7,113		22,917		7,762		5,904		7,499		6,974	
Average Daily <35mph (North)		1,375		1,493		1,682		1,702		1,809		1,800		1,614
Average Daily <35mph (South)	1,888		1,505		1,654		2,025		2,157		2,294		2,043	
Average Daily >35mph (North)		655		596		788		695		704		614		521
Average Daily >35mph (South)	453		374		1,206		409		347		395		349	

85th percentile speed North (mph)		39.2		38.4		38.9		38.6		38.3		38.0		37.7
85th percentile speed South (mph)	36.7		36.9		35.9		35.8		34.8		34.9		34.9	
% <35mph (North)		67.7%		71.5%		68.1%		71.0%		72.0%		74.6%		75.6%
% <35mph (South)	80.6%		80.1%		57.8%		83.2%		86.1%		85.3%		85.4%	
% >35mph (North)		32.3%		28.5%		31.9%		29.0%		28.0%		25.4%		24.4%
% >35mph (South)	19.4%		19.9%		42.2%		16.8%		13.9%		14.7%		14.6%	

*The 85th Percentile is indicative of the speed that the majority of road users are travelling at.