

Sizewell C Northern Transport Forum

Wednesday 8th May 2024

Darsham Village Hall



Welcome and Introductions

Sizewell C Team

Richard Bull - DCO Lead

Marjorie Barnes - Head of Regional External Affairs & Development

David Peacop - Site Operations Director

Tim Newton - Site Security Manager

Spencer Bowdler - Site Operations

Richard Knight – Senior Community Relations Manager

Stephen Keighley – Rail Manager

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction of the Chair and Panel – (Chair)
2. Independent Chair Clarification Deed of Obligation – (Richard Bull)
3. Meeting note and matters arising from Northern Transport Forum: 6th February 2024 – (Chair)
4. Report back from: Main Development Site, Southern Transport and Sizewell C Community Forums – (Richard Knight)
5. Sizewell C Project Update and Overview – (Marjorie Barnes)
6. Update: Construction Traffic Management Plan – (Richard Bull)
7. The role of the Transport Review Group – (Steve Merry, Suffolk County Council)
8. Updates: Northern Park and Ride Site; Yoxford Roundabout; Sizewell Link Road Site; Other Highway Improvement Works Sites; Minor Works Update; Rail – (David Peacop, Spencer Bowdler, Stephen Keighley)
9. Overview of the Worker Code of Conduct – (Tim Newton)
10. Q&A via Town and Parish Council Representative – (Chair)
11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 7th August at 18.30 – (Chair)

Item 2: Independent Chair Clarification Deed of Obligation

Richard Bull, DCO Lead

Item 3: Meeting note and matters arising from Northern Transport Forum (6th February 2024)

Chair

Item 4: Feedback from other Forums

Richard Knight, Senior Community Relations Manager

Community Forums



Annual Community Forum

Held on Tuesday 9th April
2024



Main Development Site Forum

Tuesday 16th April 2024
Leiston Town Athletic
Association



Southern Transport Forum

Wednesday 13th February 2024
Riverside Centre, Stratford St
Andrew

**Draft meeting notes published on East Suffolk Council
website**

Northern Transport Forum Report

February 2024

You asked...

Inconsistency of the Deed of Obligation relating to the Independent Chair

Town and parish council membership of the forums to be extended

Transport Working Groups – B1122, B1125, Yoxford, Marlesford and Little Glenham, Leiston, Wickham Market

Working Group request for the Sizewell Link Road (Southern Link Road)

Can there be a B1122 corridor repurposing working group, once the Southern Link Road was in place?

TRG minutes, agendas and report locations

Can information be given on prescribed routes and enforcement powers?

Timetable of shifts for B1122

Details on Working Groups

Refreshed noise assessments

We responded

Letter provided to members ahead of the Northern Transport Forum, to be discussed further at the forum

Requests from two town/parish councils to join the Northern Transport Forum are being considered by East Suffolk Council, Suffolk County Council and the chair of the forum

A schedule has been produced for transport-related Working Groups and circulated to members

There will be crossovers for the forums, the Southern Link Road would/could be discussed at the transport forums and the Main Development Site forum

Agreed this will be appropriate and would action in due course

These would be published on the East Suffolk Council website

Worker Code of Conduct: Forum asked for information on the prescribed routes and enforcement

Comms have been provided in the form of two residents letters, the Works Tracker website, through parish council updates and meetings with those most impacted

Transport-related Working Group dates scheduled with town and parish council representatives

Assessments are ongoing so Two Village Bypass, Existing Roads Early Years and Later Years have been undertaken and approved since the last meeting

Item 5: Sizewell C Project Update and Overview

Marjorie Barnes, Head of READ



Land Purchase agreed



Nuclear Site Licence granted
by the Office for Nuclear
Regulation (ONR)



Earth Works

Key Milestones Reached

B1122 resurfacing complete

ACA site building installed

Nuclear site fencing installed



Item 6: Update - Construction Traffic Management Plan

Richard Bull, DCO Lead

Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)

- The CTMP sets out how Sizewell C will manage traffic throughout the construction period
- These principles have been agreed with SCC and ESC and are attached as an annex to the Deed of Obligation

Key Principles

- All Buses & HGVs (goods vehicles greater than 3.5t) will only be operating on designated routes controlled in accordance with the CTMP.
- All HGVs will be booked into the Delivery Management System and tracked to manage compliance to the designated routes
- LGVs (goods vehicles less than 3.5 tonnes) that are travelling to the Main Site will be required to book through the Delivery Management System and advised to use designated routes to site – these vehicles will not be tracked
- The Postal Consolidation Centres at the Southern Park and Ride will be used to consolidate postal deliveries for onward movement to the Main Site in larger vehicles.

Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)

- Sizewell C will not track individual workers private car movements.
- Car Drivers will be advised to adhere to project signage and appropriate routes – this will be reinforced through worker induction and the worker code of practice.
- All workers will be allocated a Park and Ride location to use or the Main Site car park for workers residing locally east of the A12.
- The Transport Review Group (TRG) is now live and will be monitoring SZC performance on all transport matters.
- The TRG has access to the Transport Contingency Fund which can be utilised to manage any transport impacts that may arise throughout construction.
- DCO Examination Report stated *“We do consider that the Applicant is proposing a suitable approach for managing both freight movement and worker travel. We do not consider there would be any additional impacts that would not be managed or mitigated by the Applicant’s approach”.*



Typical 3.5 tonne Van



Typical 18tonne van



Typical Good Delivery
HGV



Non police escorted
HGV



Construction site
vehicle HGV



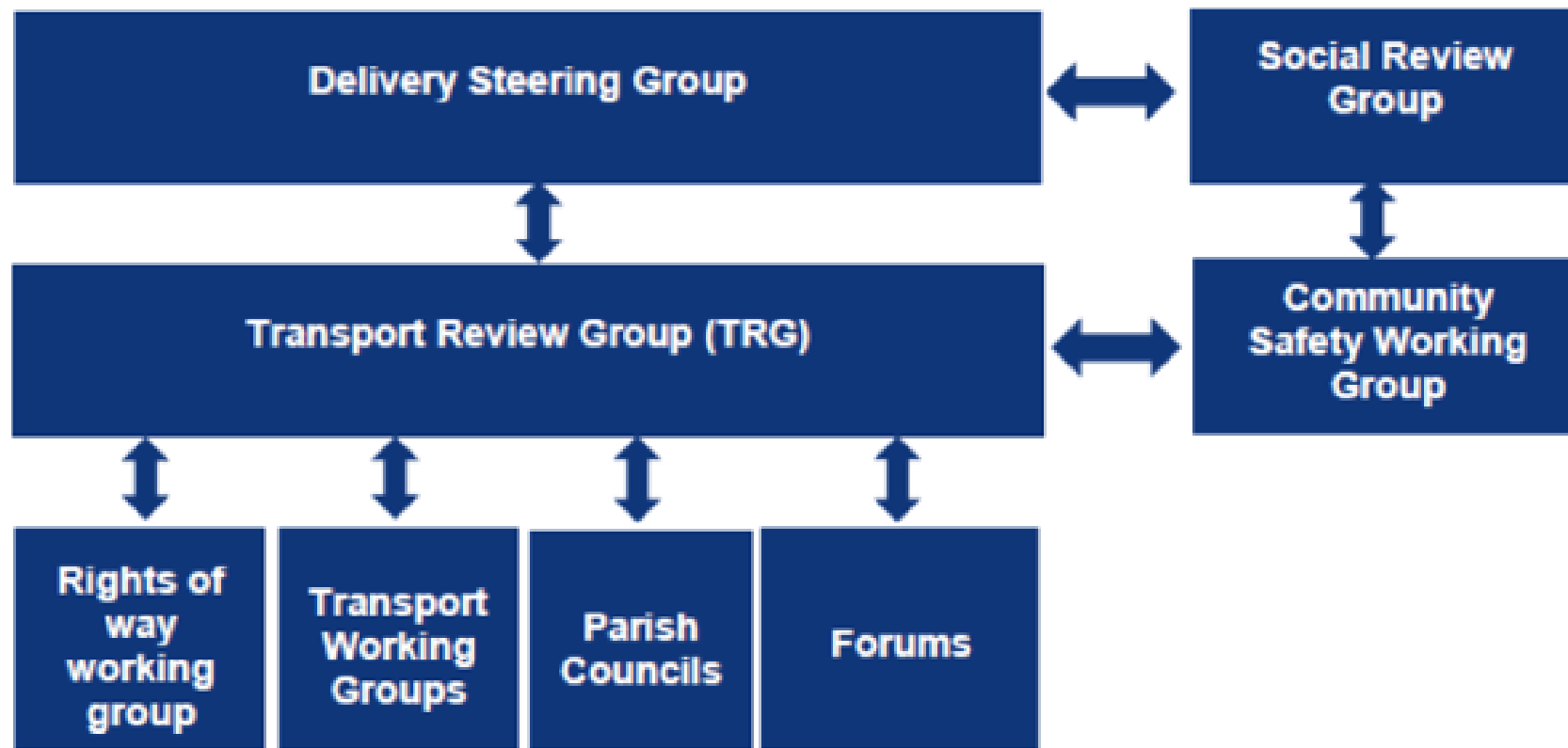
Wide Load Police
Escort

Item 7: Role of the Transport Review Group

Steve Merry, Suffolk County Council, Highways

Transport Review Group

SZC Co's approach to engagement with the local community was agreed as part of the DCO. This is summarised in **Plate 5.1**.



Transport Review Group

- Chaired by Suffolk County Council (SCC)
- Attended by Sizewell C, SCC, East Suffolk Council, National Highways and Suffolk Constabulary
- Met for 1st time on 25th January 2024 / will meet quarterly from April 2024
- Transport Monitoring Reports provided by Sizewell C to:
 - be available on East Suffolk Council website
 - contain latest traffic / worker / freight monitoring data
 - provide a summary of the outcomes of the Transport Working Groups / Forums
- Transport Contingency Fund

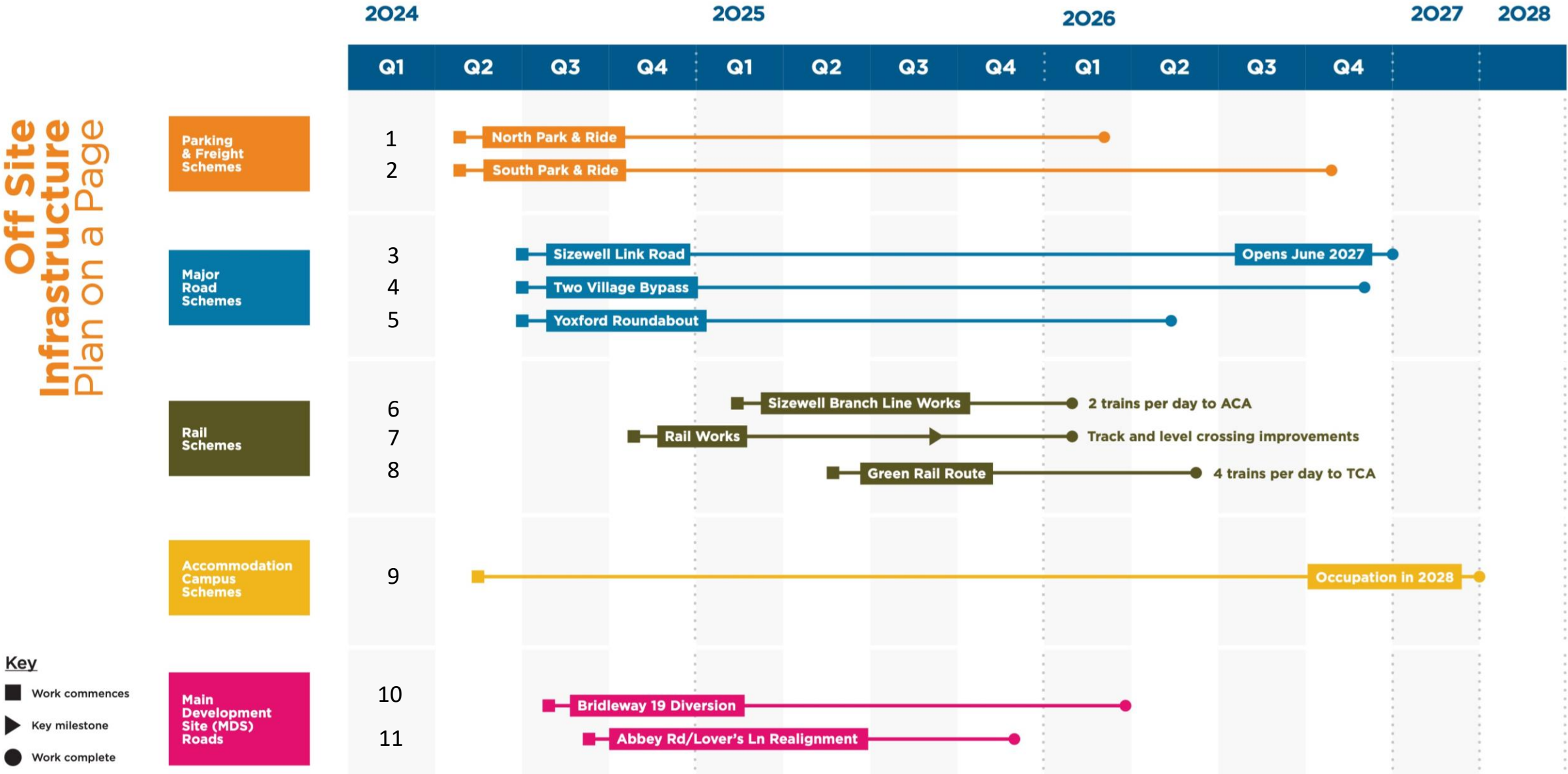
Item 8: Site Updates

David Peacop, Site Operations Lead

Spencer Bowdler, Site Operations

Stephen Keighley, Rail Manager

Off Site
Infrastructure
Plan on a Page

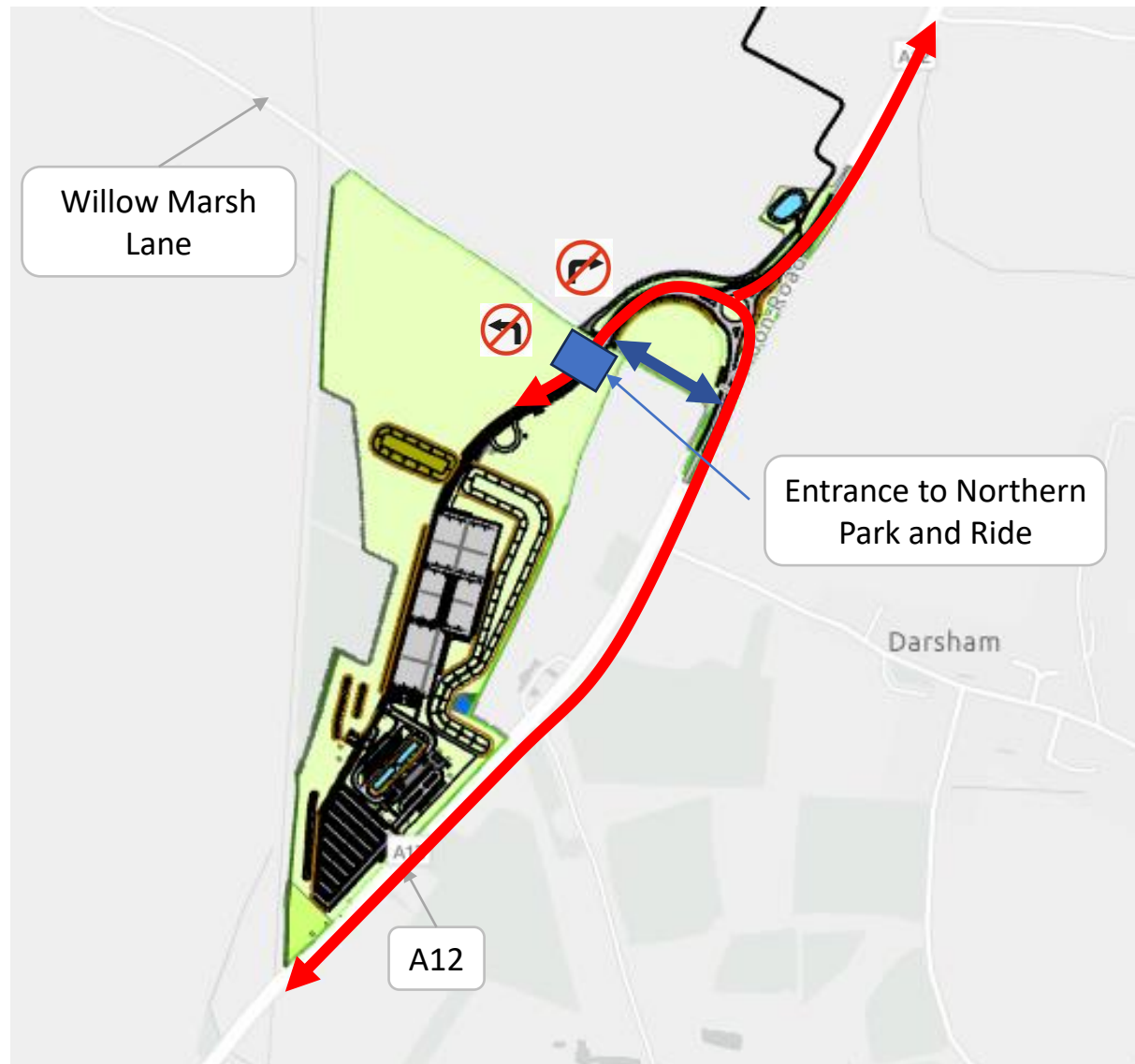


Northern Park and Ride - Construction Traffic Management



- Willow Marsh Lane will be temporarily closed during the construction phase for Openreach utility works and construction of access and compound for archaeology.
- Diversion routes will be agreed with Suffolk County Council as part of the road closure.
- Construction of the roundabout on the A12 will be prioritised to provide access for construction vehicles of the Northern Park and Ride as early as possible.

Northern Park and Ride – Operational Traffic Routes



Access route to Northern Park and Ride and Willow Marsh Lane from A12



Gated access for agriculture



No right turn into park and ride from Willow Marsh Lane



No left turn on to Willow Marsh lane for vehicles exiting park and ride

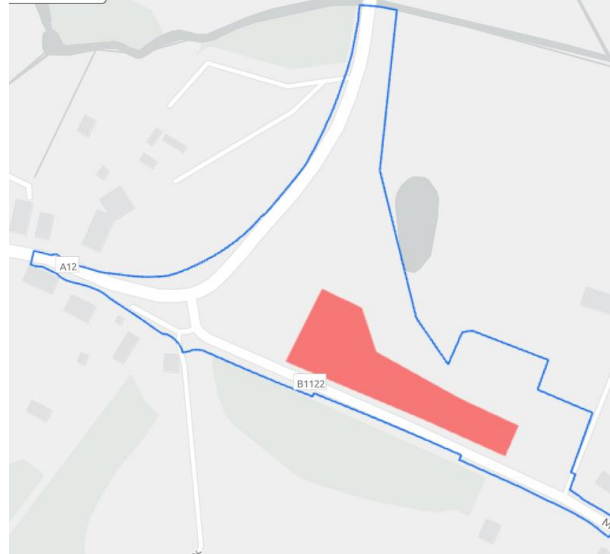


County wide signage under development

Yoxford Roundabout – Early Works Q2-Q4 2024

Pre-Construction Activities at Yoxford Roundabout

- Vegetation Management
- Archaeology Mitigation
- Site Security & Fencing

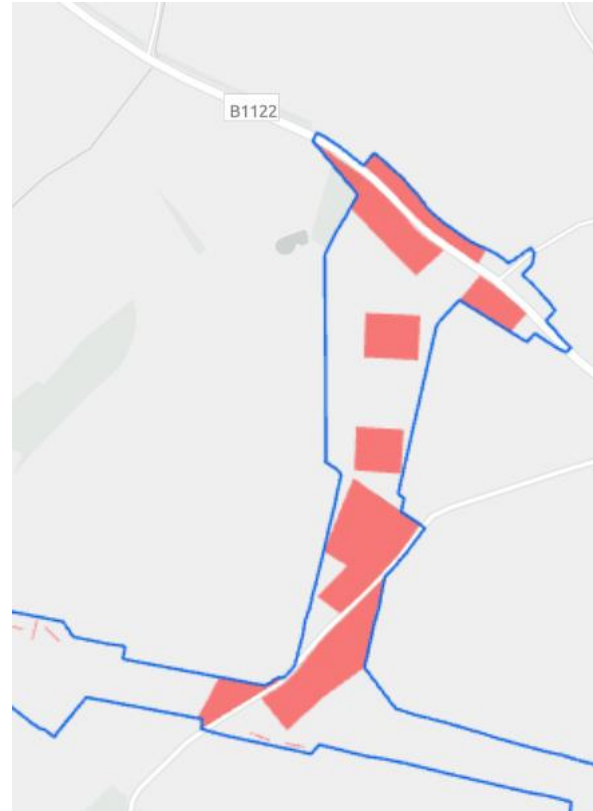


Sizewell Link Road – Early Works Q2-Q4 2024

Pre-Construction Activities at Sizewell Link Road

Middleton Moor Spur

- Vegetation Management
- Archaeology Mitigation
- Site Security & Fencing



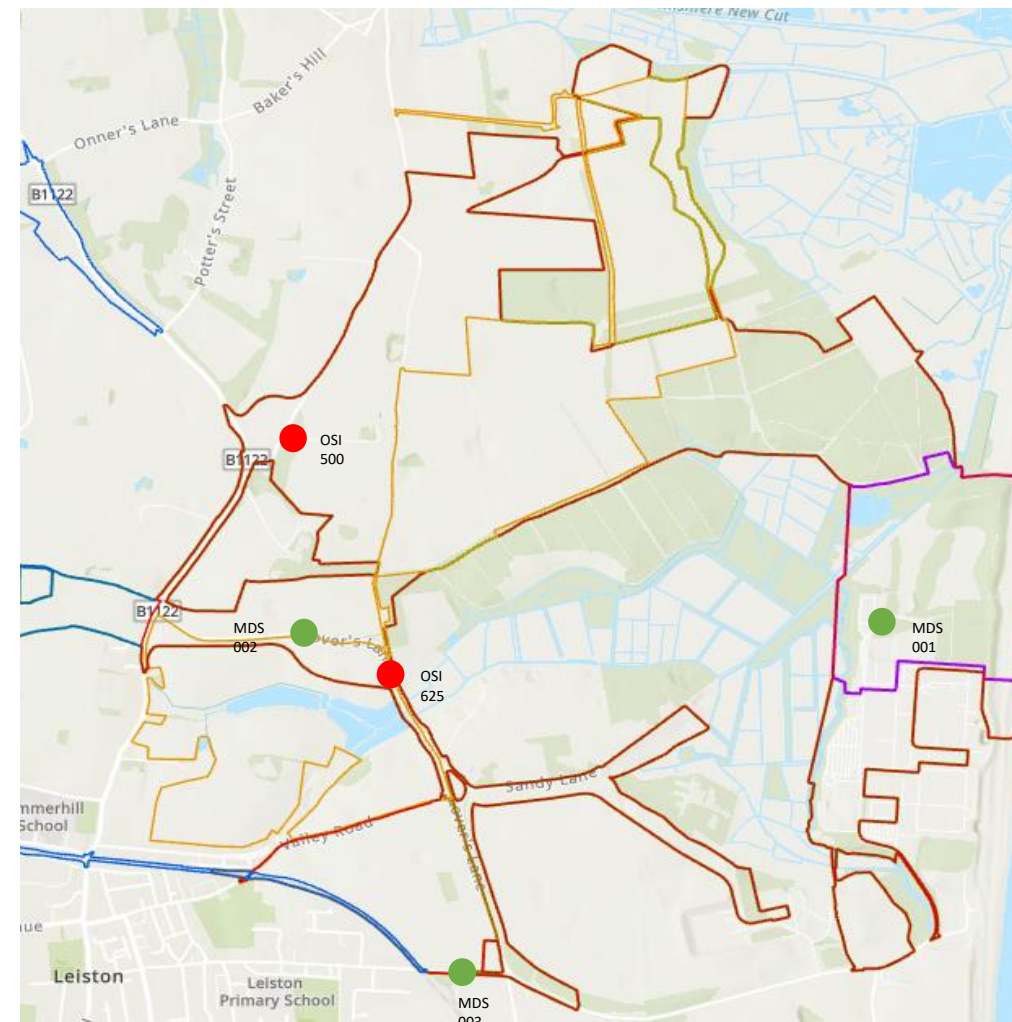
Site Access Signboards and Vehicle Markings



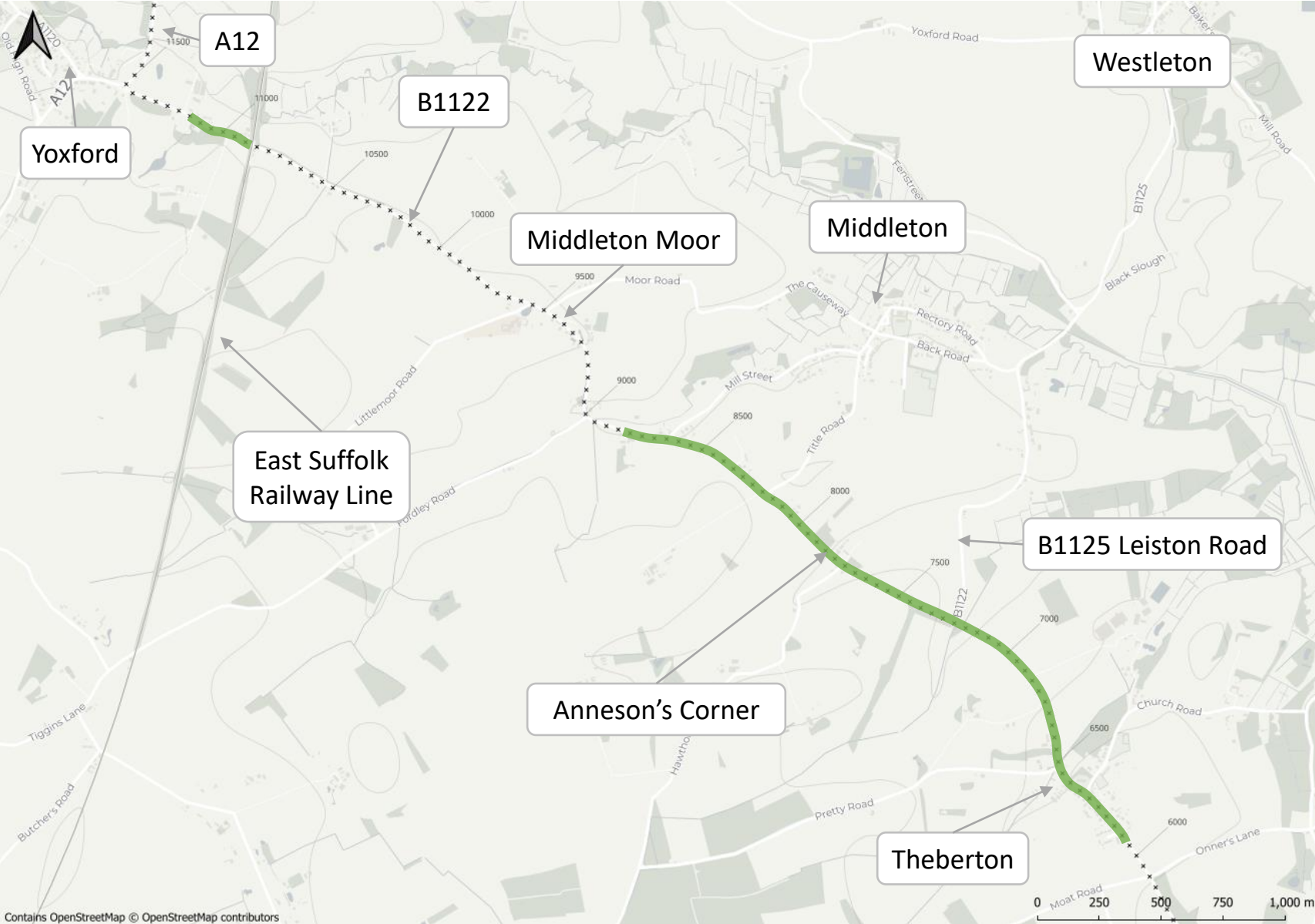
Main Development Site – Early Access Works Q2-Q4


Green accesses – used for access to main sites for pre-construction & construction activities

Red accesses – used for pre-construction activities including archaeology, ecology & fencing

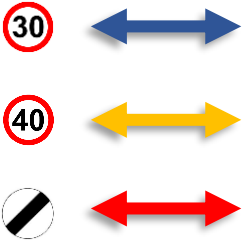
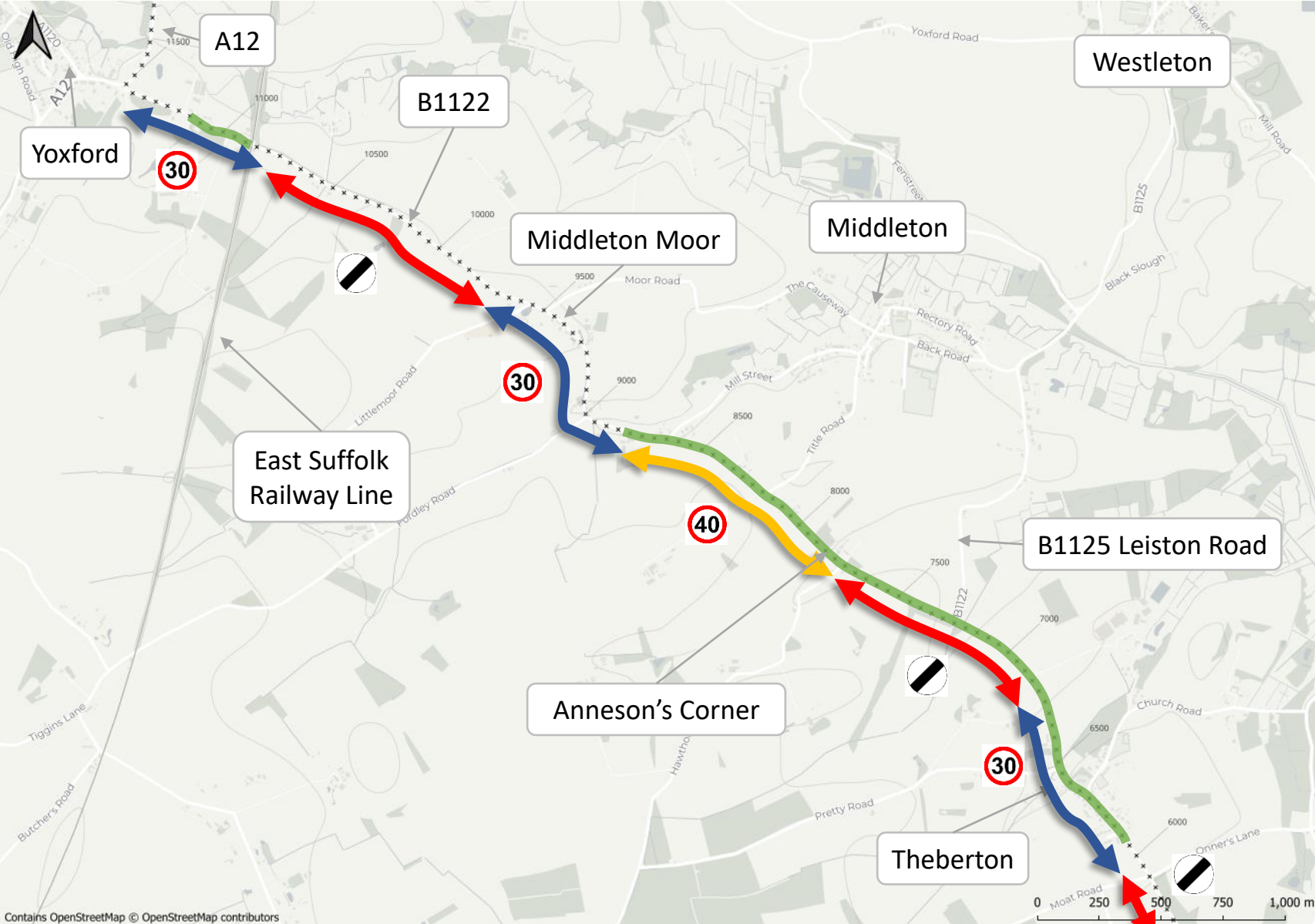


B1122 Resurfacing Scheme



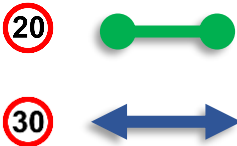
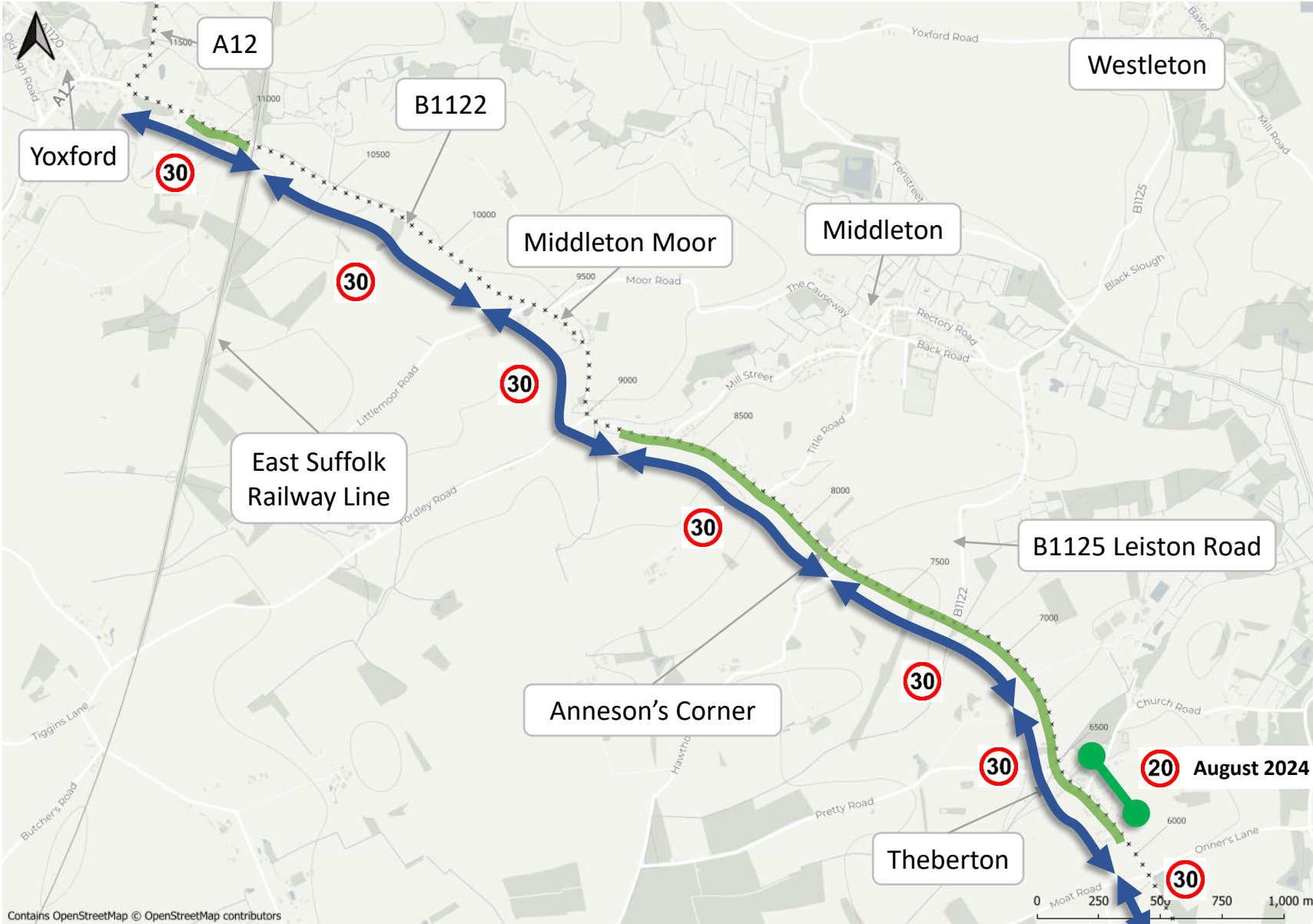
New surfacing 

Existing Speed Limits – B1122



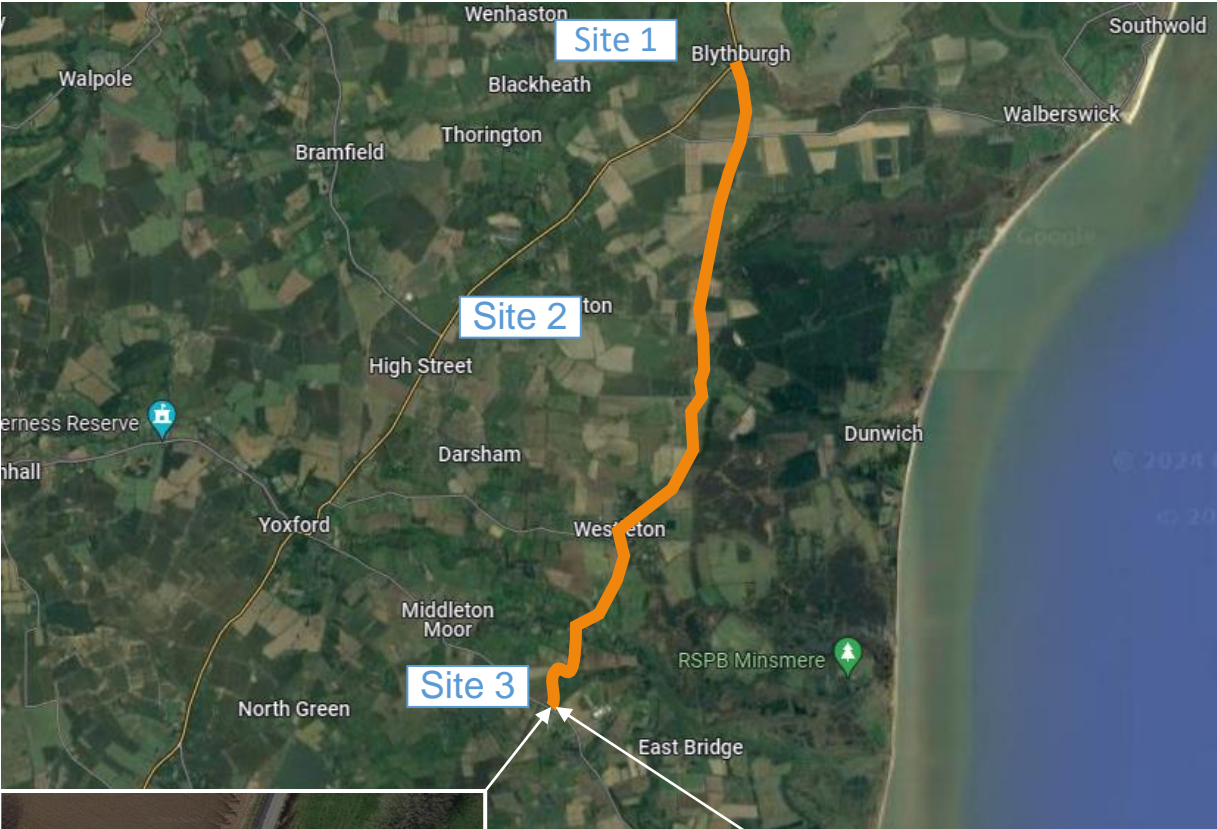
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DCO Reduced Speed Limits – B1122 May 2024



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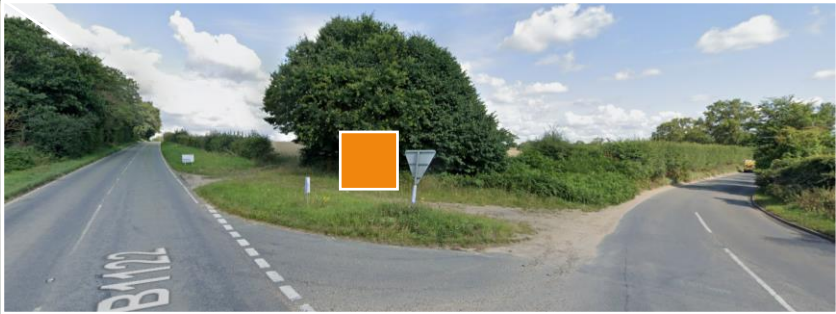
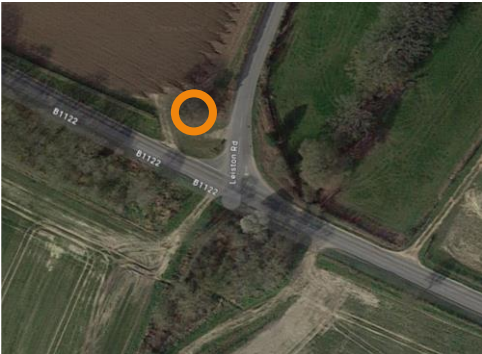
B1125 Vehicle Messaging Signs



Site 1: Blythburgh VMS Sign installed on A12, near River Blyth overbridge

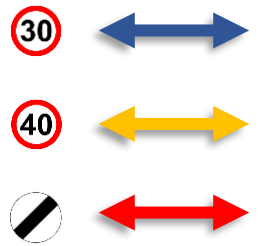
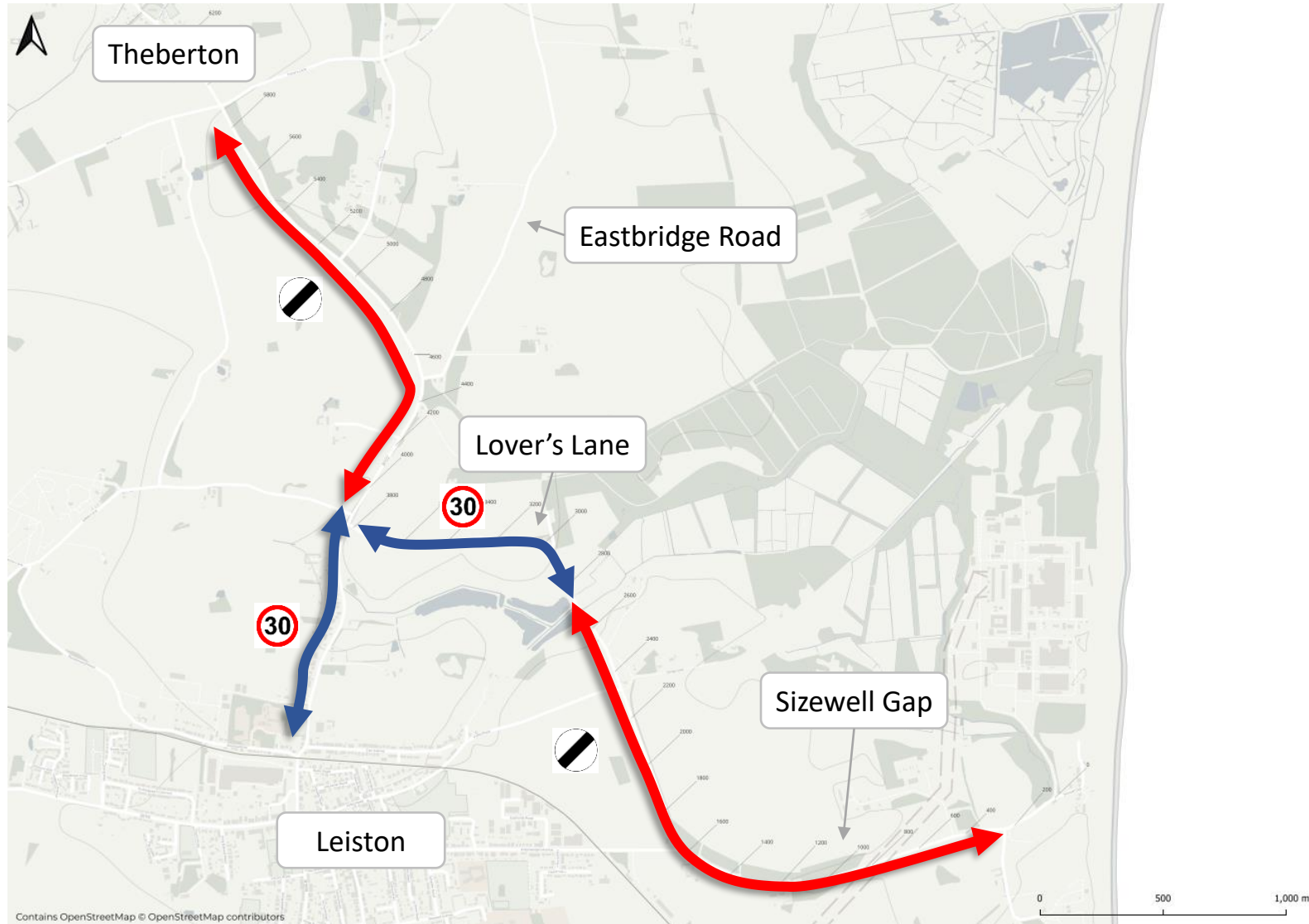


Site 2: Darsham VMS Sign installed on A12, near junction with The Street.



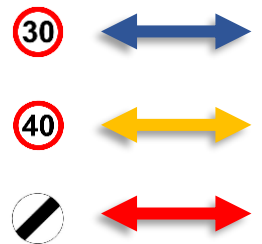
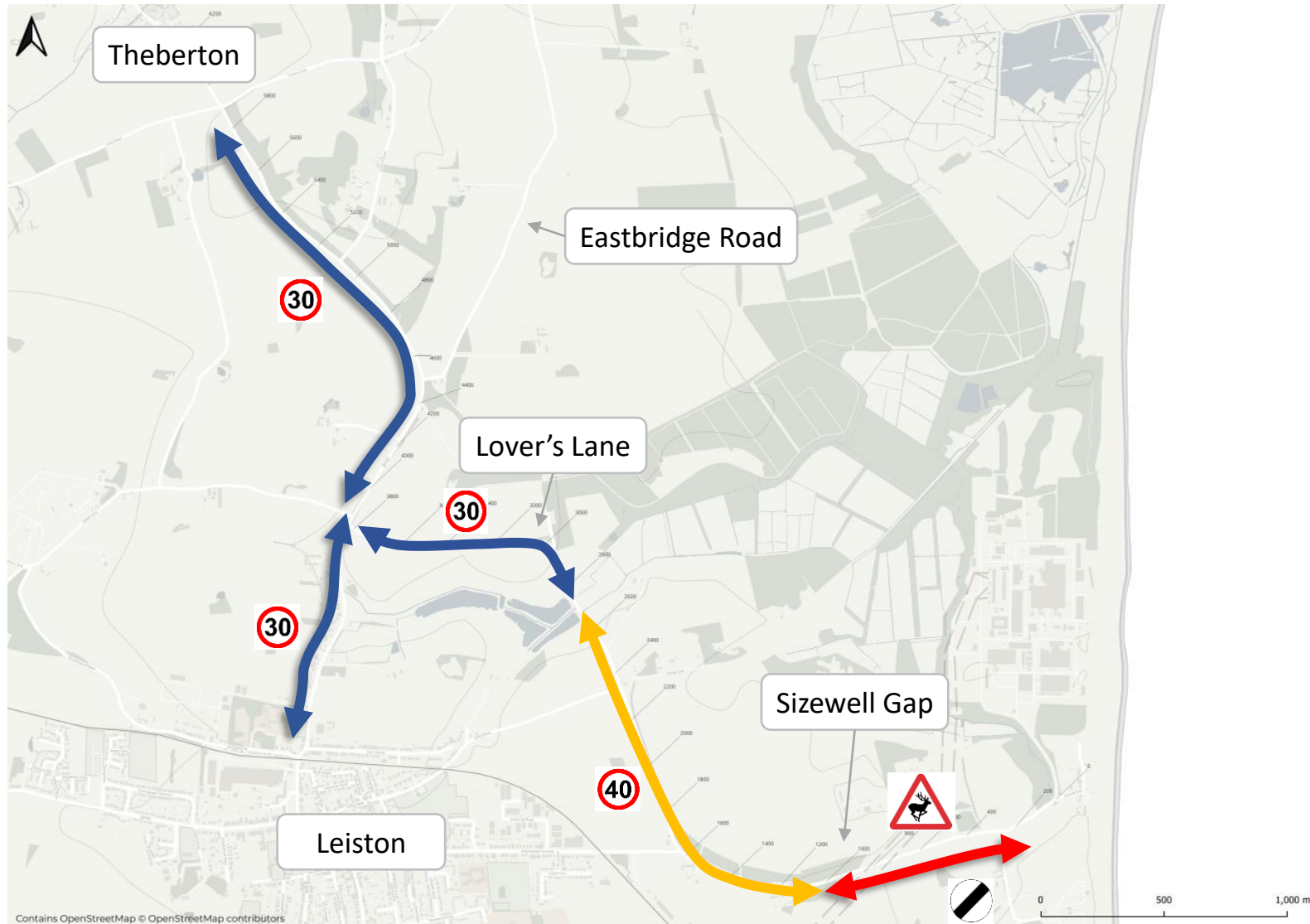
Site 3: Darsham VMS Sign to be installed on B1122-B1125 junction when speed limit reductions start (May 2024)

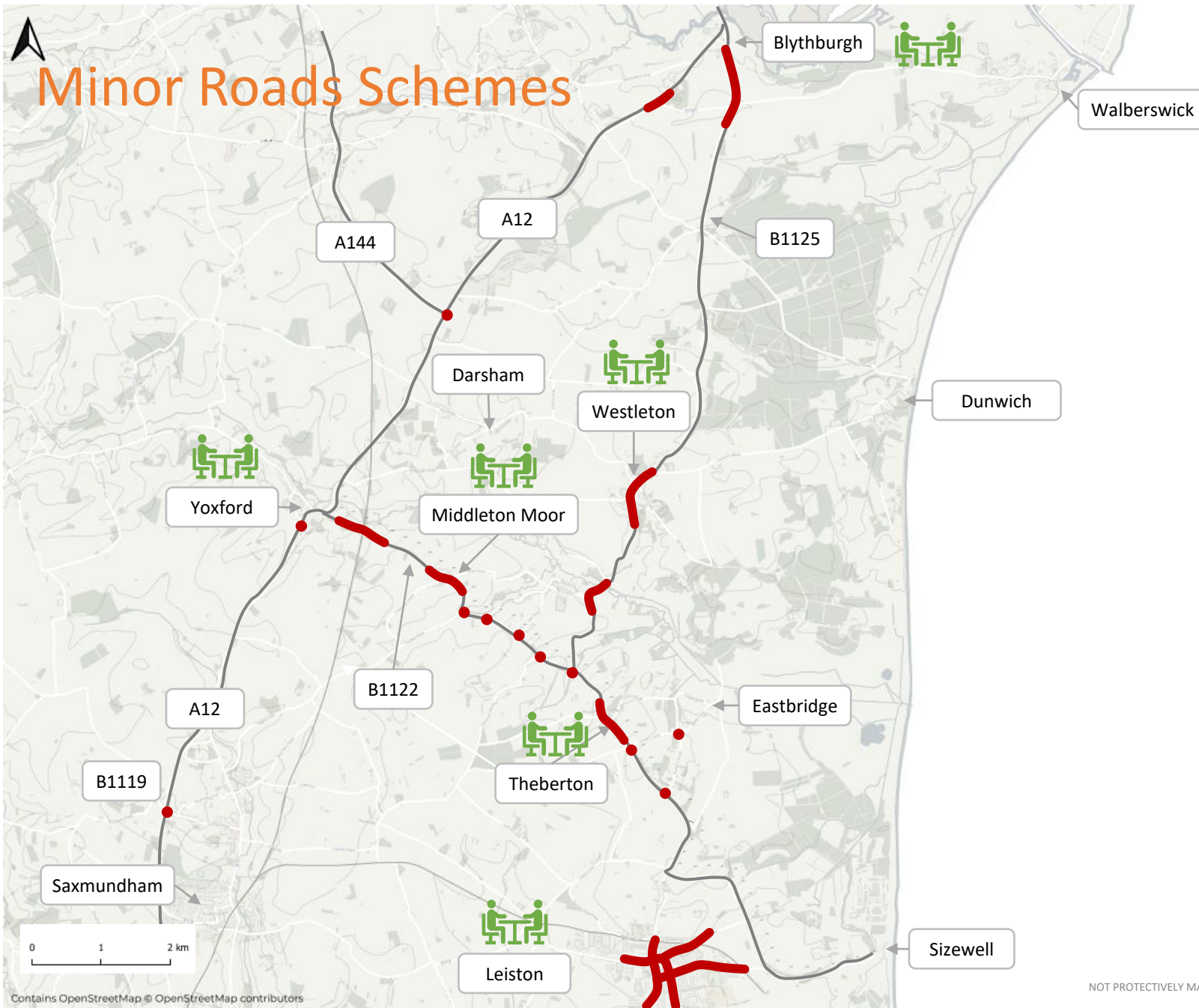
Existing Speed Limits – B1122, Lovers Lane, Sizewell Gap



New surfacing 

DCO Reduced Speed Limits – B1122, Lovers Lane, Sizewell Gap





Typical improvements

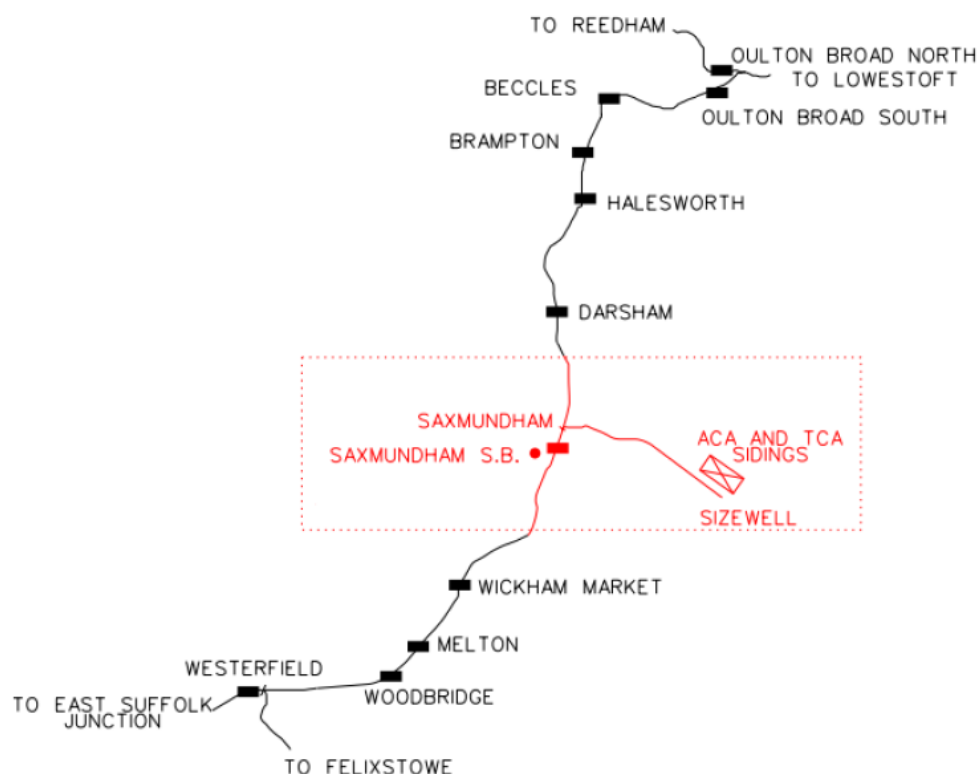
- New and enhanced pedestrian footways and crossings
- New road surfacing
- Village gateways
- Safety improvements and side road visibility

Key road

Improvement scheme

Transport Working Group

Rail Overview



DCO Requirements

- Rail infrastructure works to enable delivery of materials to SZC site by rail, thus reducing number of HGVs and impact on local community
- Journeys from Ipswich to site and back only
- Overnight trains to avoid disruption to other rail services
- Rail noise mitigation plan acceptance by local authority

Impact Mitigation measures:

- Design to avoid trains stopping / starting en-route
- Replace jointed track with continuous welded rail
- 10 mph running in urban areas and branchline
- Trains not permitted through Leiston at night

Description	Start Date
2 trains / day to ACA railhead *	Jan 2026
4 trains / day to TCA (via GRR) *	Apr 2026
ACA & GRR removed	2037 (approx.)

* Each train removes 46 HGVs from local roads

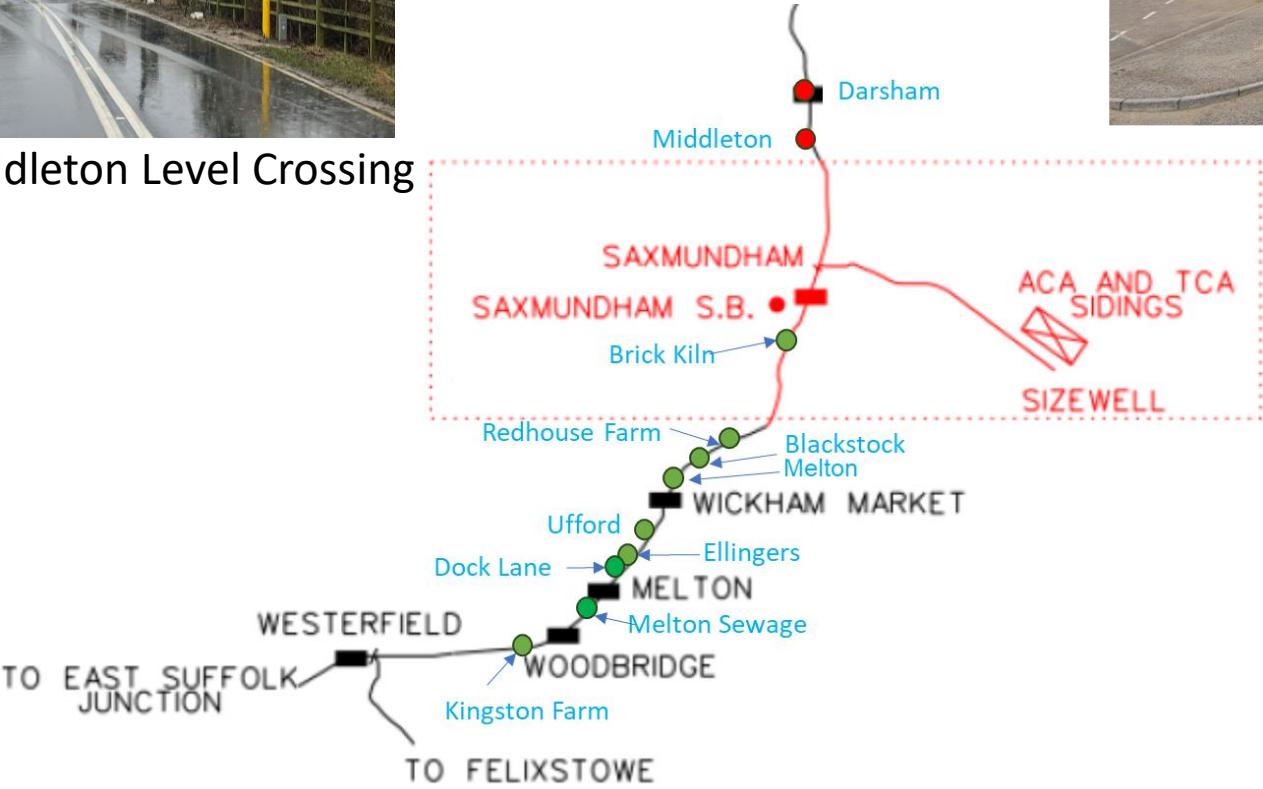
Rail – Level Crossings Overview



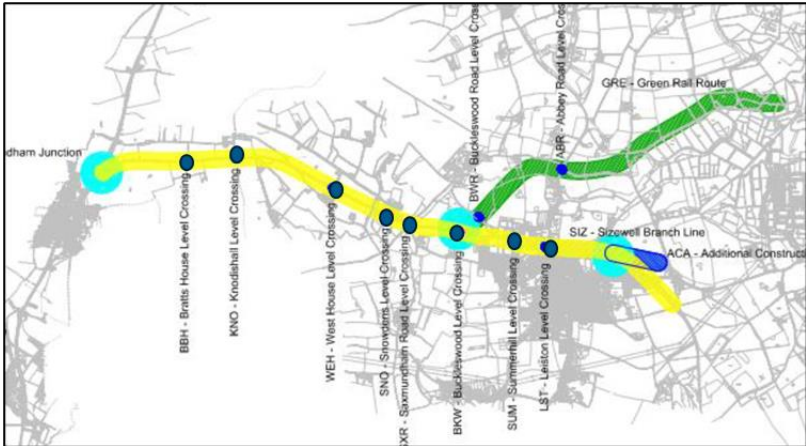
Middleton Level Crossing



Darsham Level Crossing



East Suffolk (ESK) line Scope



Core SZC Rail Scope (DCO)

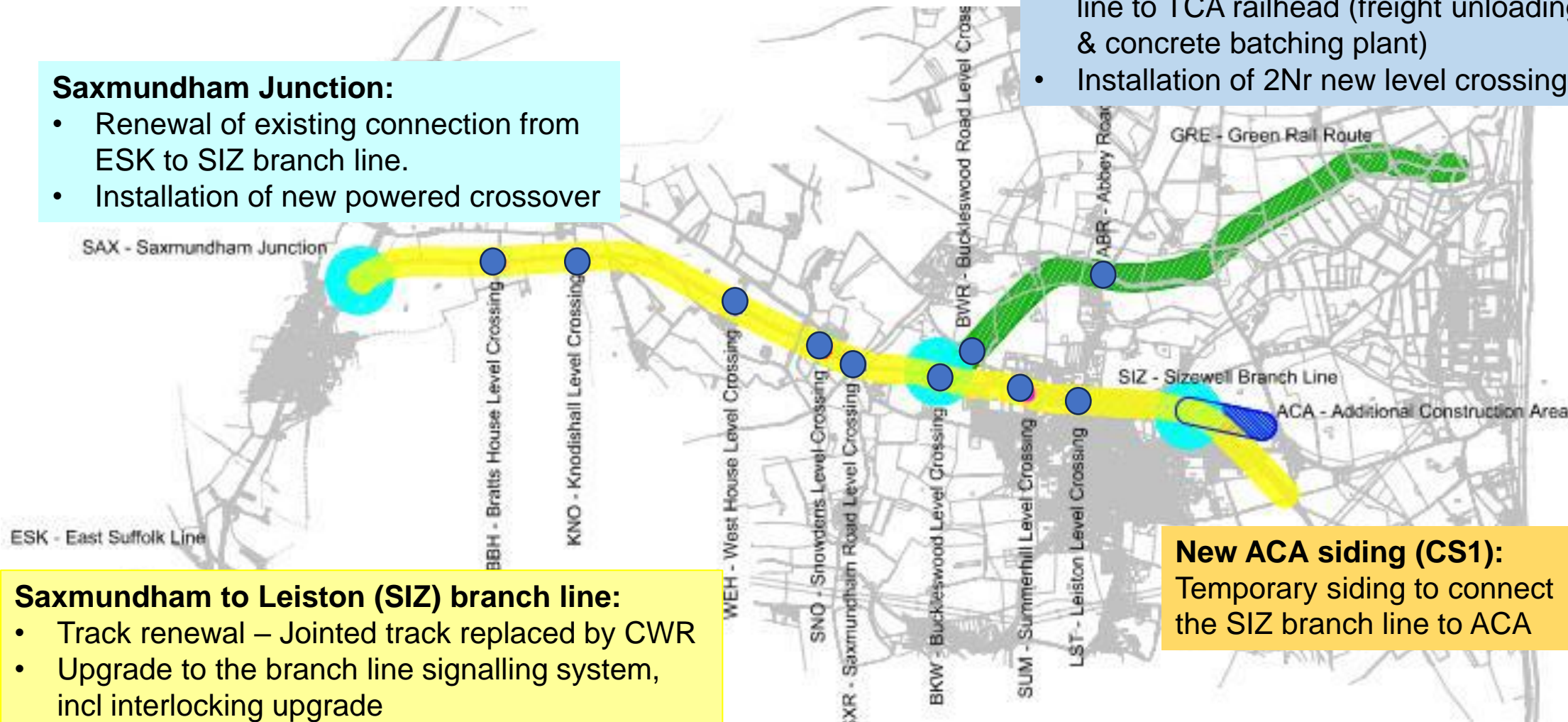
Core Scope Overview

New Green Rail Route / Kenton Spur (CS2):

- Temporary railway to connect the SI2 branch line to TCA railhead (freight unloading facility & concrete batching plant)
- Installation of 2Nr new level crossings

Saxmundham Junction:

- Renewal of existing connection from ESK to SI2 branch line.
- Installation of new powered crossover



Saxmundham to Leiston (SI2) branch line:

- Track renewal – Jointed track replaced by CWR
- Upgrade to the branch line signalling system, incl interlocking upgrade
- Upgrade to 8Nr level crossings
- Associated telecoms, signalling power & civils

New ACA siding (CS1):

Temporary siding to connect the SI2 branch line to ACA

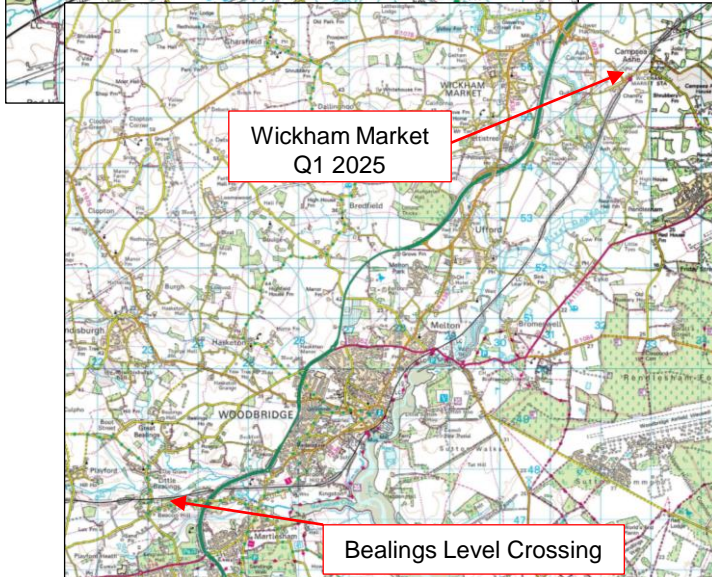
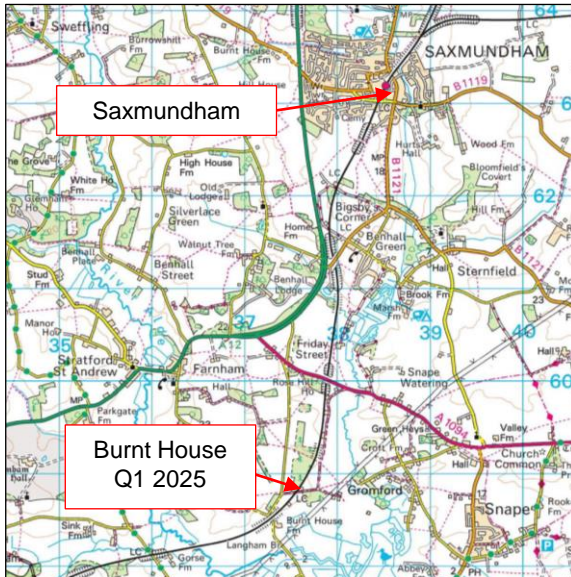
Delivery Strategy (GRIP 5-8):

NR: Systems: (Signalling, Telecoms & Power)

SZC: Non Systems (All other disciplines)

ESK Track Upgrades

Note: Replacement of existing jointed track with Continuously Welded Rail (CWR) to reduce rail noise & vibration in sensitive areas



Bealings – February 2024



Saxmundham – April / May 2024



Item 9: Overview of the Worker Code of Conduct

Tim Newton, Site Security Manager

Worker Code of Conduct

The conduct of the SZC workforce in the community is of the highest importance. It is for that reason that everyone involved with the SZC Project is expected to:

- Be responsible for your safety and the safety of others by complying with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations;
- Be ambassadors for the project through your behaviour and actions on site and in the community, including in the use of social media
- Refrain from anti-social behaviour, discriminatory behaviour or harassment on and off site
- Ensure that they are not intoxicated by alcohol or under the influence or illegal drugs
- Respect colleagues and endeavor to maintain harmonious workplace relations at all times.
- Ensure that rented accommodation is maintained in a tidy state with the proper disposal of rubbish.
- Ensure that personal noise levels are appropriate to the time of day and location
- Ensure no damage of any kind is caused to property on the off site
- Respect speed limits and be aware of other road users, agricultural vehicles and livestock
- Do not “fly park” at any time

‘By attending and completing the SZC Site Induction and receiving access to SZC site you are confirming your commitment to the expectations described above’.

Item 10: Q&A

Chair via Town and Parish Council Representative

Pre-submitted Questions

Submitted by Cllr Barry Rowing, Peasenhall Parish Council

1. Local residents in & around our village have noticed that during the recent B1122 works, many large tipper lorries have been spotted travelling through Peasenhall on the A1120, leading us to suspect that these are from the SZC road improvement works. It is not always possible to note the number plates or company names on these vehicles. We understand that there is a prescribed route for vehicles over 3.5T serving SZC that does not include the A1120 through Peasenhall & that they will all be fitted with transponders for you to check.
2. Is there any instantly recognisable external marking or windscreen sticker that you could affix to preferably all your vehicles & especially those over 3.5T, so that the public may identify them & be sure that they are not linked to SZC ? These would help us to differentiate from those vehicles that are involved with any other proposed local land works or material movements that are being planned. We hope that you would like to ensure there are no unanswered questions about the SZC responsibility for these vehicles & reassure our community when any doubt exists during the 10 year build process that has now commenced.

Pre-submitted Questions

Submitted by Cllr Christine Redgrave, Darsham Parish Council

1. Can the Forum please provide details and timings of the proposed road works along the A12 between Yoxford and Darsham relating to Sizewell C link road, Yoxford roundabout, Park and Ride and rail crossing works at Darsham Station. Please confirm whether dates for these works have been determined and if so, can they now be shared with the Parish and local residents.
2. Also, in relation to road works along the A12, given the length of the prescribed diversion routes, how do you propose to monitor vehicle movements to ensure they comply with these routes and do not use unsuitable local rural roads as an alternative? What, if any, lessons have been learnt from the Theberton experience and the impact night time road closures on access for local residents? How do you propose that access will be retained at all times for residents, emergency services, as well as those needing social care - these must be fully catered for to avoid any possible delays.

Pre-submitted Questions

Submitted by Cllr Matthew Saunders, Blythburgh Parish Council

1. The minutes of the last meeting seem to have been edited to remove much of the criticism of Sizewell made at the meeting - how are we to have confidence in this process if minutes of meetings are inaccurate ? (Our emails to Sizewell on this issue have received no substantive response.)
2. At the last meeting we raised concerns as to the sitting of Sizewell C "temporary" signage on the A12. Not only has nothing been done further to these concerns - the situation has become much worse with solar powered illuminated signage being installed within the Blythburgh village conservation area in a position that clashes with access for wildfowl to the Dunwich Marshes NNR. Why can't you consult on issues such as this ??

Pre-submitted Questions

Submitted by Cllr Traci Weaver on behalf of Cllr Claire Buttle, Kelsale-cum-Carlton Parish Council

1. If vehicles are found to be using non-agreed Sizewell C routes, how will they be “punished”? Will they be fined? How much? Where, if fined a monetary amount, will the money go?
2. Will ANPR be used for monitoring on minor roads?

Pre-submitted Questions

Submitted by Cllr Paul Collins Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council

1. What are the time lines for the construction start and finish of the main site entrance roundabout on B1122 and the diversion of Eastbridge Road and will Eastbridge Road remain open at all times during the construction?
2. When will the project plan/schedule be available for the SLR construction and, following construction of the East Suffolk Rail bridge and Pretty Road bridge, will construction proceed from both ends or move West to East from the A12 to B1122 and site entrance?

Pre-submitted Questions

Submitted by Cllr Andrew Candler, Sibton Parish Council

1. What is the considered daily vehicle movement into the NPR and times? The NPR is a 1250 car park, how many vehicles are expected to use this on a daily basis and the times?
2. What are your expected routes to the NPR?

Item 11: Dates of future meetings



Main Development Site Forum

Leiston Town Athletic Association, Victory Road,
Leiston, Suffolk, IP16 4DQ

Tuesday 16th January 2024
18:30 -20:30

Tuesday 16th April 2024
18:30 -20:30

Tuesday 16th July 2024
18:30 – 20:30

Tuesday 15th October 2024
18:30 - 20:30



Northern Transport Forum

Darsham Village Hall, Cheyney Green, The Street, IP17
3FA

Tuesday 6th February 2024
18:30 – 20:30

Wednesday 8th May 2024
18:30 – 20:30

Wednesday 7th August 2024
18:30 – 20:30

Wednesday 6th November 2024
18:30 – 20:30



Southern Transport Forum

Stratford St Andrew Riverside Centre, Great Glemham
Road, Stratford St Andrew, Suffolk, IP17 1LL

Monday 12th February 2024
18:30– 20:30

Wednesday 15th May 2024
18:30 – 20:30

Wednesday 14th August 2024
18:30 – 20:30

Wednesday 13th November 2024
18:30 – 20:30

Thank you

