

## **November Parish Update**

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Good afternoon.

I am very pleased to be in touch with an update on the Sizewell C project.

Every month we will send this to all parishes and community groups with a brief review of the previous month's work and what is planned to follow. Following an overall construction schedule, we have broken the update down into each individual site where we are working so you can catch up on the news that is relevant to your local community.

We now have over 900 workers on site and our construction activities are beginning to increase as we prepare for main construction activities, which will include building roads and installing park and ride facilities in 2025.

At the bottom of the email, you will also see the latest information on the Sizewell C Community Fund and useful information such as monitoring data and the dates and times of forthcoming community forum meetings.

Please let us know if you have any suggestions for improving this monthly email update. We want to make it relevant, useful and accessible.

Thank you for your time and as always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us. Our details follow below.

Best regards,

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**Site Delivery Schedule Planner** 

# Parking and freight schemes

### Northern Park and Ride (Darsham)

We are preparing the site, which includes vegetation clearance to enable the archaeology works to commence at Willow Marsh Lane, in readiness for the construction of the Northern Park and Ride facility.

In order to create a safe working environment at the location, we will create a bell-mouth entrance and a welfare compound for our workers to conduct archaeological works. The compound will consist of car parking, portacabin style facilities and safe walkways.

## Southern Park and Ride (Wickham Market)

We have installed fencing around the area which will eventually be a park and ride facility for our workforce, keeping cars off local roads as we bus our teams to site.

Our ecologists are overseeing a phased vegetation clearance and dozens of highly skilled archaeologists have started work on the site.

We will keep you posted on our findings and plan to hold an exhibition locally so you can see what has been hiding away under Suffolk soil.



#### **Orwell Logistics Park**

We are establishing two additional warehouse facilities and a dedicated Freight Management Facility (FMF) which will be a vital part of how we manage our lorries and goods.

The two new warehouse structures are being constructed to increase the site's storage and logistics capacity, ensuring that essential materials for Sizewell C are handled efficiently. Both warehouses are progressing steadily, with structural frameworks nearing completion and external cladding set to begin in the coming weeks.

Alongside this, significant progress is being made on the Freight Management Facility. This facility will serve as a critical hub for the coordination of incoming deliveries, ensuring smooth traffic management and reducing congestion in the local area. The groundworks and foundation stages have been completed, and the steel framework is now assembled.

We remain on schedule, and these additions will enhance the logistics infrastructure, supporting the timely delivery of components and materials essential for Sizewell C's construction phase.

### **Major Road Schemes**

## **Two Villages Bypass**

Our contractors are clearing topsoil off Tinker Brook in Stratford St Andrew in advance of archaeologists starting work in the area. Construction of the bypass is expected to start in Q2 2025.

#### Sizewell Link Road

Our ecologists and archaeologists are working in the area in advance of constructing the permanent 6.8km road which will take our construction traffic away from the B1122.



#### **Yoxford Roundabout**

We have installed fencing around the area and will shortly begin archaeology and ecology work. The Yoxford Roundabout is considered a legacy benefit for the area on a busy stretch of the A12. Construction work is expected to start in Q2 2025.

#### Friday Street Roundabout

We are closely coordinating works with SPR as they also require traffic management measures for their project in Friston; our early works include archaeology to prepare the site in advance of the start of construction, which is anticipated to start in Q2 2025.

### **Local Road Schemes**

Our planning team has been working closely with local communities and the Highways Authority to finalise the design of a number of local road schemes, which will have a legacy benefit for all. We look forward to sharing more details as they progress.

#### **Rail Schemes**

Work on the Sizewell Branchline (SIZ) and the Green Rail Route (which bypasses Leiston) has begun with surveys and enabling works ongoing. The Green Rail Route will be a temporary new railway to enable deliveries of materials directly to the main site as part of our strategy to deliver 60% of materials via rail and sea. This will be removed once the power station has been constructed.

We are currently working in Buckleswood Road where we are creating a railway works compound in support of improvements to the existing Sizewell Branch Line, level crossings, signalling and the construction of the Green Rail Route.

We are constructing a temporary compound to enable archaeology to commence on site prior to the construction of the rail works.

The compound will consist of car parking, along with the welfare and storage facilities needed for the archaeology works. This will also include creating an access point onto the site from Buckleswood Road, for which some vegetation clearance will be required.

Archaeology is expected to start this month and is expected to last for 12 weeks.

### **Accommodation Campus**

Archaeology work is underway at the site which will eventually house 2,400 workers. The accommodation campus will be located on our main development site and is a core part of our strategy to house our workforce.



## **Main Development Site**

We will be removing vegetation to create access points for the main development site and associated developments for the construction site.

Over the coming weeks we will be working in Lover's Lane, Abbey Road, Eastbridge Road and Buckleswood Road.

These works began at the end of September and will carry on until March 2025. We have written to local residents in the vicinity of where we are working.

All necessary work will be carried out under supervision of an Ecological Clerk of Works, including surveys for nesting birds, bats and badgers, in accordance with protected species licence conditions, where they apply. Where possible this vegetation was coppiced earlier this year to discourage birds from nesting and to encourage reptiles to translocate to new habitats.

Traffic management will be required in these locations but we will seek to minimise disruption to the community where possible.

## Lover's Lane Realignment

It will be necessary to realign the junction of Lover's Lane where it meets Abbey Road in readiness for the Green Rail Route which will deliver freight to the construction site, keeping trucks off local roads. Over the coming weeks a number of utility companies will be working together to move some of the existing services.

### Sizewell Beach Public Right of Way Diversion

It has been necessary to divert the beach footpath in advance of sea defence work to protect the new power station. We have worked closely with Park Run to install a footpath diversion which has opened this week.

#### Fen Meadow

Sizewell C is establishing a new area of fen meadow east of Friday Street in Benhall and Sternfield to create compensatory fen meadow habitat for a variety of species.

To compensate for a small area of Sizewell Marshes needed during construction, we are delivering substantially larger areas of compensatory habitat at off-site locations in Benhall, Pakenham and Halesworth.

We are rewilding areas that were once low-grade arable land to create a mosaic of heathland, scrub, woodland, wetland and fen meadows. Our work at Benhall is expected to be completed within the next few weeks and the traffic management removed.

# **Sizewell C Community Fund**

The Sizewell C Community Fund is worth £23m across the lifetime of the construction period. The fund offers financial contributions to help mitigate adverse effects on the economic, social or environmental wellbeing of communities potentially affected by the Sizewell C Project, including their quality of life.

Over £300,000 is being awarded to local groups that deliver a diverse range of services, this funding round has included Citizens Advice East Suffolk and Leiston Youth and Community Angling Society.

A total of nine charities and not-for-profit groups which deliver services in the East Suffolk area have received grants from the fund. The panel that determine the awards is formed from experts in community outreach from across East Suffolk.



## Sizewell C Events and Meetings

Northern Transport Forum 6 November 6.30pm, Darsham Village Hall

Southern Transport Forum 13 November 6.30pm, the Riverside Centre, Stratford St Andrew.



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