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## PLANNING GROUP

Meeting Type:	DoO Governance Group Meeting
Date:	16 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
Venue:	MS Teams
Meeting Chair:	Niki Pieri (SZC)
Attendees:	SZC – <b>Richard Bull (RB)</b> , <b>Niki Pieri (NP)</b> , Daniel Piercy (DP) – Observer, Olivia Hart (OH) – Observer, Jen Mills (JM) – Observer, Rebecca Calder (RC) – Observer ESC – <b>Martyn Fulcher (MF)</b> , Bethany Rance (BR) – Observer, Clara Peirson (CP) – Observer, Jim Selby (JS) – Observer, Tom Cox (TC) – Observer, Mark Kemp (MK) – Observer SCC – <b>Andrew Rutter (AR)</b> , Michael Moll (MM) – Observer, Kate Watson (KW) – Observer
Apologies:	
Meeting Record produced by:	Caitlin Murphy (SZC)
Next Meeting Date:	16 <sup>th</sup> October 2025

### Summary / Key Discussion

#### Meeting Notes:

#### INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW OF PREVIOUS ACTIONS

#### Actions:

Date Raised	Ref.	Description	Lead	Date Due
19/09/2024	1	SZC to engage with relevant chairs and ensure they have agenda item on next meeting to formally record the acceptance of their Terms of Reference where outstanding. If certain groups do not have a meeting scheduled, approval will have to be granted outside of meetings.	SZC	Closed
01/05/2025	2	Workforce Survey status update to be provided at June Planning Group session, followed by full agenda item in July.	SZC	Closed
25/07/2025	3	Workforce Survey summary slides to be circulated with the group.	SZC	Closed
16/09/2025	4	Planning group recommends that monitoring undertaken for rail is also made available to the most appropriate governance group (i.e. TRG), to ensure they have oversight and visibility	PG	16/10/2025

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16/09/2025	5	JM to draft governance monitoring tracker and meet with councils to formalise process, ensuring reporting requirements are clear and consistent across groups.	SZC	16/10/2025
16/09/2025	6	SZC to schedule session with councils to discuss workforce survey, and clarify what is reported in the onboarding survey	SZC	16/10/2025
16/09/2025	7	JM to confirm which iteration of the workforce survey the most recent one was	SZC	16/10/2025
16/09/2025	8	SZC to provide high level strategic summary of Implementation Plan changes and their implications at strategic meetings	SZC	16/10/2025

### Rail Noise Mitigation Plan – Requirement 39

- The RNMP was submitted under Requirement 39 to ESC in Dec 2024. Discussions since submission have been primarily on train idling issue, as switching off while waiting to return on the East Suffolk Line is not operationally feasible.
- These changes increase noise impacts compared with the original assumptions in the DCO. However, they are necessary for the safe and efficient operation of the railway. Given the adverse noise implications but wider project benefits, the matter was brought to the Planning Group for collective decision-making.
- In addition, RC noted that a Requirement 13 submission is being prepared to use Land East of Eastlands Industrial Estate (LEEIE) for a tunnel segment facility and steel cut and bend facility. If approved, this would enable material delivery by rail. Any changes to the RNMP would therefore need to align with this submission.
- MK suggested including a review mechanism in the RNMP to address unanticipated or greater-than-predicted impacts.
- MM asked whether noise monitoring should sit under governance groups. RC and MK will review options to ensure idling noise monitoring is overseen by the most appropriate group (e.g. Environmental Review or Transport).
- AR raised that as this is a type of 'transport' then the TRG should at least have sight of the proposals. This is to ensure all relevant groups are kept in the loop.

### Action – Planning group recommends that monitoring undertaken for rail is also made available to the most appropriate governance group (i.e. TRG), to ensure they have oversight and visibility

- The Planning Group agreed that RNMP can progress with idling included, but recognised that this still needs to follow due process through DoR/NMP and that the RNMP wording will be aligned with the Requirement 13 submission and shared (with tracked changes) for review.

### Review of Previous Actions

- **Action 1:** closed
- **Action 2:** closed

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- **Action 3:** closed

### SZC PLANNING TRACKER

#### TCPAs

- **TCPA Natterjack Toad:** Hoping to have determination by ESC end -September
- **Wild Aldhurst Enhancement Works:** Hoping for determination end of September
- **Saxmundham Road Level Crossing TCPA – Condition 5:** submission anticipated towards end of September.
- **College on the Coast ACA South (Area 1) TCPA:** aiming for application to be submitted in October
- **Bus Refuelling/Maintenance – Ransomes, Ipswich TCPA:** aiming for submission in November
- **Pontins caravan pitches TCPA:** discussions held with the case officer to review proposals and offer support as needed
- **King Georges Avenue Caravan Site (Former SZC Caravan Park) TCPA:** awaiting update from ESC Estates and SZC land team negotiations. **High Lodge, Darsham worker accommodation TCPA:** aiming for submission before end of 2025

#### DCO Requirements

- **Req 05 – Surface and Foul Water Drainage Details for MDS – Earthworks Tranche 8 (Partial discharge):** with ESC for determination.
- **Req 05 – Surface and Foul Water Drainage Details for MDS – Earthworks Tranche 9 (Partial discharge):** submission aimed for late October
- **Req 9 – Revised site clearance drawings – updated to reflect final SCC Technically Approved designs:** submission aimed for October.
- **Req 10(1) – Public Rights of Way Implementation Plan for SLR Schedule 11 PRoW diversion:** Dependant on technical approval status. Ensure ProW comments incorporated.
- **Req 13 – CMS Revisions for Integrated Reinforcement Yard:** submission aimed for mid-October
- **Req 18 – Sports Facilities: Reserved matters:** planning application going to ESC committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Following approval, submission of Requirement can proceed
- **Req 19 – MDS: Marine infrastructure – Supply of revised details – TSD – Increase in height to sheet pile wall (southern section):** ESC to determine shortly
- **Req 19 – MDS: Marine infrastructure – Supply of revised details – TSD – Rock Armour installation (southern section):** SZC will provide update once design has been agreed.
- **Req 21 – SSSI Method Statement partial discharge for works within temporary land take area near Sizewell B:** submission aimed Q4 25
- **Req 23 – MDS Highways Works – Highway layout details for Leiston Drain:** with SCC for determination.
- **Req 25 – MDS: Fen meadow – Pakenham Fen Meadow Plan:** submission aimed for mid-September
- **Req 26 – MDS: Wet woodland – Wet Woodland Plan amendment (Pakenham only):** submission aimed for mid-September
- **Req 31 – Rail Infrastructure Plans – GRR alternative details for bunds (gap and additional height):** submission aimed for end of September
- **Req 32 – AD Site Clearance drawings – SLR alternative details for highway visibility at B1122 tie-in:** awaiting technical approval.
- **Req 35(1) – Highway works – Highway layout details inc drainage for SPR:** SCC to determine.
- **Req 35(1) – Highway works – Highway layout details inc drainage for SLR:** awaiting legal agreement

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- **Req 35(1) – Highway works – Highway layout details inc drainage for A1094/B1069 (Knodishall):** determination will follow Req 35(1) SLR
- **Req 35(1) – Highway works – Highway layout details inc drainage for A12/B1119 (Saxmundham):** determination with SCC will follow shortly
- **Req 35(1) – Highway works – Highway layout details inc drainage for A12/A114 (Bramfield):** submission aimed for end of 2025
- **Req 36(1) – ADs; Highway landscape works – Details of landscape works for TVB excluding Friday Street Roundabout:** ESC awaiting revised LEMP
- **Req 36(1) – ADs; Highway landscape works – Details of landscape works for Friday Street:** ESC awaiting revised LEMP
- **Req 36(1) – ADs; Highway landscape works – Details of landscape works for SLR:** ESC awaiting revised LEMP
- **Req 39 Rail Noise – Rail Noise Mitigation Plan:** submission aimed for mid-October

### Advertisement Consent Applications

- **Beach information board signage (Advertisement) Pt2:** with ESC for determination.
- **Benhall and Halesworth, Fen Meadow Site Entrance (Advertisement Consent):** with ESC for determination.
- **Wild Pakenham, Fen Meadow Site Entrance (Advertisement Consent):** with West Suffolk Council for determination.

### BMPs

- **Yoxford Roundabout:** Awaiting ESC comments
- **TCA :** MK has provided comments which have been shared with SZC
- **Junction at Saxmundham:** Awaiting ESC comments

### DCO GOVERNANCE GROUPS UPDATE

- JM provided an update on the Terms of Reference (ToR): CSWG has given verbal agreement, and the final copy will be circulated before going to SRG. TRG will report back to DSG.
- JM is preparing the meeting schedule for next year and will confirm with group leads

### RECOMMENDATIONS TO DSG

- MM noted recent SCC monitoring discussions and the need to define how monitoring should be integrated within governance. DSG to consider their role in this.
- JM confirmed SZC is developing a reporting tracker to clarify what must be reported, how information is shared, and where oversight sits.

**Action – JM to draft governance monitoring tracker and meet with councils to formalise process, ensuring reporting requirements are clear and consistent across groups.**

- Reporting should cover three elements:
  - Governance arrangements.
  - Mandatory reporting requirements.
  - Additional useful data
- MM raised workforce survey, and RB confirmed the survey went live on 15/09.

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- RB agreed to hold a session to:
  - Review council feedback and SZC responses.
  - Agree which comments to incorporate in future surveys.
  - Clarify survey objectives (SZC and council perspectives).
  - Set timelines for councils to have early sight of surveys.

**Action – SZC to schedule session with councils to discuss workforce survey, and clarify what is reported in the onboarding survey**

**Action – JM to confirm which iteration of the workforce survey the most recent one was**

### AOB

- AR raised the Implementation Plan and requested some changes (A12 Layby listed as design when it's not, ensure document is marked as September and add column for start dates)
- MM requested that the Implementation Plan be accompanied by a short note outlining the implications of any changes. RB agreed to provide a high-level strategic summary for strategic meetings.

**Action – SZC to provide high level strategic summary of Implementation Plan changes and their implications at strategic meetings**