THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL, THEBERTON ON WEDNESDAY 3rd JULY 2024 AT 7:00PM.

1. Election of Vice-Chair and signing of Declaration of Office

Cllr. Graham Ward was nominated by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Steven Morphey to become Vice Chair of Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council. All members present voted in favour and Cllr. Ward was duly elected. Cllr. Ward signed the Declaration of Office and the Clerk signed as witness.

ACTION: Clerk and Vice Chair to sign Declaration of Office.

ACTION: Clerk to produce Councillor Role Advertisement.

2. Attendance and apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Stephen Brett – Chair

Cllr. Hazel Collins

Cllr. Paul Collins

Cllr. Steven Morphey

Cllr. Graham Ward

Cllr. Robert Flindall

Apologies for absence:

District Cllr. Katie Graham

District Cllr. Tom Daly

Cllr. Daryl Ash – apologised

County Cllr. Richard Smith- apologised

Cllr. Nat Bacon

Members of the public:

Three members of the public were present

In attendance:

Honor Houlding- Clerk/RFO District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock

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

None.

4. Public Forum

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

Three members of the public were present.

There were two members of the public who attended the B1122 Early Years Meeting held by Sizewell C on the 19^{th of} June present who expressed their concern with regards to the belief that the War Memorial situated at St Peter's Church on Church Road to be obscuring vision at the Church Road Junction. After viewing photos of the affected area, the Council agreed that the War Memorial does not affect the plans to change the Church Road junction.

The WSP Engineering proposal of a one way system on Potter's Street and Onner's Lane was also discussed by the Council which was agreed would impact the habits of residents of the village. Fatal accidents have taken place at these junctions, before the increase in traffic on the B1122 brought to the area by the

Sizewell C development. It was discussed that the proposed solution of a one way system exiting the B1122 to Potter's Street and re-entering at Onner's Lane may be the most affective remedial action to prevent future incidents at these locations alongside the proposed 30mph average speed limit enforcement. The Council urged the members of the public to make representations at a higher level and to Suffolk County Council if they are not satisfied with the road change proposals.

A member of the public discussed the acquisition of a blue plaque to commemorate Lady Eve Balfour who founded The Soil Association and was an advocate for organic farming that once resided at Rattla Corner, Theberton. The Council concluded that if the current homeowner agreed to the application of a blue plaque at their property, that the Parish Council would support the project through to fruition.

ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to speak with local historian with regards to Lady Eva Balfour

A member of the public representing The Yoxmere Administrators spoke with regards to the funding deficit of the local publication; The Yoxmere Fisherman. Continuing to explain the heightened running costs of producing the printed newsletter which circulates information of local events and services. Although the publication generates an income through advertisements, a £500 donation from each of the 8 parishes of which the Yoxmere Fisherman's serves would be required annually to fund the cost of continuing producing the publication. A discussion was held on how costs could be reduced; funding from other bodies such as the church and businesses like Sizewell C could be obtained and how technology could ease the financial pressures on the Yoxmere Fisherman. Cllr. Stephen Brett explained that the Parish Council were restricted by the budget set each year by the council, which denoted the precept request from the government and that the substantial £500 donation had not been accounted for within the current year's financial projections. The Council were keen to learn how many residents benefited from the publication in total and within each parish and believed that the donation should be proportionally representative to the number of copies issued per parish. The Council voted in principle to financially supporting the Yoxmere Administration. All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain information with regards to the number of Yoxmere Fisherman distributed per parish.

b) To receive a report from the County Councillor

County Cllr. Richard Smith had apologised for being unable to attend the council meeting due to the demands of the general election.

c) To receive reports from the District Councillors

District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock introduced the East Suffolk Council, July Report attached as **Appendix I** and June Energy Report attached as **Appendix II**.

4. Minutes and Matters Arising

a) To approve as accurate the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th June 2024

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Morphey and seconded by Cllr. Graham Ward and agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th June 2024 to be signed as a true record. All in favour.

b) Matters arising

The clerk summarised correspondence received from a local charity group enquiring to use the Theberton Playing Field for overflow parking for an event to be held on 1^{st} September 2024. The Council voted that this would be allowed and no fee would be charged to support the local charity event. All in favour.

5. Energy Projects

a) To receive an update from Cllr. Paul Collins

Cllr. Paul Collins summarised the effects of Sizewell C on local communities and began by stating the closing of the Sizewell Park Run issue had been resolved by Sizewell C agreeing to implement a 3 meter pathway to be built on Sizewell Beach. He continued to explain that the application for a judicial review had been rejected by the Supreme Court and that a full explanation for the reasoning of the decision will follow.

Cllr. Robert Flindall requested whether Sizewell C will agree to follow up on their proposal to present the workers Campus Plans to Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council.

ACTION: Clerk to request Sizewell C Campus Plans Presentation at Parish meeting.

b) To receive an update from Cllr. Stephen Brett from the B1122 Early Years Meeting on 19th June 2024

The Minutes of the B1122 Early Years Meeting on 19th June 2024 are attached as **Appendix III.**

Cllr. Stephen Brett summarised the meeting held on 19th June with regards to the B1122 Early Years Meeting where many local residents attended. The Council discussed the lack of presentation equipment, meaning that the road plans were forced to be presented on paper form meant that the residents felt the meeting was badly organised. The consensus of the Council was that the Sizewell Team and Engineers from WSP Engineering should have been more knowledgeable of the local area to instil a greater element of trust between the project leaders and the local community. The result of this meant that some members of the village became agitated and frustrated throughout the length of the meeting.

The Council highlighted the resident's response to the Church Road Junction where it was proposed that the Junction be moved 1m further forward to allow a better line of vision when exiting Church Road. The Council confirmed that the War Memorial within St. Peter's Church Grounds was not restrictive to driver's line of vision and that there was no requirement for the Memorial to be moved. It was noted that road markings to visually narrow the entrance to Church Road could be advantageous to discourage speeding at the junction. The Council also discussed the vegetation maintenance requirements of the junctions to allow optimal vision and agreed that monthly assessment should be considered by Sizewell C and that public safety should reside over wildlife concerns.

ACTION: Clerk to write letter to Sizewell C explaining residents' frustrations and requiring improvements of plans.

c) To discuss and hold public vote on 20mph speed limits on the B1122

Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council have successfully negotiated a 20mph speed limit to be enforced on the B112 in Theberton.

The consensus of the Council was that the proposal of the average speed limit along the B1122 to be a more appropriate solution for the village, due to the limit being enforced by cameras and police action. As long as the introduction of a 20mph would still be considered by Suffolk Highways if an accident occurs on the road.

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Robert Flindall to agree to adopt the proposed average speed cameras with a limit of 30mph along the B1122. All in Favour.

6. Planning

a) Healthy Environments Supplementary Planning Documents

Cllr. Robert Flindall summarised the Healthy Environments Supplementary Documents. The documentation would be considered by Theberton and Eastbridge if Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council decide in the future to produce their own Neighbourhood Plan.

7. Clerk/Councillors' Reports

a) Platinum Heritage Trail

Cllr. Stephen Morphey explained the progress made by the Platinum Heritage Trail Focus Group where it has been decided that the next step would be gain landowners agreement in placing signage close to their property.

b) Eastbridge Common and Eastbridge Playing Field Tree Planting Project

Cllr Hazel Collins reported that she is keen to discuss the project with Woodbridge Transition, an organisation which has actively produced community orchards. The Council also discussed that the plans to create an Orchard should be raised with local resident of Eastbridge Common before progressing further with the project.

ACTION: Cllr. Hazel Collins to approach them to discuss trees to be planted.

c) Sluice Path, Badger Set Erosion

Cllr. Stephen Brett explained that he had recently met with Sizewell C and SCC to walk the Sluice Path to assess the damage the badger sets were having on the footpath. It was found that someone had taken the matter into their own hands and had filled the badger set holes effecting the path. The Council discussed moving the footpath 3 meters to the right, which would help to protect the badger sets from further damage and improve the footpath safety for pedestrians. He continued to inform the Council that Sizewell C had agreed to raise the footpath in order to weatherproof the walk and allow pedestrians to walk when water levels are high. The Sizewell C Deed of Obligation states that £21,000 of funding will be made available to improve footpaths however the DCO states £2.5million of funding is available to protect public rights of way. The Council agreed that funding should be spent locally in areas most affected by the Sizewell C Development.

ACTION: speak to Richard Smith with regards to ensuring the funds paid by Sizewell C money being spent locally by those affected most by the development.

d) Funeral Bier Relocation

Cllr. Hazel Collins explained that no further progress will be made with regards to the funeral bier location until speaking with The Long Shop Museum, Leiston.

e) Yoxmere Fisherman

The matter of Yoxmere Fisherman enquiry for donation was discussed by a member of the public and the Parish Council in agenda item 4. a).

f) Strategic Objectives and Grants

Cllr. Robert Flindall circulated a paper summarising the strategic objective and where funding would be necessary from various sources.

ACTION: Cllr. Robert Flindall to add column to strategic plan where councillors can choose which projects they would like to take forward.

g) Speed Indicator Device

Due to the July meeting being held one week early, the June Speed Indicator Device has not finished it's rotation and therefore there is no data to produce a report at this time. Cllr. Paul Collins will produce a June and July report and present the data at the next Parish Council meeting.

ACTION: Cllr Paul Collins to produce June and July Speed Indicator Device Report and present at August's meeting.

h) Plug In Suffolk Application

The Clerk reported that communications had opened with the chairman of the Community Council and a date for a meeting to discuss the contracts will be set in due course.

i) Police Crime Report

The clerk informed the Council that the Suffolk Constabulary website had not yet been updated with May 2024 figures therefore the May & June Police Crime Report will be presented at next month's meeting taking place on Wednesday 14th August 2024.

j) East Suffolk Blooms 2024

The Clerk infirmed the Council that the successful applicants of East Suffolk in Blooms will hear the Council decision by the end of August 2024.

k) Outstanding Actions List

The Clerk summarised the outstanding actions list.

ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to speak to John Lepley of Theberton Woods with regards to inviting Forestry England to a Parish Council Meeting to discuss the future of the woods.

8. Parish Matters

a) Blue Plaque at Rattla Corner in commemoration of Lady Eve Balfour

The matter of the potential of applying for a blue plaque in commemoration of Lady Eve Balfour was discussed by a member of the public and the Parish Council in agenda item 4. a).

9. Administration

a) To conduct the annual review of the Financial Regulations and updates by NALC

The Council conducted the annual review and approved the Financial Regulations.

ACTION: Clerk to publish the updated Financial Regulation on the Parish Council website.

b) To note the receipt of the notification of exemption from the External Auditor.

The Council conducted and approved the receipt of the notification of exemption from the External Auditor.

c) To discuss Barclays Bank Mandate and review the bank signatories.

The Council voted that the new Vice Chair Cllr. Graham Ward to be the new signatory on the Barclays Account.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange new bank mandate with Barclays.

d) To approve the bank reconciliation for Qtr1 2024-2025.

The Council noted and approved the bank reconciliation for Qtr1 2024-2025.

e) To note the budgeted versus actual income and expenditure for Qtr1 2024-2025.

The Council noted and approved the budgeted versus actual income and expenditure for Qtr1 2024-2025.

10. Finance

a) To note the latest financial position

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

b) To authorise the payments listed below:

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Clerk's Salary	Honor Houlding	£350.35	LGA 1972 s.112
Broadband	XLN/Daisy Communications	£38.81	LGA 1972 s.19
Clerk's PAYE	HMRC	£27.40	LGA 1972 s.112
Tractor Insurance	NFU Mutual	£59.29	LGA 1972 s.111
Public Liability Insurance	Community Action Suffolk	£592.61	LGA 1972 s.111

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Morphey and seconded by Cllr. Graham Ward and it was agreed to authorise the payments listed above. All in favour.

11. Correspondence

To review the correspondence received between 12th June 2024 and 1st July 2024 and take action as appropriate.

The Clerk summarised the above dated correspondence. There were no actions to pursue.

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

13. Next Meeting

To agree the date and time of the next meeting of the Council which is scheduled for Wednesday 14th August 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Jubilee Hall.

Honor Houlding Parish Clerk

Meeting ended at: 21.17

Appendix I – East Suffolk July Councillor Report

EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL REPORT - JULY 2024

New Deputy Leader of East Suffolk Council

Cllr Paul Ashton has been appointed the new Deputy Leader of East Suffolk Council.

A statement from the Leader of the Council, Cllr Caroline Topping:

"I am very pleased to confirm the appointment of Cllr Paul Ashton as the new Deputy Leader of East Suffolk Council.

"Following the departure of Cllr David Beavan from the national Liberal Democrat party, Cllr Ashton has been confirmed as the local party's new lead. Therefore - in line with our formal agreement, which followed the creation of the new Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent (GLI) Administration - Cllr Ashton is now appointed to the Deputy Leader role.

"Paul is already a vital member of our Cabinet, who I have enjoyed working closely with, and he brings a wide range of strengths and skills to the role.

"Meanwhile, Cllr Beavan will remain a valued Cabinet colleague in his capacity as an Independent councillor here at East Suffolk Council; and will continue his important work, including as our Portfolio Holder for Housing."

Free holiday activities and food this summer

Filmmaking, theatre, cooking, sport, mindfulness, STEM and outdoor adventure are just some of the free activities on offer during the school holidays across East Suffolk this summer.

Numerous organisations across the district are providing fun and enriching activities and food as part of a programme of experiences for children and young people over the coming weeks. There are 46 programmes on offer with over 7,700 places available.

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme has been funded by the UK Government for three years providing over £200m per year for enriching activities for children and young people, particularly those in receipt of free school meals. The HAF programme is overseen by Suffolk County Council and coordinated locally by East Suffolk Council.

Holiday activities are varied and can introduce young people to new experiences and skills, from dance and drama to cooking and filmmaking, as well providing opportunities for physical and social activity. In Suffolk, the programme is targeted at those eligible for benefits-related free school meals, and other vulnerable children, or those with additional needs who would benefit from accessing the programme. Each funded holiday activity also offers a free meal, and places are redeemed by eligible families through the booking system Eequ. Families can select the programmes and dates they wish to attend, and which young people will be attending. The booking system will ask about HAF eligibility, and the booking will be reviewed and approved by the HAF team at Suffolk County Council.

Book a place now at https://eastsuffolk.co/haf

New planning guidance for healthy environments

A new planning document has been adopted in East Suffolk to help guide the delivery of healthier built environments.

The Healthy Environments Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) provides guidance on delivering more inclusive and higher quality living environments in East Suffolk, to improve the health and wellbeing of people of all ages, abilities, and incomes.

The SPD provides guidance on a range of topics including the provision of green open space, play provision, trees and landscaping, active travel infrastructure, healthy key buildings such as homes, schools and workplaces, dementia-friendly design, community facilities and more.

The SPD was subject to public consultation during its preparation and the comments received helped to inform the scope and content of the final document. The Consultation Statement, which has been published alongside the SPD, sets out the Council's response to the comments received and the changes that were made to the SPD in response to comments.

Providing essential habitats for wildlife through revised scheme

A conservation scheme which created 100 spaces across East Suffolk for the benefit of wildlife is to be enhanced, with a new look and a focus on increasing the biodiversity value of the wild areas. Building on the success of Pardon the Weeds, and learning from local and national examples, East Suffolk Council is now revising the scheme, by increasing the number of sites and improving the biodiversity value of key sites. The scheme, which will officially launch later this year, will be rebranded as 'Nature at Work', with new recyclable signs to replace the Pardon the Weeds signs, many of which had become damaged over the years.

As well as reduced grass cutting, Nature at Work will aim to improve the biodiversity value of wild areas, ensuring key sites are seeded and actively managed. The project will also involve local schools and community groups and an informal Facebook group will be set up giving people the chance to engage with others, offering advice and seed/equipment exchanges. It may also be possible to involve local landowners, businesses and housing associations in future to add sites not owned by the Council.

Providing mental health information across East Suffolk

Information is being distributed across East Suffolk to help people improve their mental health and find local support services.

A new booklet, entitled 'Well Minds East Suffolk' has been produced by East Suffolk Council and contains an extensive range of mental health advice, information and details of local support services for people of all ages in need of help with their mental health.

10,000 booklets have been produced, funded by the Community Partnership Board and two local Community Partnership groups as part of their Well Minds East Suffolk programme which is also providing free mental health training for voluntary and community organisations.

The booklets are being delivered to community settings across the district, including libraries, community centres and the Council's network of Warm Welcomes.

Half a million pounds for communities in new emergency response fund

A new fund has been established to provide immediate, short-term financial support to East Suffolk communities affected by future emergency events.

In February, as part of the 2024-25 Budget setting process, East Suffolk Council created a Resilience Reserve in response to the severe disruption caused by Storm Babet last October. Now, Cabinet members have agreed how this £500,000 pot will be managed, through a newly established Resilience and Emergency Response Fund (RERF).

The RERF is designed to ensure East Suffolk Council can be more flexible and responsive to cover reasonable additional costs incurred by town and parish councils during an emergency event.

In the aftermath of Storm Babet, East Suffolk Council established the East Suffolk Flood Recovery Group, that provided a physical presence in Framlingham and Wickham Market to assist and deal with affected residents enquiries and clean up in the aftermath.

Although longer-term grants were available under central Government's flood recovery framework, a gap was identified to support the immediate and urgent needs of residents and communities; for example, provision of skips through East Suffolk Services to remove damaged household items and costs (food, bedding, clothing) for displaced people using the emergency centre set up in Framlingham's Community Hall.

Examples of support that could be provided by the fund include temporary accommodation costs for up to 48 hours, disposal costs for damaged furniture, carpets or flooring, and support for voluntary groups to assist and co-ordinate recovery activities.

In addition to the RERF, a dedicated council officer will be appointed, to build upon our existing emergency response capacity, providing a communication, co-ordinating and enabling role for our town and parish councils, communities and residents before, during and after future emergency events.

Appendix II – East Suffolk Council, June Energy Report

Please see below this month's energy projects update. If you've got any queries please get in touch.

East Anglia One North and Two – SPR

- Discharge relating to Requirement 40 (Amendments to approved details: Targeted Soil Nutrient Surveys) is currently live for both EA1N and EA2.
- Current project activities include:
 - 17th June 5th July 2024 Noise monitoring surveys (Cable route and landfall area) Fully attended monitoring of baseline noise levels in various locations across the cable route and landfall area.
 - July 2024 ongoing Ecological mitigation (Cable route and substation area) Ecological mitigation and compensation habitat creation with ongoing management throughout the course of the project.

You can monitor current and future planned activity using the 'East Anglia TWO And ONE North
Project Activity'
trackerhttps://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/east anglia two and one north activity
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East Anglia One – SPR

One discharge live for EA1 relating to Requirement 34 (Amendments to approved details).

East Anglia Three – SPR

- One discharge live for EA3 relating to Requirement 28 of EA3 (Port Travel Plan). This includes details of the pre-construction and construction traffic for Port Lowestoft. This doesn't include traffic associated with operation and maintenance of the project as the port that will be used for this has not been selected yet.
- Transformers have been delivered on the 23rd and 30th of June, with two further deliveries planned for the 7th and 14th of July.
- Current ongoing works include ecological surveys along the cable route ahead of jointing bay installations, and the installation of fencing, access points and haul roads at local working areas also along the cable route.

Sizewell C

- Discharges for Sizewell C are ongoing.
- Site establishment and the welfare/accommodation offices facilities nearing completion, Benhall fen meadow compensation habitat progressing, coastal path realignment works will be starting shortly following the discharge of Requirement 10.
- All governance groups and quarterly forums have been established. Main Development Site forum 16th of July, Northern Transport Forum 7th August, Southern Transport Forum 14thAugust. <u>Public</u> Forums (dates, contact form etc)
- Sizewell C are continuing to explore alternatives for the Freight Management Facility and are looking at the use of Orwell Logistics Park.
- Further information on governance groups is available on ESC's website here Governance groups » East Suffolk Council
- Sizewell C Works can be followed on the Works Tracker here Track a Project Sizewell C Works Tracker (<u>szcworkstracker.co.uk</u>)

LionLink Multi-purpose Interconnector – NGV

• On 21st May 2024, Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council submitted a joint letter to National Grid Ventures (NGV) regarding inadequacies within the recent Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping consultation held for the proposed Lionlink Multi-Purpose Interconnector project. The joint letter was separate to ESC's engagement in the consultation process and notwithstanding our overarching position on the project, it sets out concerns regarding the adequacy, effectiveness, and the fairness, of the consultation held due to a lack of justification and rationale regarding the preferred landfall site options being taken forwards by the project. Further details will be published on the Lionlink project

webpage https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/national-infrastructure-and-energy-projects/lionlink/

SeaLink

• Archaeology works commencing on 8th July with full trial trenching expected over Summer 2024.

- Further consultation commencing 8th July which closes 11thAugust. Officers will review these changes and respond accordingly through the Head of National Significant Infrastructure Planning and the Cabinet Member for Energy and Climate Change.
- DCO submission now expected Q1 2025.

Five Estuaries

- DCO submission accepted 22nd April 2024, examination is expected to start July/August 2024.
- ESC submitted our relevant representation on Five Estuaries https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010115/representations/66110

North Falls

• The DCO application for the North Falls project is anticipated to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in July 2024.

Norwich to Tilbury

• Statutory consultation extended until 26th July. Officers currently drafting response that will be reviewed by National Significant Infrastructure Planning and the Cabinet Member for Energy and Climate Change ahead of submission.

Additional Information

• All consultation responses and letters are available on ESC's website – <u>linked here.</u>

Appendix III – B1122 Early Years Meeting Minutes 19th June 2024

THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE SIZEWELL C B1122 EARLY YEARS PRESENTATION

HELD AT JUBILEE HALL, THEBERTON ON WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE 2024 AT 7:00PM.

Presentation by:

Richard Knight, Sizewell C – Senior Community Relations Manager

Spencer Bowler, Sizewell C – Site Operations
Jez Porter, Sizewell C – Senior Project Manager
Nick Cottman, Director - WSP Engineering
Douglas Whittaker, Associate Design Lead - WSP Engineering
Steve Merry, Technical Approval Manager - Suffolk County Council
Cllr. Stephen Brett, Chairman - Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council
Honor Houlding, Clerk - Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council

Members of the public:

Approximately 40 members of the public were present

Introduction

Jez Porter of Sizewell C summarised the process of the B1122 Early Years Project explaining that Sizewell C had been working with Middleton Parish Council and Theberton Parish Council on the proposals of improving road safety on the B1122 from Yoxford to Leiston for road users until the Service Link Road which will bypass the B1122 is complete. Sizewell C announced a similar consultation will take place on completion of the SLR to repurpose and remodel the B1122 in Quarter 3 or 4 of 2027.

He reported that the project is at 80% completion and an independent audit of the proposed design is currently underway. The next steps were to feedback to residents before submitting the design to Suffolk County Council for technical approval. The project is scheduled for completion for construction works to begin in Quarter 1 2025.

Due to logistical issues the plans were presented in paper form and therefore of the 18 plans in place, only those related to Theberton were discussed.

The presentation and plans produced by Sizewell C are attached as Appendix I. Please note only the plans detailed below were discussed at the meeting.

B1125/B1122 Middleton Junction (Appendix I, Section 11)

Associate Design Lead of WSP Engineering, Douglas Whittaker began by explaining vegetation around the junction would be removed and cut back to allow better driver visibility at the junction. Members of the public expressed their concern over the frequency of work. Steve Merry of Suffolk County Council explained that vegetation maintenance takes place twice per year on the B1122. The public stated that this would not be adequate and that Sizewell C should be accountable in producing a plan for maintaining the vegetation cutbacks throughout the B1122 Early Years.

Reference was also made to the level of flooding consistently present at the B1125/B1122 Junction causing a serious health and safety hazard to road users. The public felt that this was due to a lack of drainage maintenance along the B1122.

Spencer Bowler confirmed a detailed maintenance plan will be in place to ensure regular maintenance takes place.

ACTION: the B1125/B1122 Middleton Junction drainage and vegetation maintenance plan to be produced by Sizewell C and assessed the Parish Council.

Sizewell C reported that the SLR is proposed to be completed in Q1 2027 explaining that ecological and archaeological works at the site are due to begin in Q3-Q4 2024 and construction could commence as early as Q1 2025. Spencer Bowler proceeded to inform the attendees that the project recognises the importance of archaeological works, working collaboratively with archaeologists and that many interesting artifacts have already been located and preserved.

The public raised the issue of road accident procedures and asked what was in place to protect road users and traffic management if a road accident were to take place on the B1122 or SLR once the road is completed.

Sizewell C explained that freight management contingencies were underway and that by working closely with the police and Suffolk County Council, procedures would be put in place in the very near future.

ACTION: Sizewell C to produce accident management plans for B1122 and SLR to be presented to the Parish Council.

A resident brought to attention that suspected Sizewell C works vehicles are not consistently using their designated routes and they are frequently seeing HGVs using the B1120 and other local roads to access the development site. If the B1122 was closed due to an unforeseen accident, Sizewell C vehicles would be instructed to turnaround and return to their depot until normal circumstances resume.

Spencer Bowler encouraged residents to report Sizewell C vehicles that are deviating from the designated routes by reporting the vehicle description and reporting the Sizewell C helpline where the community team will investigate. He continued that to assist with this, all Sizewell C works vehicles have since been fitted with a blue SZC sticker on the back of each vehicle so that road users can identify Sizewell C traffic easier. However, the consensus of the public was that the stickers were insufficient and that trackers and speed monitoring devices should be fitted to all vehicles. Allowing road usage to be monitored in real time, which is technology that other construction companies are using.

ACTION: Sizewell C to report back on real time tracking technology for all Sizewell C vehicles. ACTION: Residents encouraged to call Sizewell C 24 hour helpline to report any issues with works vehicles.

B1122 North of Theberton layby, existing speed limit change

Douglas Whittaker announced that the existing 30mph speed limit signage to the North of the Wild About Birds Layby are intended to be replaced with gateway signs which apply a visual narrowing affect to the road, along with a coloured road surface which have been proven to encourage drivers to decrease their speed.

The consensus of the public was that this was a good solution and a sufficient improvement to the northern entrance to Theberton village on the B1122.

B1122/Pretty Road Junction (Appendix I, Section 12 and 13)

Sizewell C plan to reduce vegetation to further improve visibility at the junction in conjunction with new 'slow' road markings and a coloured road surface to discourage drivers to speed on the blind bend at the Pretty Road junction.

The public referenced the flooding issues in this location. Cllr. Stephen Brett informed the room that the drainage had recently been cleared which is believed to have improved the flooding situation, however flooding continues to be an issue on this area of the B1122.

B1122/Church Road Junction (Appendix I, Section 14)

Vegetation cutbacks were demonstrated to allow better visibility at the junction however the cutbacks appeared to be present on land belonging to St Peter's Church. It was highlighted that the War Memorial at the Church Gate may restrict vision. One member of the public expressed that the Church could consider relocating the war memorial, if the memorial restricts road user vision in order to prevent accidents at the junction. A resident commented that Scottish Power had discussed narrowing Church Road to allow for footpaths to improve safety of pedestrians crossing. The landowner of the wooded stretch of land between the B1122 and St Peter's Church explained he had had no dealings with Sizewell C and that they would potentially be open to negotiating usage of the land and a possible footpath for pedestrians.

ACTION: Sizewell C to reassess vision splay at B1122/Church Road junction and contact landowners if any alterations affect them.

ACTION: Sizewell C to cooperate with Scottish Power and align improvements to the B1122 with Scottish Power.

Doug Whittaker continued to explain that the road junction markings at Church Road are intended to come out further into the B1122, by around 1m to allow better driver visibility and therefore reducing the road width of the B1122 by 1m in this location. Due to the road not being wide enough to accommodate any

form of road signalling. The public declined that this be a suitable solution and would instead make the B1122 more dangerous for drivers with large vehicles passing on the road. Cllr. Stephen Brett contributed that in previous consultations, the B1122 at the Church Road junction is at least 1m wider than most other parts of the B1122 therefore would not impact passing vehicles in making the junction more dangerous.

The public consensus was that the solution be unjust and would like to see further options for improvement to the plan for the B1122/Church Road junction.

ACTION: WSP/Sizewell C to continue to develop the B1122/Church Road plan.

Cllr. Stephen Brett informed the public that the Parish Council had been consulted on whether a Zebra Crossing to aid crossing the B1122 be a suitable solution for residents in previous years and that various opinions had taken place over the years. He continued to explain that the conclusion following ivestigations by Sizewell C and Suffolk County Council Highways was that the footpaths and road width in Theberton where the zebra crossing had been planned was not wide enough to accommodate the infrastructure required to commit to the crossing being installed. Also, the majority of residents consulted were against the installation of 24 hour lighting associated with the zebra crossing.

South of Theberton, Onner's Lane/Moat Road Crossroads (Appendix I, Section 15) WSP Engineer, Doug Whittaker informed the public that gateway signs which apply a visual narrowing affect to the road, along with a coloured road surface were intended to replace the current Theberton village and 30mph speed limit signs along with cutting back of vegetation on this part of the road.

The public highlighted that there was no footpath along this section of the B1122 making the road very dangerous for pedestrians on a popular walking route as well as periodic flooding at the beginning of Onner's Lane due to poor drainage.

ACTION: Sizewell C to assess possibility of a footpath connecting Theberton to Onner's Lane/Moat Road for pedestrians.

The protected Oak Tree which stands at the corner of Onner's Lane was highlighted as the reason as to why the B1122 was not previously widened with the development of Sizewell B due to being protected by a preservation order. The public informed Sizewell C of the dangerous nature of this section of the B1122 where cars frequently overtake and fatal road accidents have occurred. Continuing that large numbers of old oak trees must be planned to be removed to construct the SLR road. Could the preservation order of the Onner's Lane Oak tree be explored to improve road safety at the junction.

ACTION: Steve Merry to report back on process of removing the preservation order of the Oak tree at the Onner's Lane crossroad for the discussion by the Parish Council.

The public requested whether the intended gateway signs could be moved further South on the B1122 to behind the Onner's Lane/Moat Road crossroad to encourage road users to slow before reaching the crossroads making the road junction safer.

ACTION: Sizewell C to assess the placement of the Theberton South Gateways to include the Onner's Lane/Moat Road Junction.

The public referred to their experiences with increased numbers of lorries and presumed Sizewell C vehicles not committing to the new 30mph speed limit on the B1122 and frequency of feeling intimated by vehicles tailgating on the road. A resident asked how many vehicles are currently using the B1122 to access the Sizewell C development site. Steve Merry produced a monthly report which is available on the East Suffolk

Council and reported Sizewell C are well within their restricted cap for vehicle movements reporting in January 2024 there were 422 vehicle movements. February; 616, March 882, and in May 3651. The regulated cap is 300 vehicle movements per day.

ACTION: Sizewell C to send link to monthly vehicle numbers report to be shared with residents.

B1122/Potter's Street Entrance (Appendix I, Section 16 and 17)

WSP introduced the planned concept of introducing a one way system where vehicles will leave the B1122 at Potter's Street and continue their journey by returning to B1122 on Onner's Lane due to the current road visibility and width making it impossible for vehicles to pass on the single lane roads.

The public expressed their concern over the impact this will have on residents and particularly the farmers who require these roads to access their and work their land and the increased level of vehicles therefore using the Onner's Lane/Moat Road junction.

Steve Merry explained that planned improvements could be contracted under an 'Experimental Order' where practices are reviewed after 18 months to assess the impact, which could be an option for the suggested one way system at Potter's Street/Onner' s Lane,

The worse flooding on the B1122 has recently been at the dip present South of the Onner's Lane crossroad that requires immediate attention. The consequence of flooding at this location slows the traffic to one lane causing vehicles to drive in the centre of the road to pass the flooded area.

Spencer Bowler concluded the B1122 Early Road Plans Presentation expressing Sizewell C's commitment to listen to the communities affected by the development, thanking residents for their time and feedback relating to the project.

B1122 30mph Average Speed Camera Consultation (Appendix I, Pages 7-10)

With the addition of the projector and screen, WSP continued to present the plans for Average Speed Cameras which will capture driver speed data on both directions along the B1122. They are currently planned to be installed in 3 locations and are to be funded by Sizewell C:

- 1. East of railway crossing at Yoxford
- 2. Junction of B1125 to Westleton
- 3. South of Potter's Street, Theberton near layby

Sizewell C explained that they are working closely with the police and Suffolk County Council and are seeking direction from the community with regards to the average speed camera proposal. He added that the reduction of the speed limit along the entire length of the B1122 from Yoxford to Leiston was brought ahead of schedule and that the temporary a-frame 30mph signs are planned to be replaced with more permanent signage imminently. The temporary speed limit reduction to 30mph and enforcement of the average speed cameras could be installed as early as Q1 2025 and will be due for consultation by the public upon completion of the SLR

in 2027, which will trigger the B1122 Repurposing stage. Adding that the B1125 through Westleton is also under consideration for a similar average speed check camera proposal.

The public noted the increased police presence on the B1122 and in the local area. Jez Porter confirmed that data shows the reduction to 30mph along the length of the B1122 is working to reduce drivers speed and that enforcement is in place to protect and to patrol inclusively.

A member of the public referenced the intimidating nature of being tailgated by large vehicles and HGVs, which has become more prominent since the introduction of the 30mph speed limit on the B1122. Spencer Bowler vowed to raise this with his team and the Sizewell B team urgently, explaining that workers are advised to travel no higher than 40mph on national speed limit roads such as Lover's Lane.

ACTION: Spencer Bowler to communicate response with regards to tailgating and intimating driving of large vehicles and HGVS associated with both Sizewell B and C sites.

The attention was moved to the SLR, where it was confirmed a national speed limit will be enforced. All vehicles arriving to the Sizewell A, B & C sites will be diverted to use the SLR. The public questioned that the Sizewell workforce are obeying the designated routes explaining many vehicles have been seen to be using roads such as the B1120 and B1125. Sizewell C confirmed that it is a sackable offence, detailed in the Sizewell C employee Code of Conduct to deviate from the designated routes and that signage had been placed at Blythburgh on the A12 signposting drivers to remain on the A12 and not take the shorter route via Westleton.

The Sizewell C Code of Conduct is signed by every employee of the company and details behaviours that are expected of them on and off the construction site. Non-compliance warrants immediate removal from the project.

ACTION: Sizewell C employee Code of Conduct to be circulated and made available to the Parish Council

The park and ride services at Darsham and Pakefield will also alleviate traffic levels once in place, where carbon friendly, hydrogen fuelled busses have been proposed to drive workers to and from the Sizewell C construction site. Cycle to work schemes and cycle parking areas are also included in the traffic mitigation plans within the next 2 years. Sizewell C confirmed that the B1122 will feel busiest now and will benefit from the effect of park and rides and once again on completion of the SLR.

A member of the public requested a forecasted timeline to see how many workers will be working on the project currently and over the coming months.

Richard Knight confirmed he will send a forecasted graph to be circulated with residents explaining that the public Sizewell C forums taking place every 3 months are also a good opportunity to hear of updates and changes directly from the Sizewell C team.

ACTION: Richard Knight to forward the Sizewell C graph representing number of workers working on the Sizewell C project.

Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council have worked hard to be granted the approval of a 20mph speed limit through Theberton on the B1122. However, the 30mph average speed check will revise this application and by enforcing the 20mph speed limit would hinder collected data and success of the 30mph average speed camera proposal as a whole.

Chairman of the Parish Council Cllr. Stephen Brett explained to the room that all residents are encouraged to attend and discuss items on the agenda at any Parish Council meeting. The revision of the 20mph to 30mpg average speed check will be discussed at Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council's next meeting due to take place on Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at 7pm at Theberton Village Hall.

Honor Houlding
Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Clerk

Appendix I – Sizewell C B1122 Early Years Presentation

AGENDA

- Introductions
- B1122 Average Speed Camera Proposal
- B1122 Early Years Highway Improvement Scheme Next Steps
- AOB



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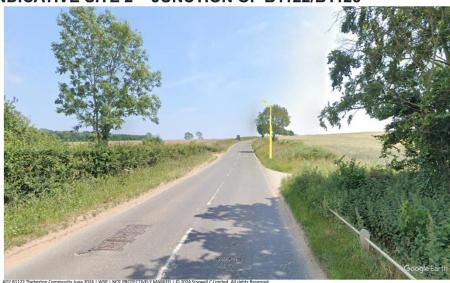


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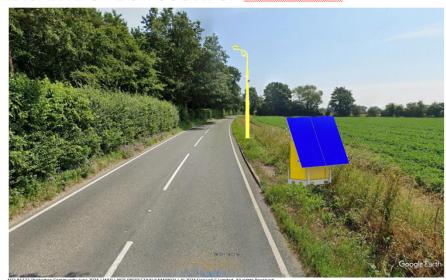


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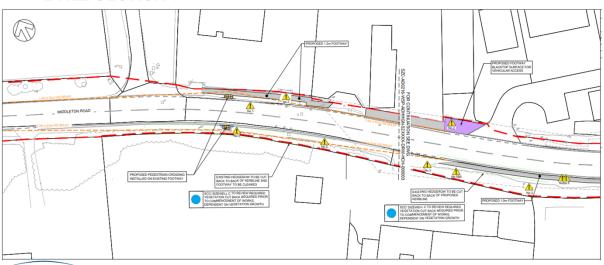
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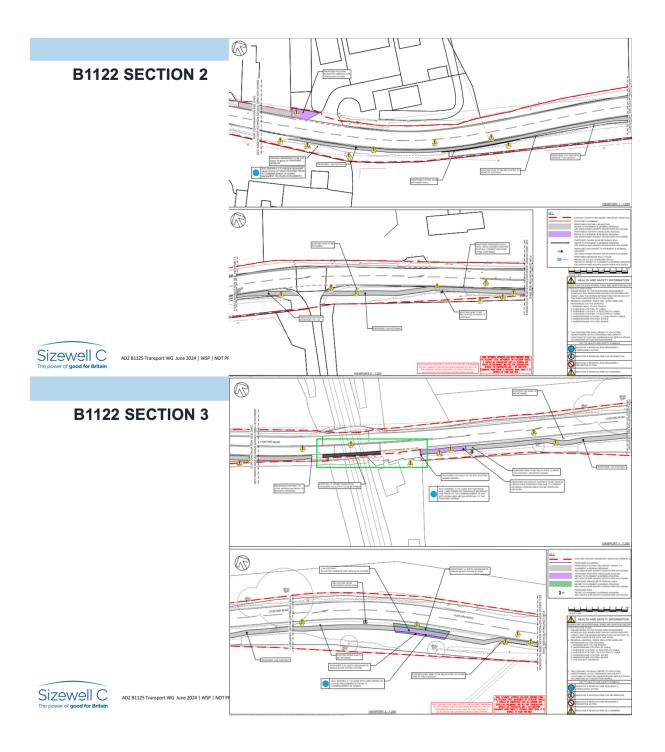
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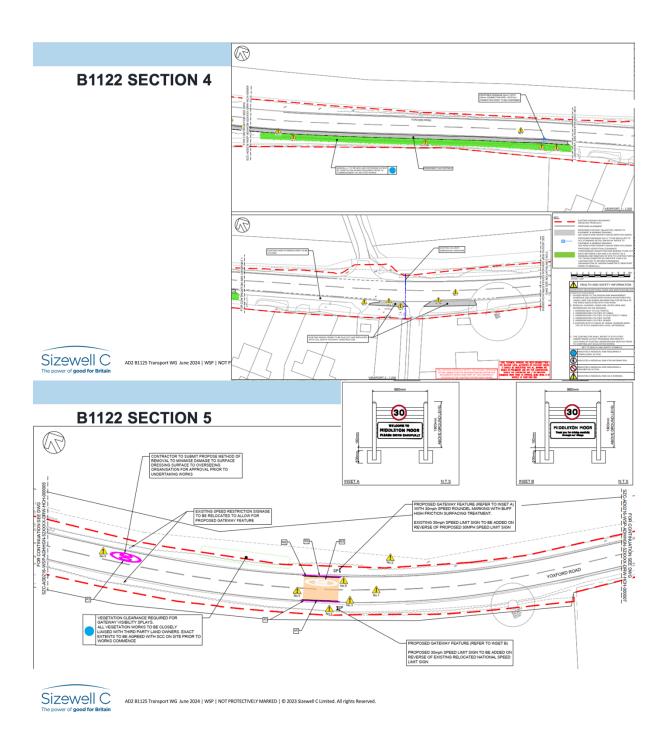
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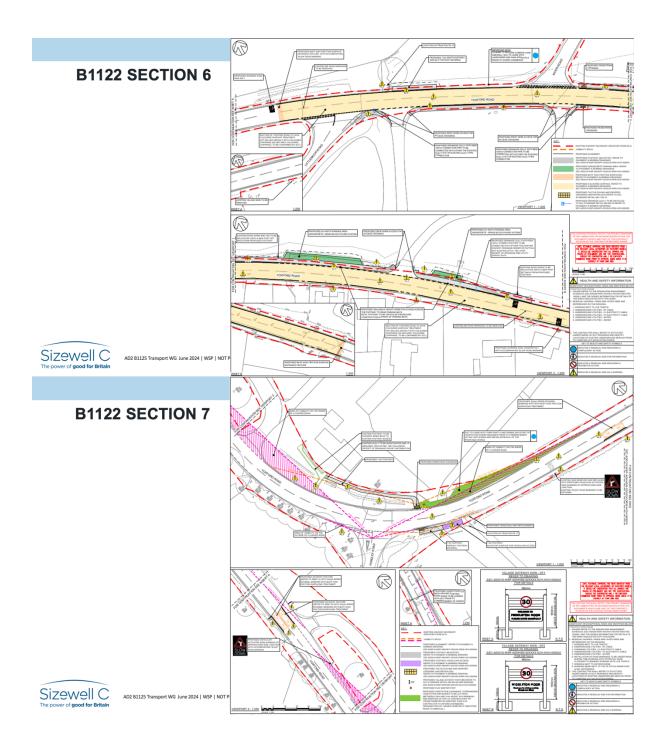


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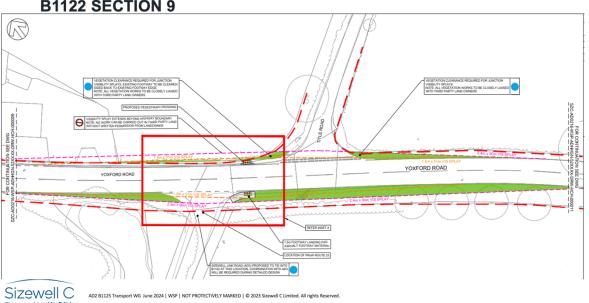


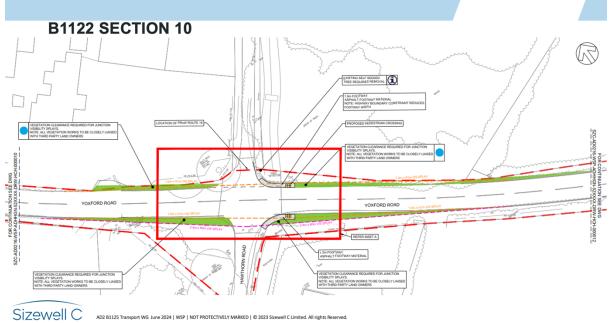


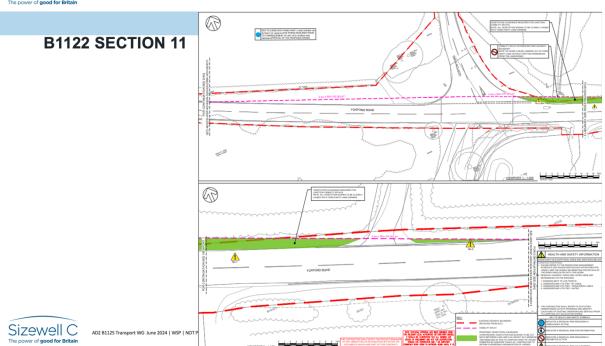
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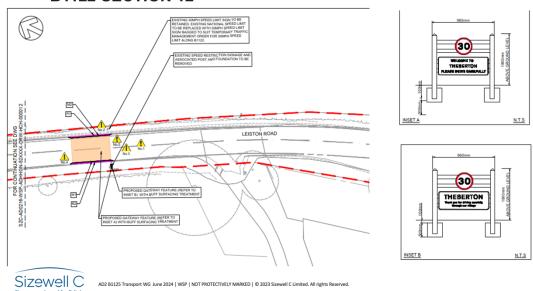
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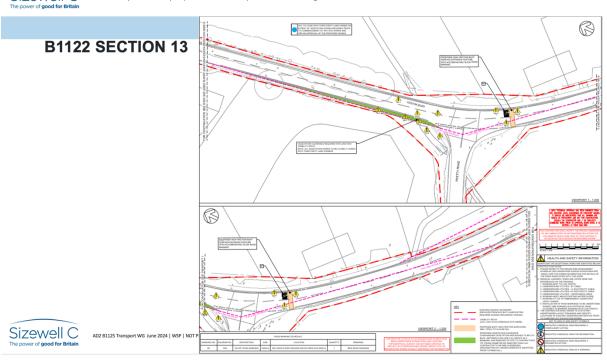






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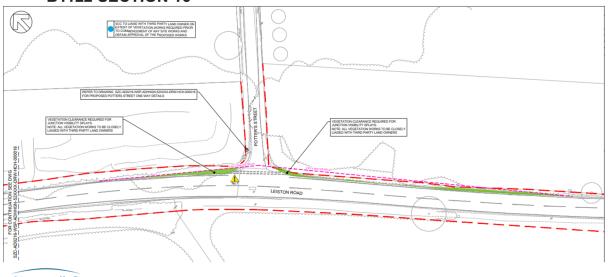


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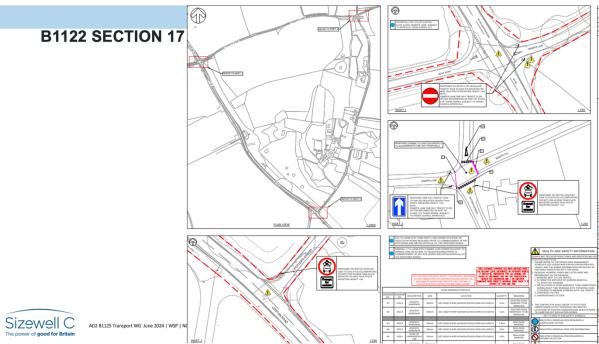
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