

Town and Parish Council May Update

It has been another busy month for the project, including the second round of Northern and Southern Transport Forums, the granting of the Nuclear Site Licence and the roll out of the 30mph speed limit along the B1122.

Forums

The Northern Transport Forum was held on 8th May, at Darsham Village Hall. The meeting was chaired by the independent chair, Brian Stewart, and was well attended by members of the community to listen to project updates from the Site Operations Director and supporting Delivery Leads. We welcomed Stephen Keighley, Senior Project Manager for Rail, who provided an insight to the track upgrades and improvements.

In quick succession, the Southern Transport Forum met on 15th May at the Riverside Centre in Farnham St Andrew. The meeting was independently chaired by Brian Stewart who leads on all the transport forums. The meeting focussed on Associated Developments south of Saxmundham, including an update on the Freight Management Facility, Wickham Market Park and Ride and the two-village bypass. We had a deep dive into the railway strategy and the improvements being made to the East Suffolk line through Sizewell C funding. The Sizewell C project manager for rail works was joined by representatives from Network Rail to take enquiries.

We have now concluded the second round of forums, with the next Main Development Site forum to be held on 16th July.

Dates, times, venues and draft agendas for all forms can be found: [Click here](#)

Meeting notes are published on the East Suffolk website here: [Governance groups » East Suffolk Council](#)

Nuclear Site Licence

Sizewell C has been granted a nuclear site licence in a significant step forward for the project.

It's the first time that the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) has granted a site licence since it issued one to Hinkley Point C in Somerset in 2012, and it follows a rigorous process of scrutiny and assessment.

As a licensee, Sizewell C has a legal responsibility to comply with a range of health and safety legislation and nuclear security regulations. In addition, we need to meet 36 conditions attached to the licence, covering the design, construction, operation and decommissioning of the power station. More details can be found at [ONR grants nuclear site licence for Sizewell C | Office for Nuclear Regulation](#).

B1122 Speed Limits

Sizewell C recently completed some resurfacing works on the B1122, and we are now progressing with speed limit reductions to further improve safety and reduce noise and vibrations in advance of the Sizewell Link Road being built.

The 30mph speed limit is now in place between Yoxford and Lover's Lane in Leiston until the Sizewell Link Road is operational.

This work is in line with the commitments made in the deed of obligation designed to minimise the impact of Sizewell C before the Sizewell Link Road opens. All Sizewell C construction vehicles will use the Sizewell Link Road when it is operational.

This work was carried out in consultation with Suffolk County Council, East Suffolk Council and Suffolk Constabulary.

Sizewell Beach Path Diversion

As we look to construct Sizewell C's temporary sea defences and our cross-shore infrastructure to maximise delivery of construction materials by sea, we'll be creating a temporary diversion around an 800m portion of a pathway along Sizewell beach from September 2024. There will still be normal access to Sizewell beach and the sand dunes during this period, so that people can continue to enjoy the beach as normal.

The alternative path will be in place for the duration of the construction period. It will be laid with geogrid mesh, similar to parts of the current path in front of Sizewell A and Sizewell B. Ramps will be installed to ensure ease of use over the dunes, and it will be maintained and inspected on a regular basis by the Sizewell C team.

For safety and security, we'll also be installing some temporary fencing along just the western side of the path, beside Sizewell C, which will be in place during the construction of the temporary sea defence, and removed afterwards in roughly two years.

The proposals for the diversion of the coastal path formed part of our Development Consent Order (DCO) consultations and is approved as part of the DCO. We remain in contact with the Suffolk County Council Planning and Public Rights of Way Officers, so that it meets all the access requirements of a public rights of way diversion.

We're also in contact with the Park Run team in order to help make alternate arrangements to ensure that their run continues.

Internal Bus Scheme

An internal bussing scheme has started in a phased approach, taking people between the Ancillary Construction Area (ACA) and the Temporary Construction Area (TCA). The four buses will relieve the number of 4x4 vehicles needed to take people around site, helping make transportation activities more sustainable.

The next stage of the programme will see external buses for the park and ride scheme introduced, which will be vital in bringing people to site from outside locations as we continue to grow the site team.

The Sizewell C Community Fund

The Sizewell C Community Fund is a pot of up to £23m that will be directed into the East Suffolk Council area over the next decade.

Around £2m will be made available each year, with grants awarded to projects which will minimise the impact of Sizewell C construction work and improve environmental, social and economic wellbeing. Bids will also be invited from initiatives which will generate new prospects for education and employment.

Suffolk Community Foundation is currently developing the grants criteria and putting an application process in place, which will make it as easy as possible for groups to bid for money. A dedicated email address for all enquiries about the fund has also been launched, which is available at szccommunityfund@suffolkcf.org.uk

Noye's Fludde

Sizewell Creative arts programme provides free, accessible and sustainable arts events and initiatives for the community and local schools.

We are working with great partners in the region and beyond to help create a lasting artistic legacy in Suffolk. Join us for our inaugural Sizewell Creative community performance, Noye's Fludde, at Thorington Theatre on Saturday 13 July.

Choirs, musicians, local villages and schools in East Suffolk have come together to bring Benjamin Britten's world-famous interpretation of Noye's story to life. In this unique opera project, young

people, musicians and community members take centre stage, alongside Sizewell C construction workers, helping build the Ark.

When it was first written and performed in 1958, Noye's Fludde defined a new genre of community opera for the villages in and around Leiston. This summer, we are delighted to bring it home.

Buy one ticket and get one free with code 2for1 at the checkout

[Noye's Fludde \(Noah's Flood\) \(6pm\) — Thorington Theatre | Outdoor Theatre - Suffolk | Shows and Musicals](#)

Wide and Abnormal Load Movements

There has been an increase in the number of abnormal and wide loads in the area as we bring in materials and equipment for site works. We keep our works tracker updated with all expected loads and you can find it here:

[Latest Info - Sizewell C Works Tracker \(szcworkstracker.co.uk\)](http://szcworkstracker.co.uk)

We also issue email notifications of expected loads. If you would like to sign up please email us at info@sizewellc.com or call 0800 197 6102.

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