



Sizewell C Northern Transport Forum

Wednesday 7th May 2025

Darsham Village Hall

Agenda

Item 1: Welcome and Introduction of the Chair and Panel – (Chair)

Item 2: Meeting note and matters arising from Northern Transport Forum 5th February 2025 – (Chair)

Item 3: Exceptional Reporting - (Richard Knight)

Item 4: Corporate and Community Relations – (Marjorie Barnes)

Item 5: Road and Rail Updates – (Dave Peacop, David Seal, Stephen Keighley)

- Northern Park and Ride Site
- Yoxford Roundabout
- Sizewell Link Road
- Other highway improvement schemes
- Rail Overview

Item 6: Traffic and Transport – (Rebecca Quigg and Steve Merry – SCC)

Item 7: Q&A – via Town and Parish Council Representative – (Chair)

Item 8: Dates of Future Meetings – (Chair)

Item 1: Welcome and Introductions

Sizewell C Panel

David Peacop	Site Operations Director
David Seal	Offsite Delivery Manager
Marjorie Barnes	Head of Regional External Affairs and Development
Richard Bull	Head of Planning
Richard Knight	Senior Community Relations Manager
Stephen Keighley	Senior Project Manager – Rail
Rebecca Quigg	Transport Co-Ordinator
<u>Specialist Advisors</u>	
David Taylor	Network Rail Construction Manager
<u>Advisors</u>	
Zoe Botten	Community Relations Manager
Jez Porter	Stakeholder and External Roads Lead
Darren Benford-Brown	Community Safety Officer
Spencer Bowdler	Site Operations Site Lead
John Craddock	Senior Project Manager - Highways

Item 2: Meeting note and matters arising from NTF 5th February 2025

Chair

Northern Transport Forum Report

May 2025



Request for further detail regarding Darsham Level Crossing

Request for further details on Temporary Traffic Restrictions and Temporary Regulation Orders

Request for further details regarding road closures

Concerns raised for pathways for animals on the SLR



Network Rail to attend future Northern Transport Forum

To be presented at the next Northern Transport Forum

To be updated at future Northern Transport Forums

Afternote provided in the meeting note to provide reassurance

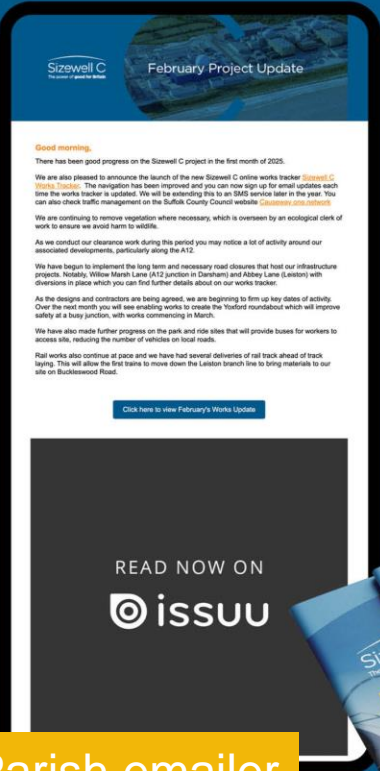
Item 3: Exceptional Reporting

Richard Knight, Senior Community Relations Manager

Item 4: Corporate and Community Relations

Marjorie Barnes, Head of READ

Keeping communities updated



Parish emailer

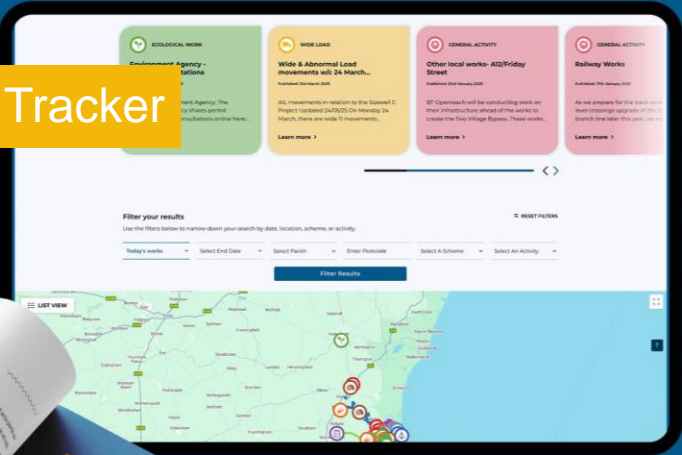
Parish/forum meetings



Newsletter



Works Tracker



Parish magazines

Community projects receive £550,000 funding boost

Nine local organisations have benefited from a total of over a half a million pounds in the latest round of funding from the Sizewell C Community Fund.

£550,000 was awarded by the Suffolk Community Foundation in the third round of funding, bringing the total support awarded so far to almost £2m.



The Art Station, which was granted £86,264 to fund a two-year programme of community art-based activities in Saxmundham, including photography sessions, gardening and walks held throughout the year.



Archaeology Outreach



Our archaeologists will be sharing their finds at:

Suffolk Show	28-29 May 2025
First Light Festival	21-22 June 2025
Main Development Site Forum	2 July / 8 October 2025
Community Forum	23 October 2025

Pop-up displays/exhibitions/talks at the following locations:

Wickham Market Village Hall	14 June 2025
Darsham/Yoxford Village Hall	September 2025
Stratford St Andrew Riverside Centre	November 2025
Theberton & Eastbridge Village Hall	January 2026
Leiston	March 2026

On-site open days at Wickham Market site – end June/July



Sizewell Creative



Sizewell Creative will support the following events across the county this summer:

Leiston Community Film Festival	20 February
VE Day 80 service on Sizewell beach	8 May
Suffolk Show	28/29 May
First Light Festival	21/22 June
Alde Valley Academy Big Sing	July
Aldeburgh Carnival	18 August

The power of **good for Britain**

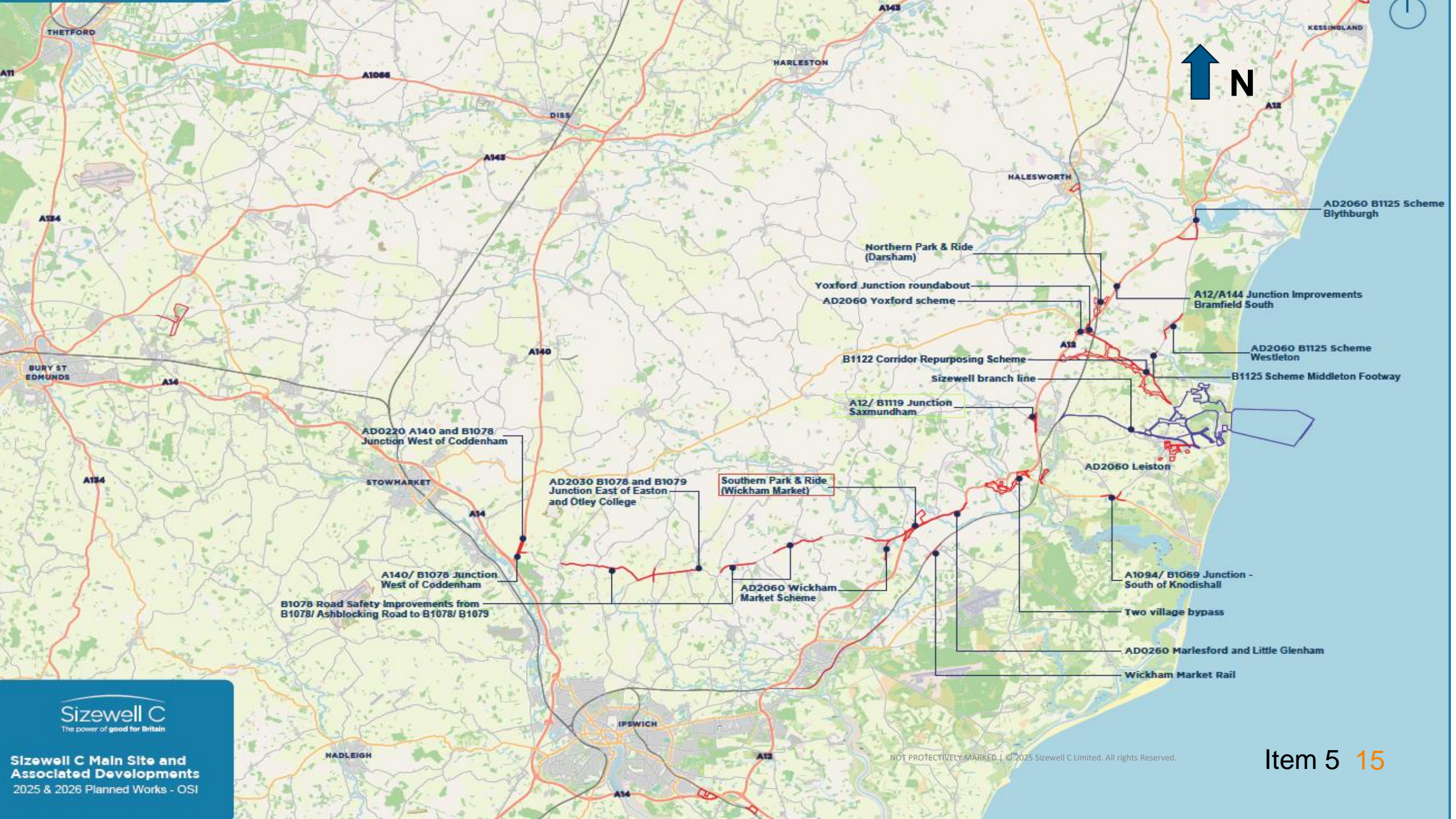
Item 5: Road and Rail Update

David Peacop, David Seal, Stephen Keighley and David Taylor from Network Rail

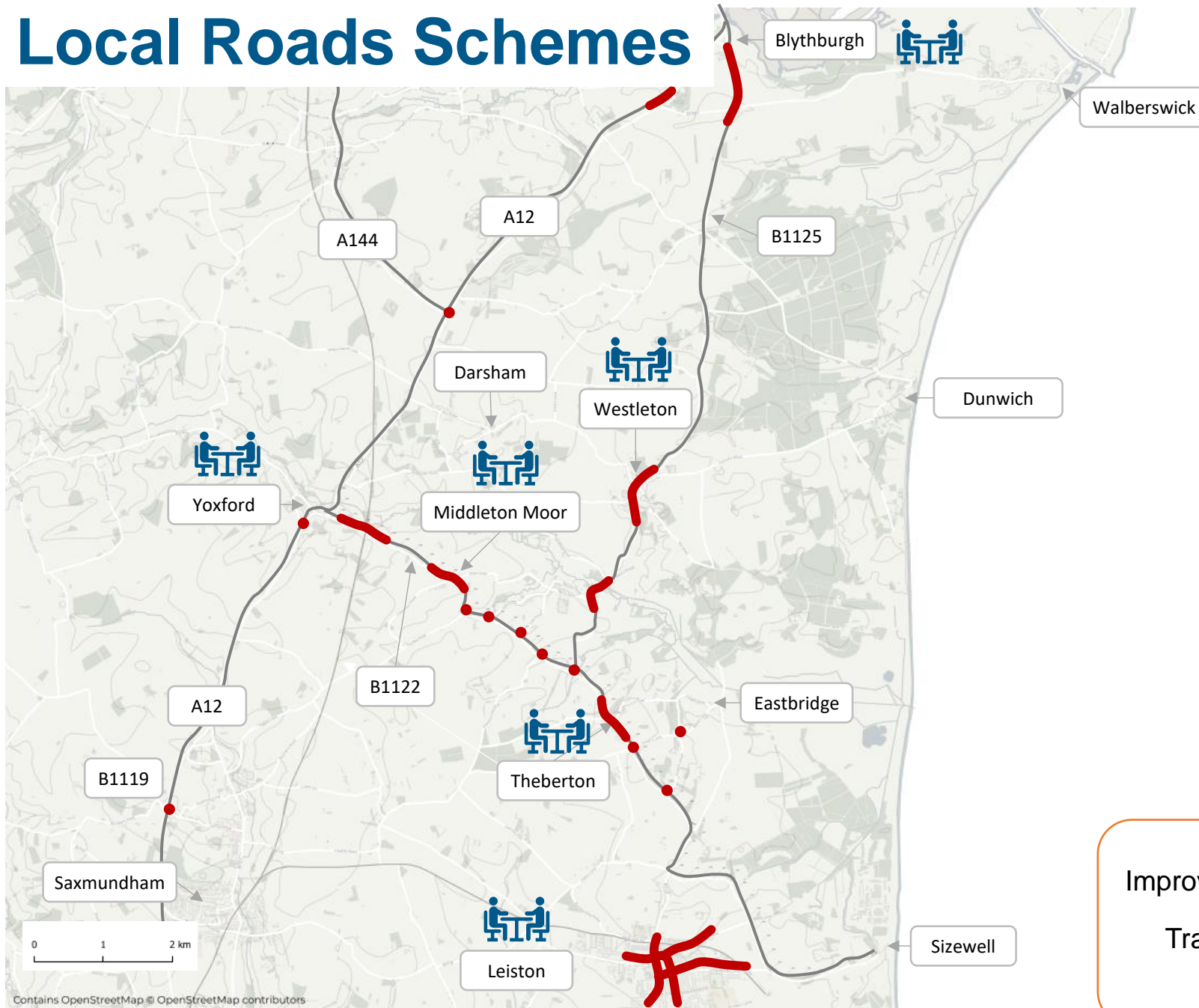
Site Delivery Lookahead



- Key**
- Work commences
 - ▶ Key milestone
 - Work complete



Local Roads Schemes



Typical improvements

- New and enhanced pedestrian footways and crossings
- New road surfacing
- Village gateways
- Safety improvements and side road visibility

Improvement scheme

Transport Working
Group



Local Roads – 2025 Anticipated Commencement Dates



- County Wide Highways Signage (Phase 2)
- A12 Abnormal Indivisible Load (AIL) Layby near B1078
- **B1122 Early Years Scheme**
- B1078 Road Safety Improvements
- A140/B1078 Junction. Improvements – West of Coddendam
- B1078 / B1079 East of Easton & Otley College
- B1119 / A12 Saxmundham



Procurement of AD2 Schemes
Delivery Principal Contractor

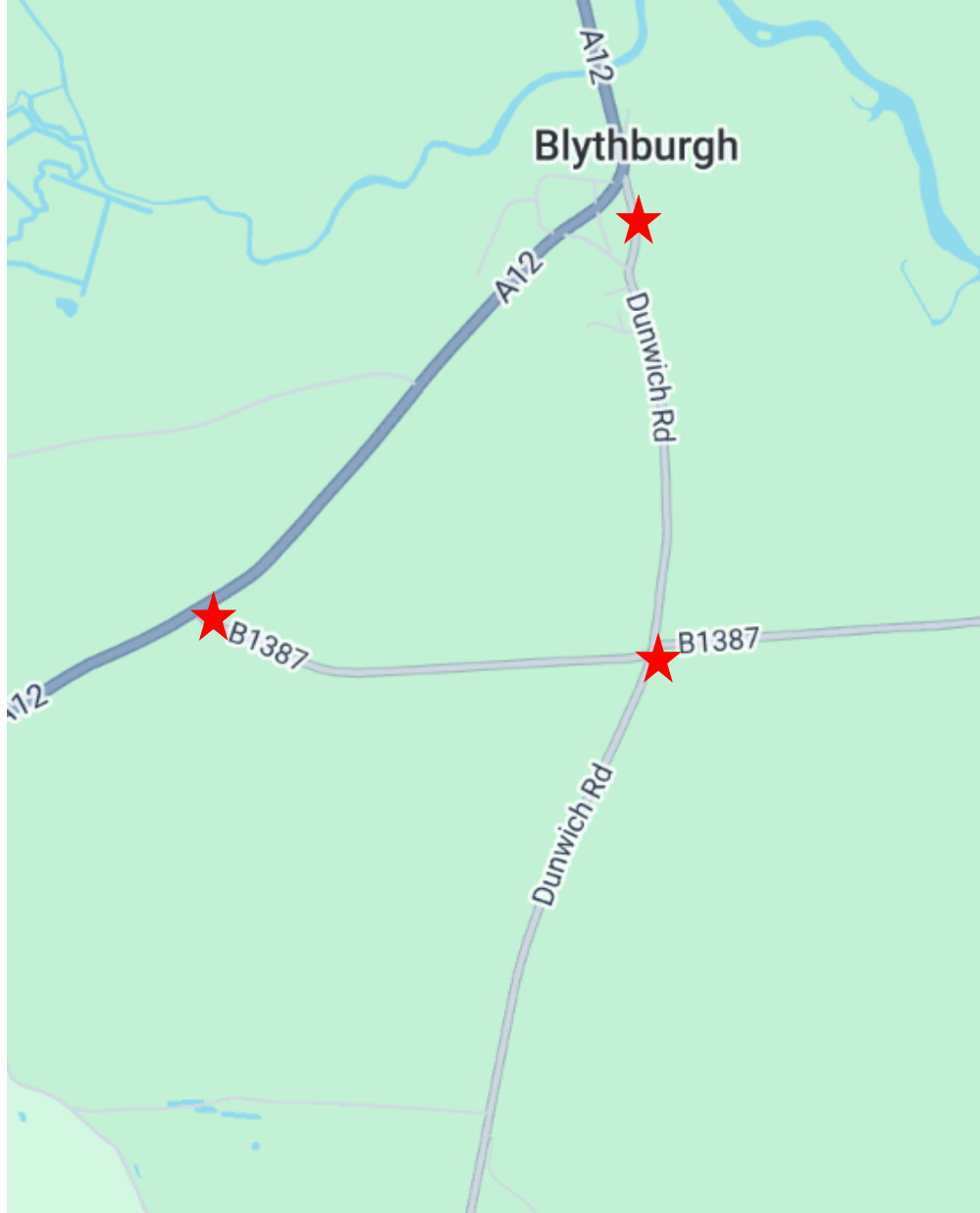


- **Yoxford Scheme (A12)**
- **B1125 Scheme (Westleton)**
- **B1125 Scheme (Blythburgh)**
- A1094 / B1069 South of Knodishall

Collaboration with Scottish Power Renewables -



Blythburgh: B1125 Scheme and B1387 works



Progress

- Q4 works to commence on Blythburgh mitigation – closing Angel Lane
- Ensure the works are consistent with B1387
- Agreement with Suffolk County Council on approach
- Sizewell C funding the improvements and maintenance
- SCC to design and implement the work

Scope of Works

- Patch and repair carriageway defects
- Overlay existing carriageway with additional asphalt layer full width
- Drainage improvements
- SZC to fund design and construction works for the above

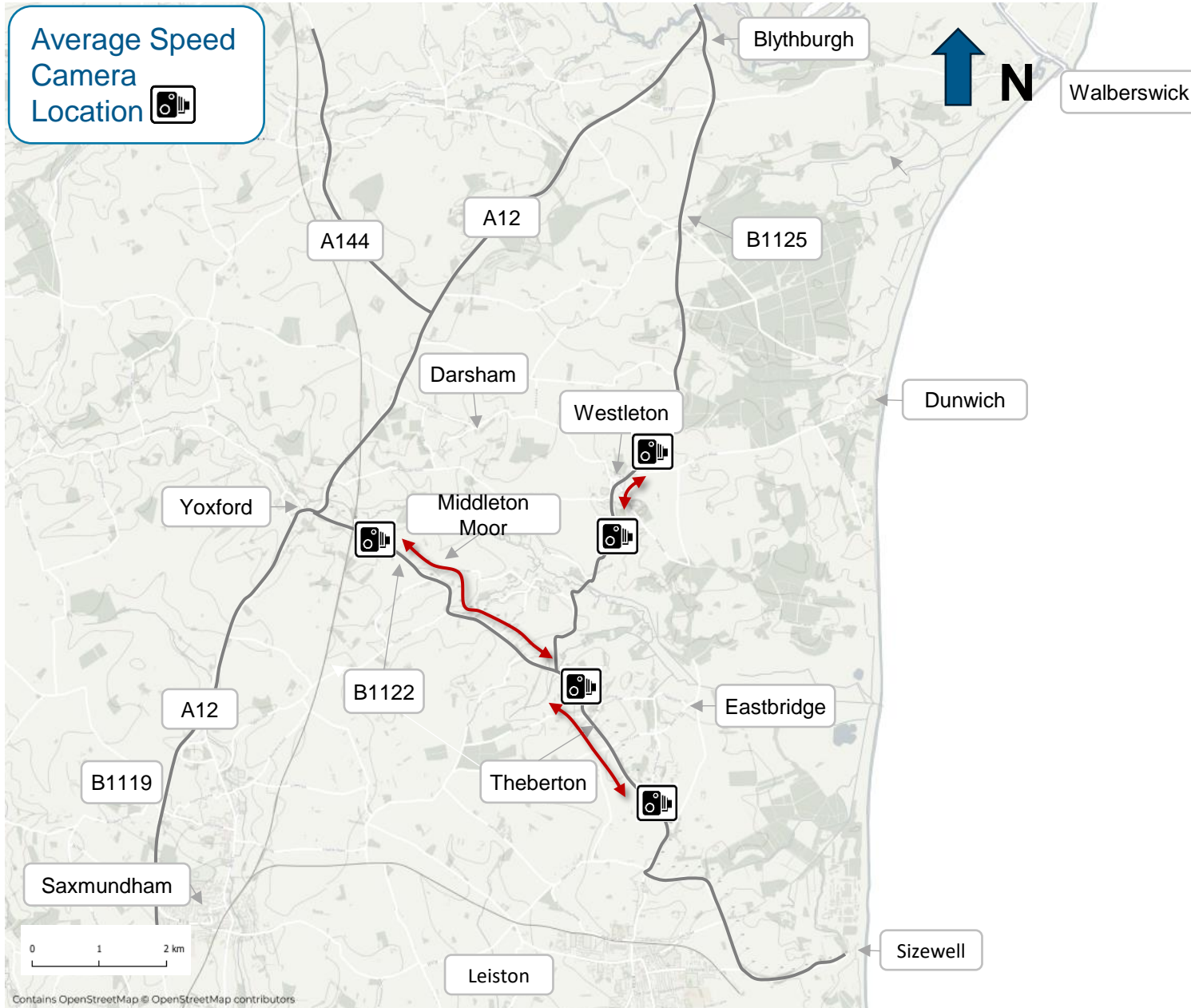
Approximate Timescales (SCC)

- Design Q2-3 2025
- Construction Q4 2025 – Q1 2026

Countywide Highways Signage – Semi Permanent Q1/ Q2 25



Average Speed Cameras Q1/Q2 2025



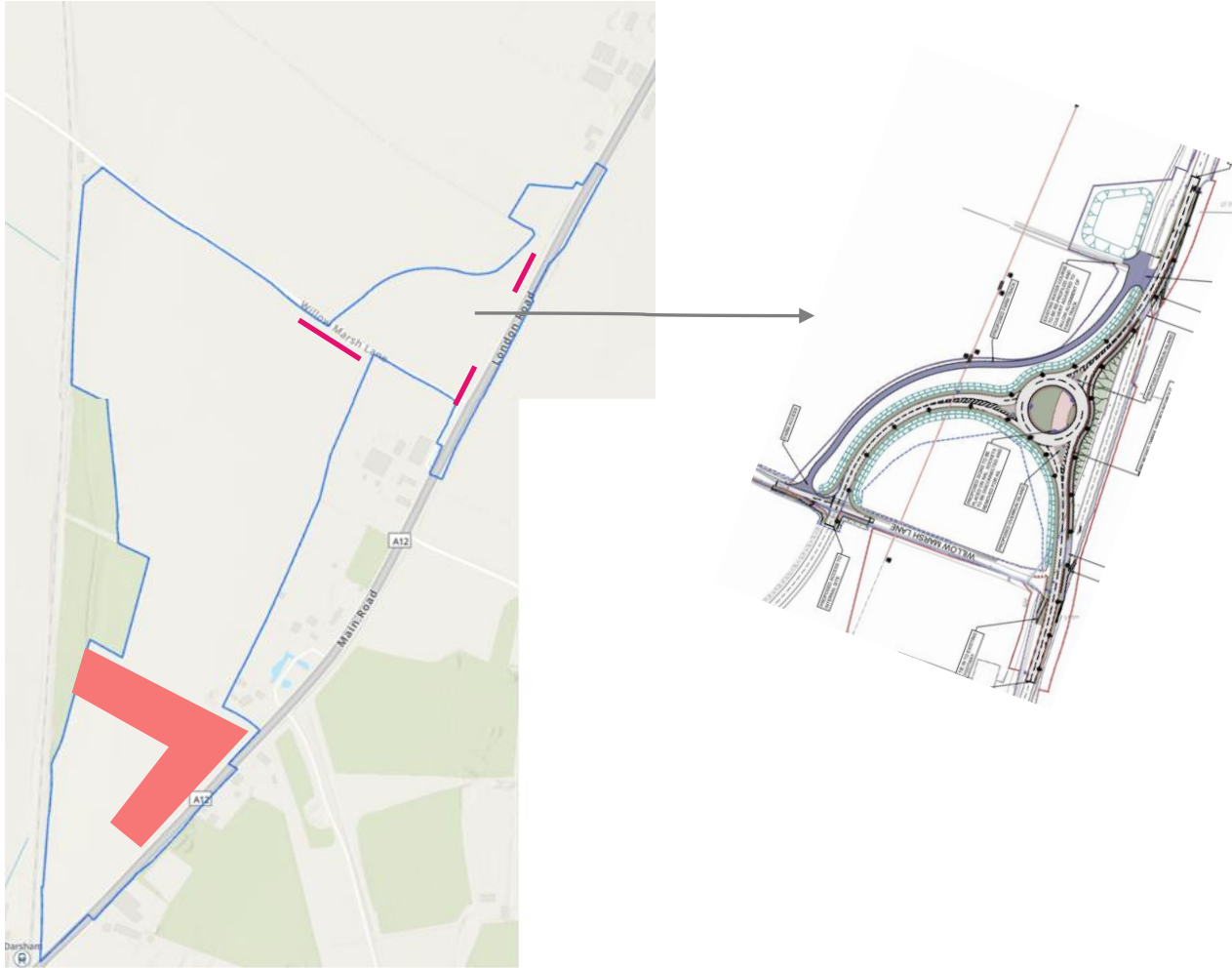
Average Speed Camera Enforcement

- B1122 from Yoxford to Eastbridge Road / Sizewell C main site access.
- B1125 through Westleton.

Next Steps

- Road signs along roads cameras being installed
- Installation of cameras w/c 12 May
- Data from the cameras will be collected by the police, and will be reported via their channels.

Northern Park and Ride (NPR) Early Works Q1 + Q2 25



Q4-24 (Completed)

- Vegetation Clearance (Willow March Lane)

Q1-25:

- Temporary site Access from Willow March Lane – started Jan 25 (Completed)
- Archaeology (ca. 3-months) - starting March 25
- Vegetation Clearance (along A12 – roundabout tie-in points)

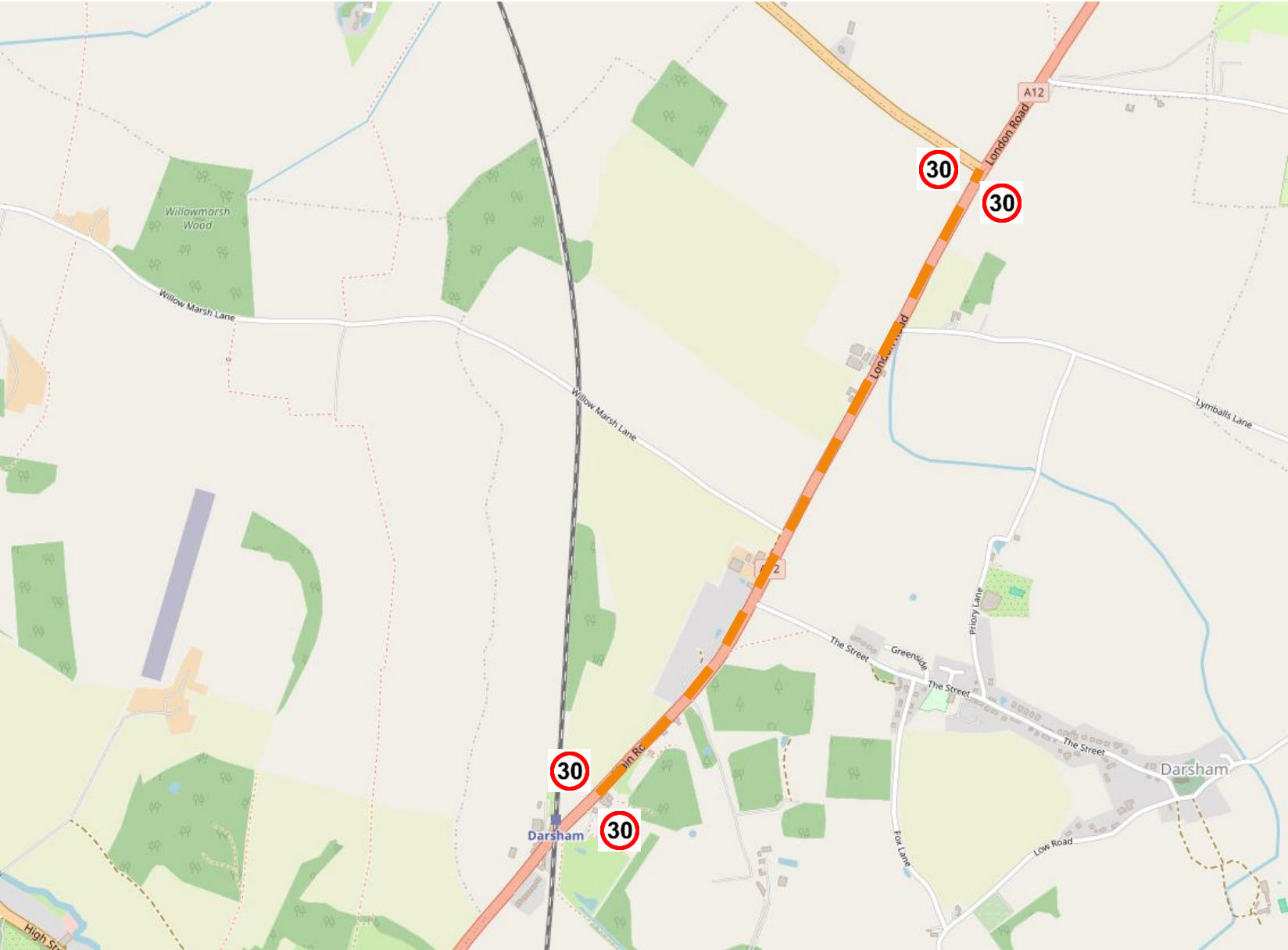
Q2 - 25

- Roundabout works (commencing)
- A12 drainage survey works (late May/June)
Night works subject to permitting
- Darsham crossing pedestrian works (late May/June) Nightworks subject to permitting
- Main Works (Q2-25 till Q3-26)

2025 onwards:

- Partial operation (Q3-25)

Darsham: Temporary Speed Limit A12



30 mph From the
A144 junction to
860m south of Willow
Marsh Lane

Sizewell Link Road (SLR)

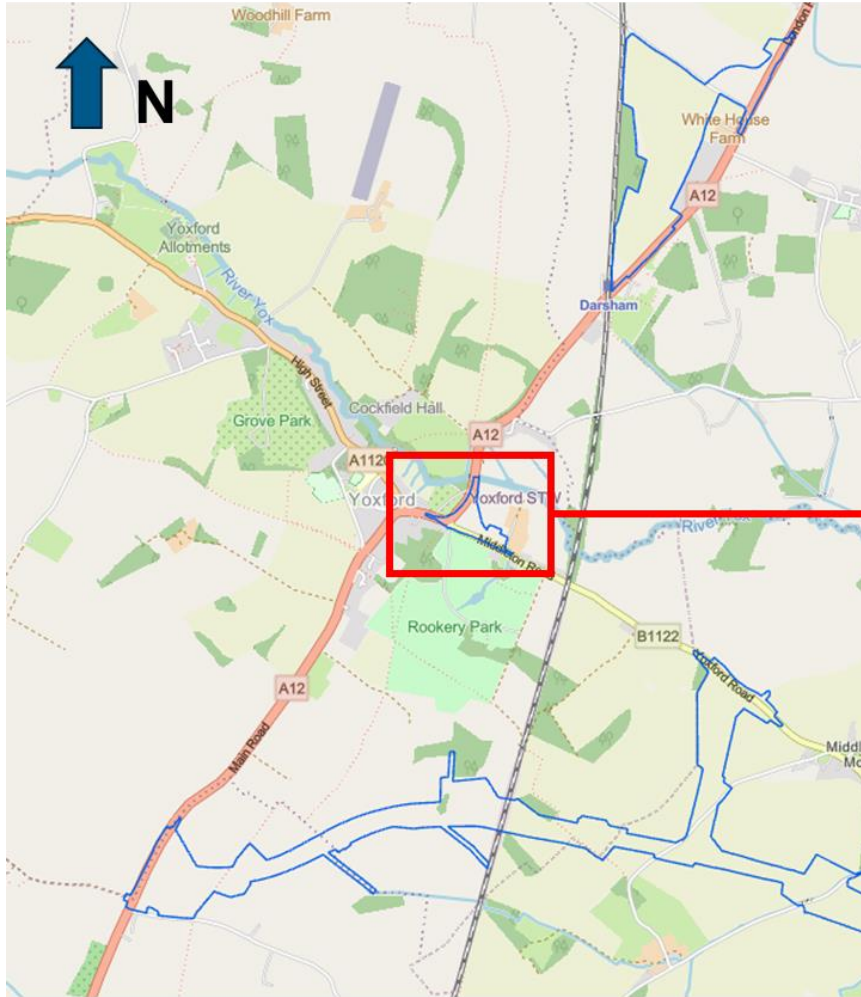


Sizewell Link Road



- Detail Design Complete. With SCC for Final Technical Approval
- Archaeology ongoing and ahead of programme
- Vegetation & ecology clearance ongoing
- Construction Contract awarded to Galliford Try
- Mobilisation Summer 2025
- Open Autumn 2027

Yoxford Roundabout



Yoxford Roundabout



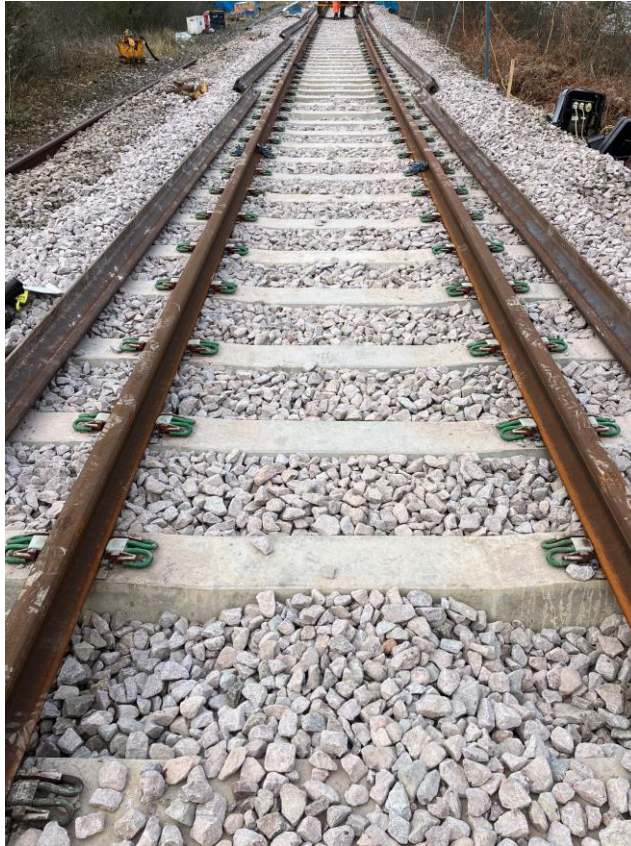
- Detail design and technical approval complete.
- Archaeology complete
- Vegetation & ecology clearance complete
- Utility works ongoing
- Construction Contract awarded to Breheny CE
- Mobilisation Summer 2025
- Open Spring 2027

Rail Delivery – Branchline Enabling Works (Jan-March 2025)



East Suffolk (ESK) line Track upgrades – March 2025

Burnt House



Wickham Market



Ballast Deliveries to ACA – April 2025

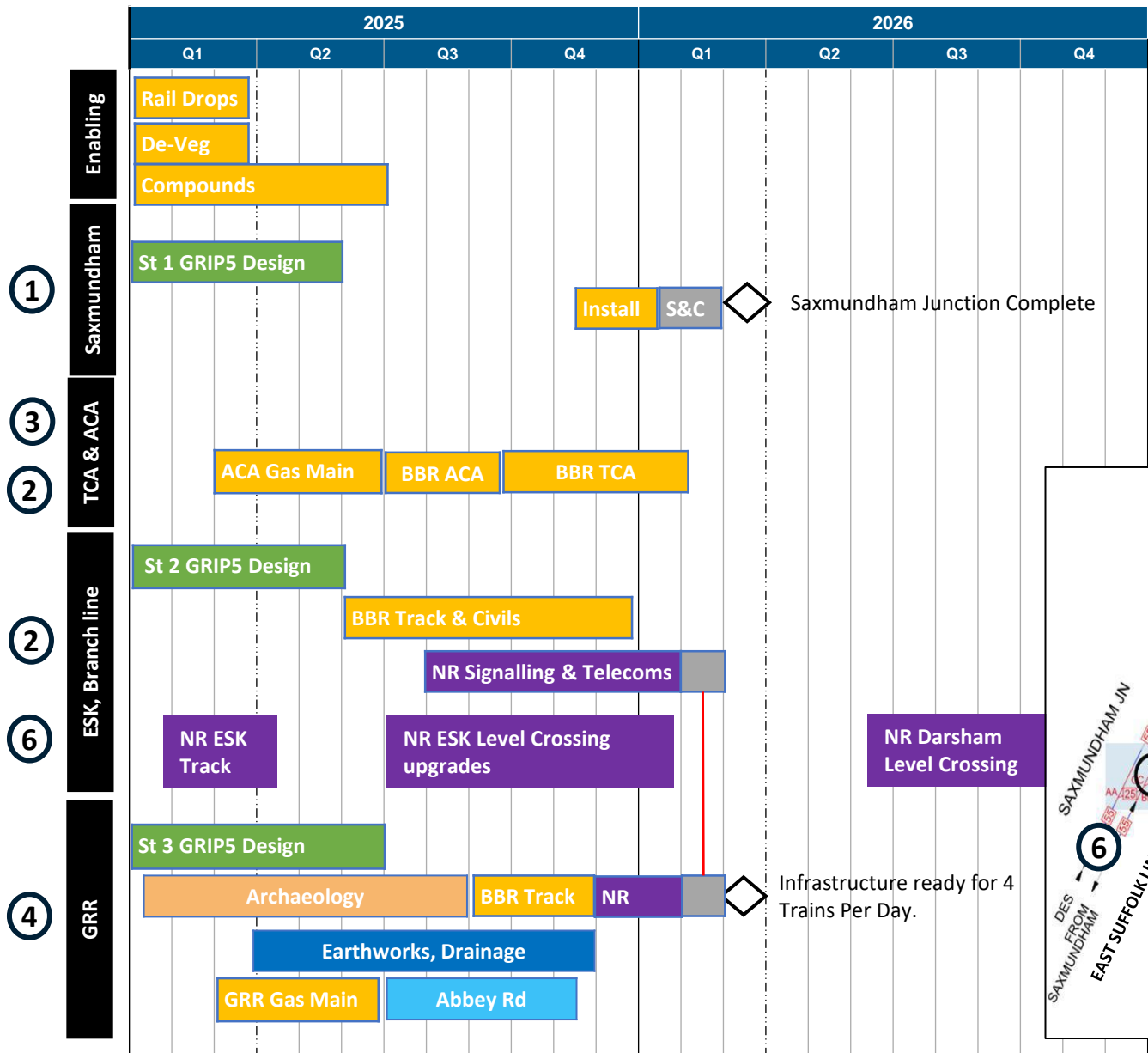


Materials being delivered into ACA ahead of construction in July

- Over 7500T of ballast delivered
- Gas main protection undertaken to ensure utilities protected
- Further 8 trains scheduled in May / June with materials for ACA and Buckleswood Compound



Rail Delivery – Plan on a Page

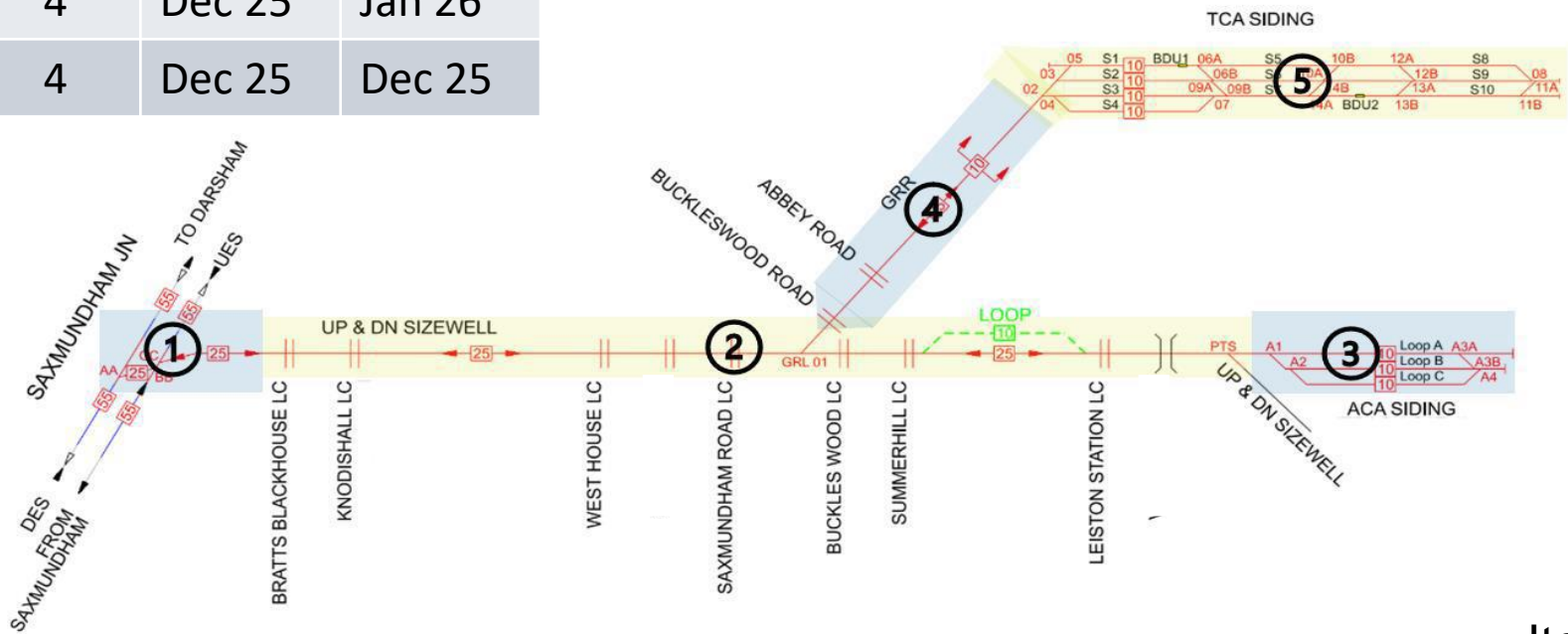


	Location	Scope
1	Saxmundham Junction	Upgrade existing junction
2	Sizewell Branch line	Track upgrade Level crossing upgrade (7Nr) Signalling upgrade
3	ACA Sidings	Temporary sidings (3Nr)
4	Green Rail Route	Temporary connection to TCA New level crossings (2Nr)
5	TCA Sidings	Temporary sidings (8Nr)
6	East Suffolk line	Level Crossing upgrades (11Nr) Track upgrades Signalling upgrade



Rail Delivery – Branchline Level Crossings

Level Crossing	Type	Phase	Start	Finish
Leiston Station	Road	1	Aug 25	Oct 25
West House	Track	2	Oct 25	Nov 25
Summerhill	F/P	2	Oct 25	Nov 25
Knodishall	Road	3	Nov 25	Dec 25
Hodgson Ave	F/P	3	Nov 25	Dec 25
Saxmundham Rd	Road	4	Dec 25	Jan 26
Bratts Black House	Road	4	Dec 25	Dec 25





Network Rail Darsham Level Crossing Update



Darsham Level Crossing

Network Rail are currently progressing single option design which is to upgrade the existing infrastructure to a full barrier level crossing with obstacle detection (OD Mk2).

We have begun initial inspections and surveys around the level crossing and these will continue into the summer using overnight access where possible to avoid disruption.

We will ensure that any impact on the road network will be communicated locally, well in advance of any planned works.



3D Rendering of Proposed Layout



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Rail Delivery – Next Steps

- Survey works to inform single option design will be ongoing from April 2025 through September 2025.
- The project are due to have a comprehensive plan for construction activities and road closures, which will have been produced in partnership with the council and highways teams by Q4 of 2025. We anticipate that the main construction period for the project will be Autumn 2026 – Spring 2027.
- Final commissioning for the level crossing upgrade is currently forecast for Spring 2027.



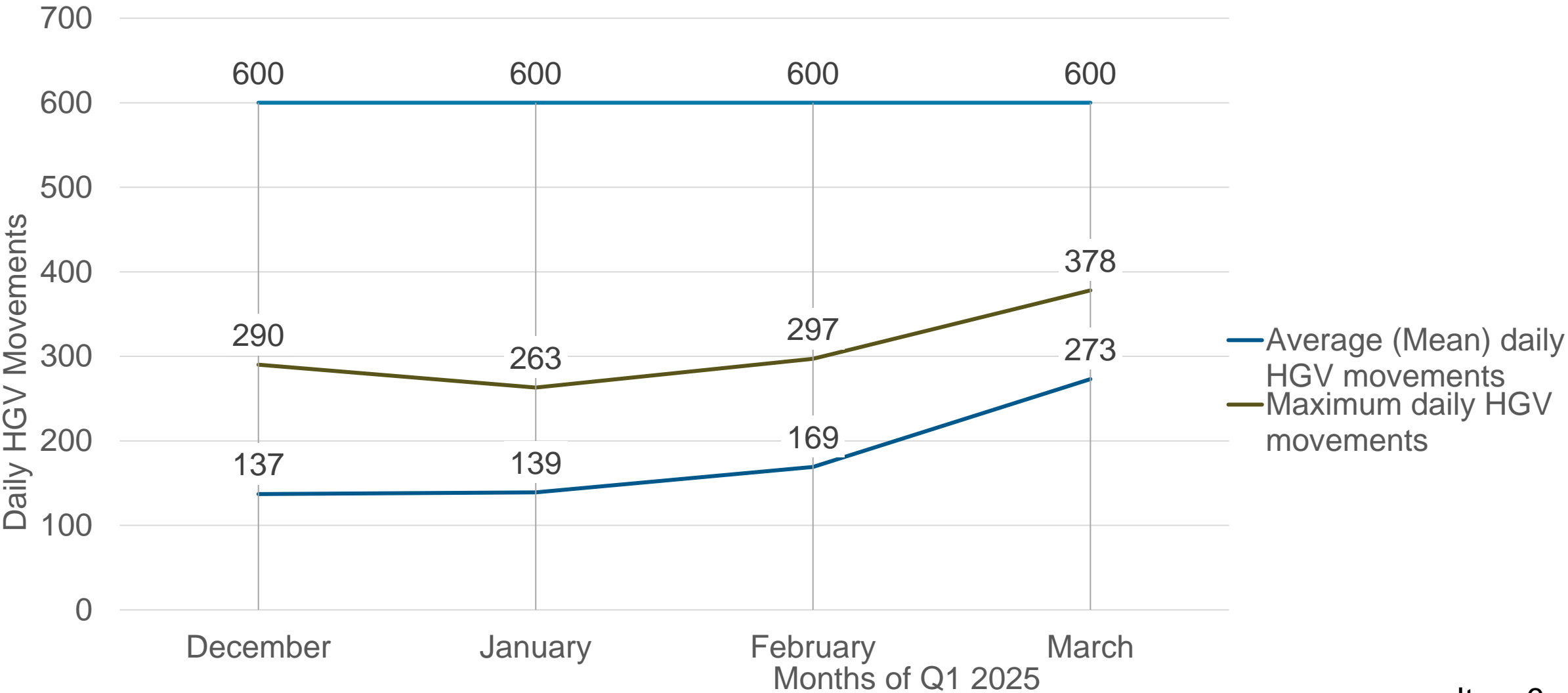
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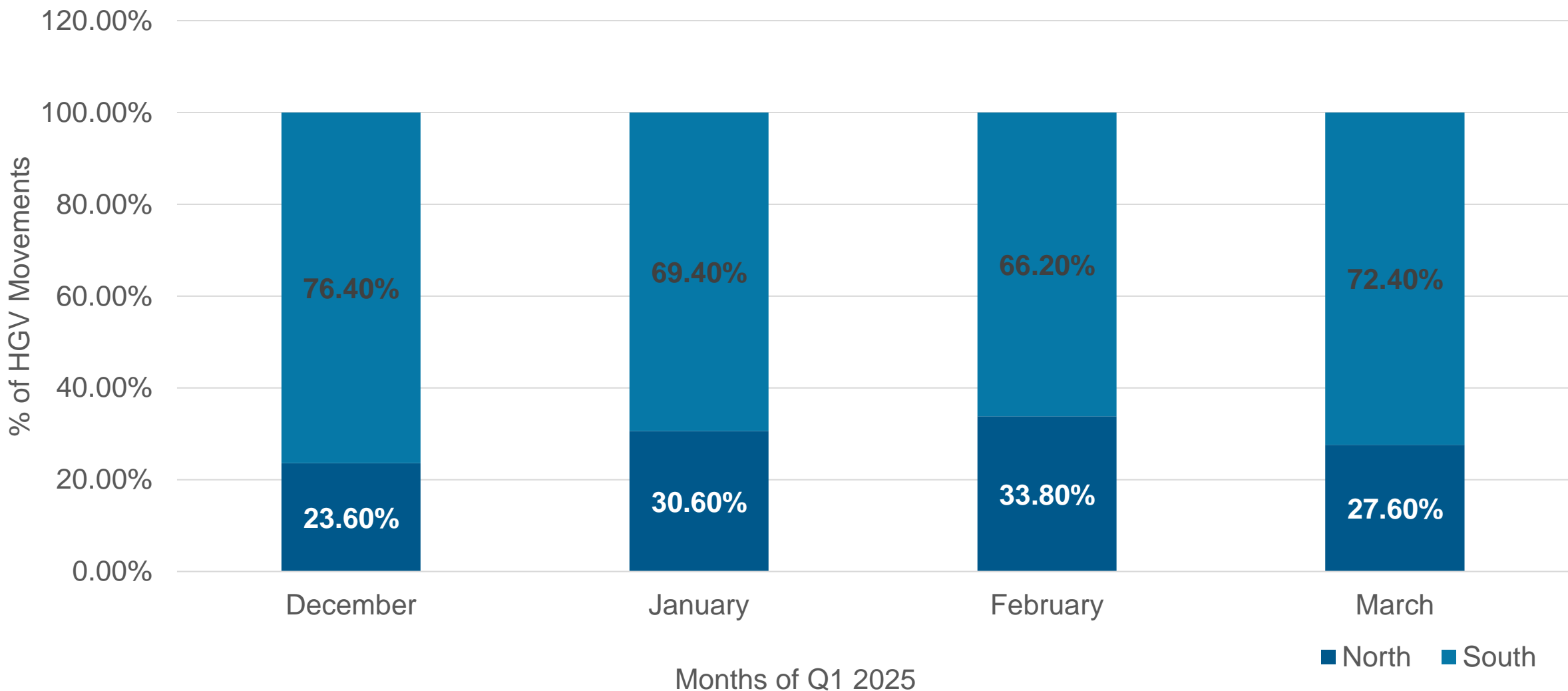
Transport Monitoring Reporting Q4 2024

Average (Mean) and Maximum Daily HGV Movements



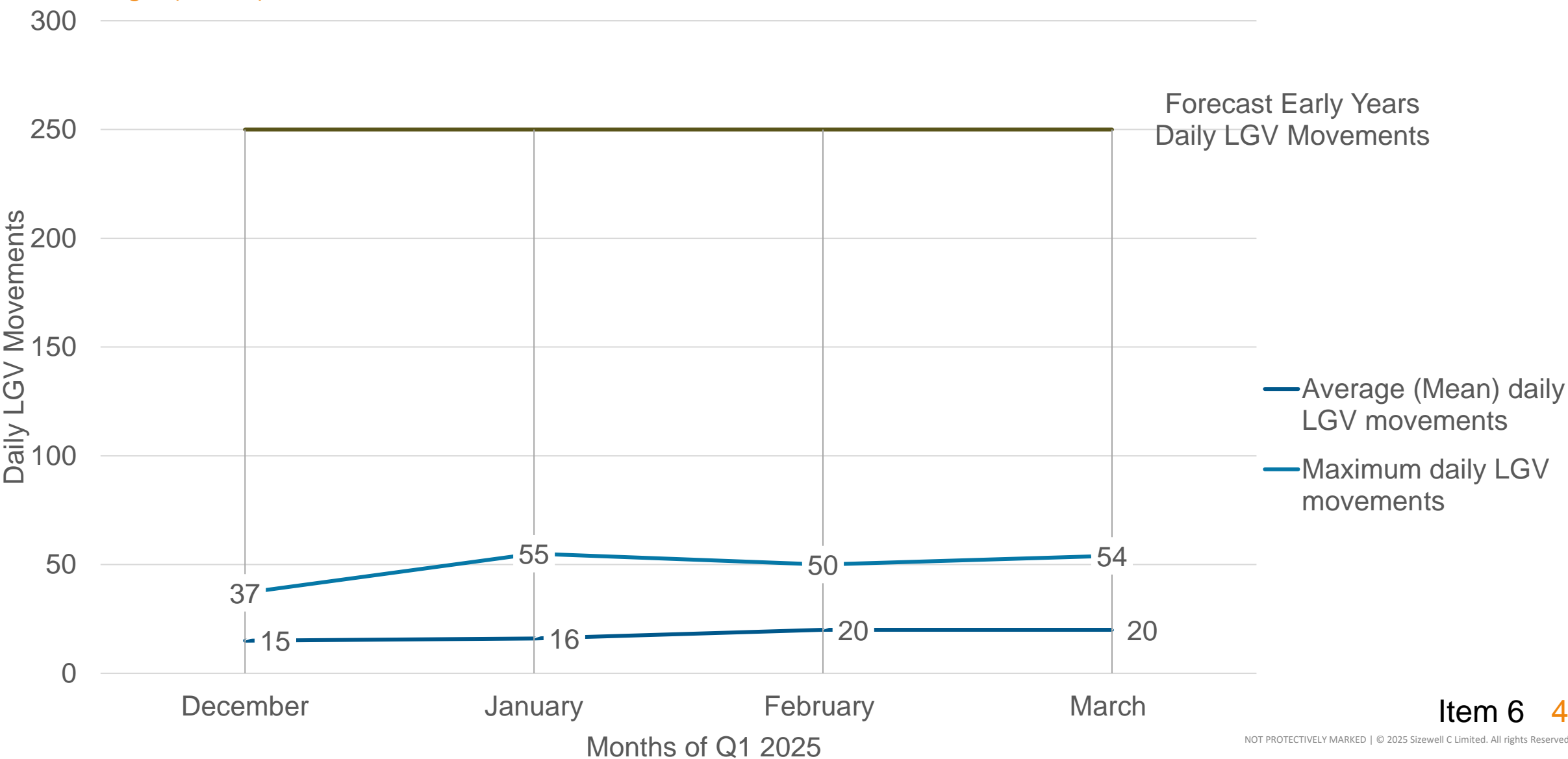
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Directional Split of HGV Movements



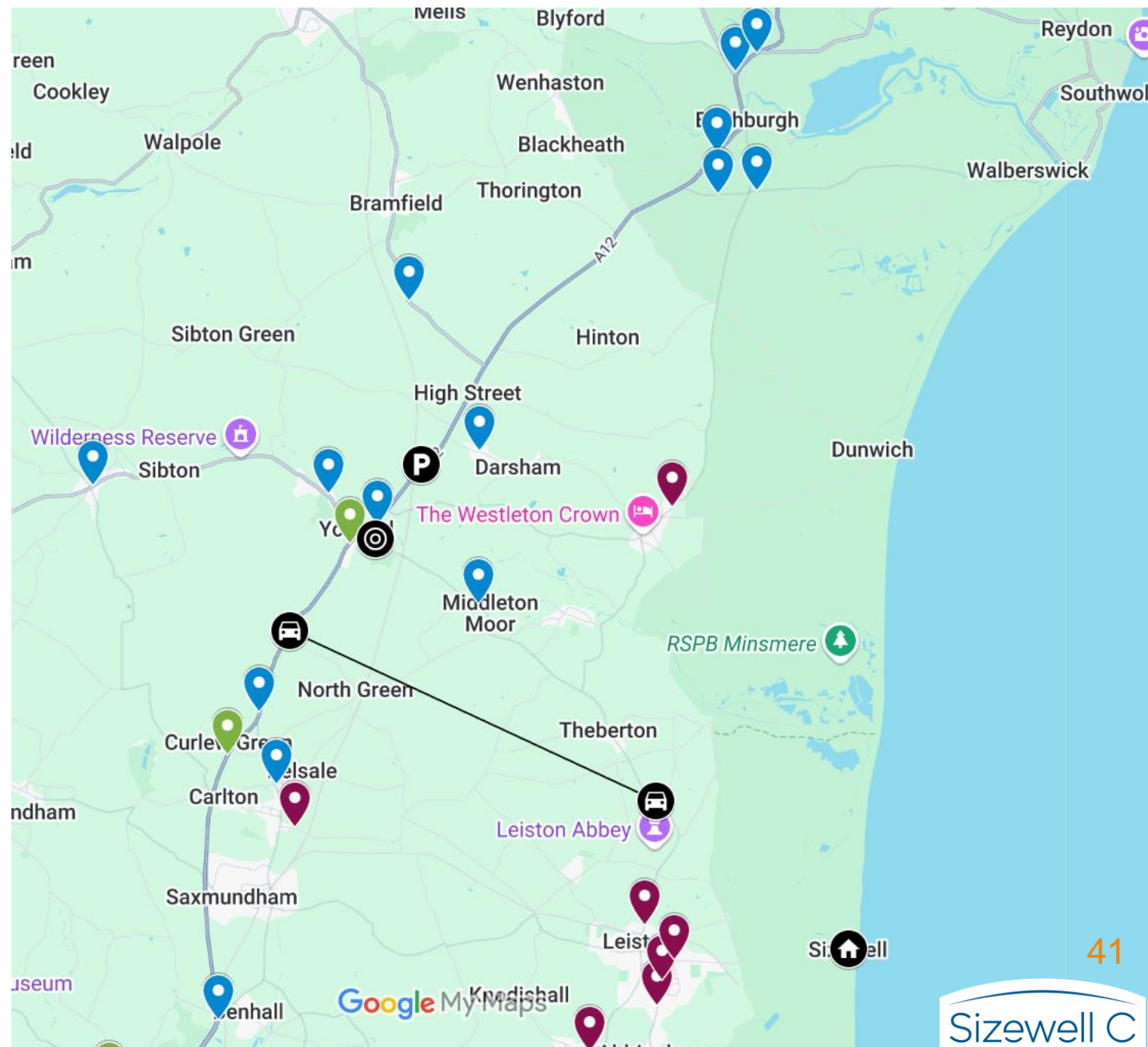
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Traffic Monitoring 2025

- Next round of traffic monitoring took place at the end of April 2025
- Results will be reported at the next Northern Transport Forum
- 40 traffic monitoring sites as of 1 May 2025, with addition of a site at Parham.
- Permanent monitoring was discussed at TRG on 1 May 2025.
- SZC, SCC and ESC will meet to workshop practical elements before bringing back to full TRG for a vote in July 2025



Construction Traffic Incident Management Plan:

Case Study A12 RTI 3 April 2025

After confirmation that the RTI had blocked the A12, Site took the following actions:

- The Emergency Control Centre was stood up
- Representatives from Delivery Management System (DMS) & HGV Control, Security, Transport (Bus) and Emergency teams were assembled

The following actions were taken:

- Freight was stopped departing from the Freight Management Facility
- Emails to hauliers and DMS coordinators were sent instructing HGVs to hold off from continuing journey toward incident on the A12 if possible, ensuring only stopping on approved stop points
- Bus services from Ipswich held at departure points
- Site Exits were put on standby to hold exiting South Bound HGV traffic
- Site access / egress matrix information boards were readied to display instructions to workforce
- Security team established communications with Site Police Team
- Two Village By-Pass Security team instructed to observe and report when road open
- Live updates from SZC workforce in traffic, close to the scene were received in the EMCC

The EMCC remained stood up until the A12 was re-opened by the Emergency Service and recovery to Business As Usual was completed

Stratford St Andrew



Image from the scene



Item 7: Q&A

Via Town and Parish Council Representative
Chair

PRE SUBMITTED QUESTION

Cllr Stuart Walmsley, Darsham Parish Council

Q1. In relation to the government decision to allocate a further "£2.7 billion of funding to continue Sizewell C's development through 2025-26". Can the Forum please provide details of the total funding now allocated for the initial infrastructure road and rail works?

Q2. Can the Forum also please provide an update on the timings of the proposed road works along the A12 between Yoxford and Darsham relating the SLR, Yoxford roundabout, Park and Ride and the rail crossing works at Darsham Station.

PRE SUBMITTED QUESTION

Cllr Andrew Turner Westleton Parish Council

Q1. Residents are concerned that the extensive roadside tree felling is exposing litter which is not being removed. Can you please run litter checks all newly exposed roadsides and instruct contractors that when clearing in the future, removing any litter is a part of the task.

PRE SUBMITTED QUESTION

Cllr Stephen Brett Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council

Q1. A discharge of requirements application at Suffolk District Council for the Main Development Site (DoR 9) states;

3.1.2 Table 1 (schedule of additional clearance) and Table 2 (schedule of additional retention) provide a summary of the proposed amendments to the MDS Plans.

In total, the amendments will result in the clearance of an additional 23,956 square meters of existing woodland and retention of 290 linear meters of existing hedgerows compared to the consented DCO plans. It should be noted that given the complexity of comparing different survey data, all measurements are approximate.

SZC has said on a number of occasions that it is taking less trees and hedgerows than allowed for in the DCO. Please can SZC provide information on additional or reduced tree and hedgerow loss for the Ancillary Construction Area, Sizewell Link Road, Two Villages Bypass and the both the Northern and Southern Park and Ride Sites?

Q2. Please provide an update on the early years work on the B1122 and surrounding lanes.

PRE SUBMITTED QUESTION

Cllr Nicky Corbett Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council

Q1. There is a marked increase in HGV traffic in recent weeks and we have noticed the lay-bys on the B1122 are being used for vehicles waiting to deliver and those on the return journey. There are no welfare facilities on site for these drivers at present and we are concerned that lay-bys are being used as makeshift lorry parks. **Please can you indicate when welfare facilities for drivers might be ready on site?**

Q2. Businesses in Leiston will suffer if vehicles accessing their premises encounter delays and if customers find alternatives due to the inconvenience. It is becoming increasingly time consuming to even access Eastlands Industrial Estate via Lovers Lane and we can expect extra delays accessing Leiston via Abbey Road when upgrades start on the level crossing. The edge of the road surface on the western side is becoming badly damaged as the road is too narrow for some of the vehicles negotiating the traffic lights (your prescribed route to Buckleswood Road and the only access to Masterlord Industrial Estate). **Are the traffic lights at the north end of Abbey Road permanent until the rail route and junction realignment is completed and when might we see the road repaired on the western side?**

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PRE SUBMITTED QUESTION

Cllr Charles Macdowell – Middleton Parish Council

Q1.1. Loud piledriving was widely reported by concerned residents in Middleton and Theberton between 8 - 10 on 1 May. Would it be possible to publish timings of piledriving in advance?

Q2. A truck carrying aggregate for SZC overturned on the A12 on 14th April causing considerable congestion, but fortunately no injuries. Can you please report on the investigation into this accident and measures already taken to ensure that this is not repeated?

Forum Schedule

2025

All forum timings:
18:30 - 20:30 (arrival from 18:00)

Our forums are open to local people to attend as observers – and they're another great way for you to hear about our latest work.

Main Development Site Forum	Wednesday 15 January 2025	Leiston Town Athletic Association
Northern Transport Forum	Wednesday 5 February 2025	Darsham Village Hall
Southern Transport Forum	Wednesday 12 March 2025	Stratford St Andrew Riverside Centre
Community Forum	Thursday 27 March 2025	High Lodge Darsham
Main Development Site Forum	Wednesday 2 April 2025	Leiston Town Athletic Association
Northern Transport Forum	Wednesday 7 May 2025	Darsham Village Hall
Southern Transport Forum	Wednesday 4 June 2025	Stratford St Andrew Riverside Centre
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Thank you

