## Sizewell C Community Forum

**Thursday 27th March 2025** 

High Lodge Leisure, Hinton, Nr Darsham, Suffolk IP17 3QT

### Agenda



- 1. Welcome and Introduction of the Chair and Panel (Chair)
- 2. Sizewell C Managing Director's Update (Julia Pyke)
- 3. Community Relations (Marjorie Barnes)
- 4. Cotswold Archaeology presentation (Alexander Bliss)
- 5. Project Look Ahead for 2025 & Key Milestones (Damian Leydon)
- 6. Landscaping and Ecology (Dr Steven Mannings and Luke Stevens)
- 7. Q&A via Town and Parish Council Representative (Chair)
- 8. Dates of Future Meetings (Chair)



# Item 1: Welcome, Introductions and Matters Arising

### Sizewell C Panel



Julia Pyke - Managing Director

Damian Leydon - Site Delivery Director

Richard Bull - Head of Planning

Marjorie Barnes - Head of Regional External Affairs & Development

Dr Steve Mannings - Water, Ecology and Land

**Luke Stevens** - Land Manager

**Alexander Bliss** - Cotswold Archaeology

## Sizewell C Stakeholder Guests / Observers



#### **Member of Parliament**

Jenny Riddell-Carpenter, MP for Suffolk Coastal Jess Asato, MP for Lowestoft Adrian Ramsay, MP for Waveney Valley Patrick Spencer, MP Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

#### **Council Representatives**

Cllr Richard Smith, Suffolk County Council Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf, Suffolk County Council Cllr Katie Graham, East Suffolk Council Cllr Tom Daly, East Suffolk Council Cllr Sarah Whitelock, East Suffolk Council

#### **External Stakeholders**

Simon Barlow – Project Manager, Environment Agency
Angela Ramsay – Office for Nuclear Regulation
Sally Longmate – CEO, Suffolk Association of Local Councils
Hannah Bloom – Chief Executive, Suffolk Community Foundation
Caroline Botwood – DESNZ Director
Simon Amstutz - Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape



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### Community 'you said, we did' Report

October 2024 - March 2025



#### OCTOBER 2024

Assurance that Sizewell C will continue to route traffic onto Lover's Lane and not through Leiston.

Sizewell C work with Sizewell B to manage the impact, particularly around car parking.

Statement provided from Suffolk Constabulary to outline speed enforcement responsibilities.

Sizewell C using the ACA car parking to allow more parking at MCA for the Sizewell B outage. Staff will move from the ACA to the MCA via regular bus services.

#### NOVEMBER 2024

Commitment to ensure comms are provided to the peninsula relating to Melton Level Crossing works.

Timeline sequencing will be provided when details are available.

#### JANUARY 2025

Sizewell C has made a commitment to invite project specialists to forums to provide updates where appropriate.

Sizewell C has made a commitment to produce updated drone footage to be shared at each MDS forum.

Sizewell C recognises the importance of timely comms and will increase the use of newsletters, forums and local publications

#### FEBRUARY 2025

Oxford Cotswold Archaeology is developing a programme of exhibitions to showcase some of the site finds. Dates to be shared in due course.

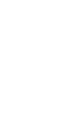
Yoxmere Fisherman and all six Tide Collection Magazines will be publishing community updates.



## Item 2: Sizewell C Managing Director's Update

Julia Pyke, Managing Director







## Item 3: Community Relations

Marjorie Barnes, Head of Regional External Affairs and Development



### Keeping communities updated





### Delivering on our obligations



The Deed of Obligation (DoO) sets out extensive financial commitments, the majority of which came into effect following First Commencement



- Under the DoO, SZC is obligated to pay c£160m (in 2021 monies) to the Local Authorities and other external bodies
- These payments are grouped under Schedules in the Deed and categorised as either standard (a set amount scheduled for a specific date) or contingent (a maximum amount up to which the recipients of the payments can request)
- Many of these payments are scheduled to be paid within a certain time period from First Commencement but some are triggered by other events or obligations





## Sizewell C Employment & Training Prospectus 2023 - 2024



### Delivering benefits







#### **Suffolk Coastal**

Name of education facility	Count of Name of activity	Sum of Total no. of volunteer minutes	Sum of No. of students
Coldfair Green	25	12540	807
Alde Valley Academy	21	4160	804
Middleton Primary	17	4200	348
Saxmundham Primary School	16	14152	429
Benhall Primary School	11	4140	278
Aldeburgh Primary School	10	6740	208
Leiston Primary School	10	10880	353
Kelsale Primary School	9	7620	270
Yoxford Primary	6	3720	131
Southwold Primary	2	1080	35
Benhall Primary	1	720	
Farlyingale High school	1	240	90
Total	129	70192	3753

### Delivering benefits



#### Lowestoft

Name of education facility	Count of Name of activity	Sum of Total no. of volunteer minutes	Sum of No. of students
Roman Hill Primary School	11	6540	378
Sir John Leman High School	7	6150	406
Grove Primary	4	482	120
Worlingham Primary	4	640	123
Pakefield Primary	3	480	90
Westwood Primary	2	320	60
Carlton Coalville Primary	1	160	26
Dell Primary	1	160	28
East Coast College	1	120	200
Pakefield High School	1	120	210
St Benets Catholic Primary	1	160	32
The Albert Pye Community Primary School	1	160	32
The Ashley School	1	160	25
Woods Loke Primary	1	160	31
Total	39	15812	1761









## **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

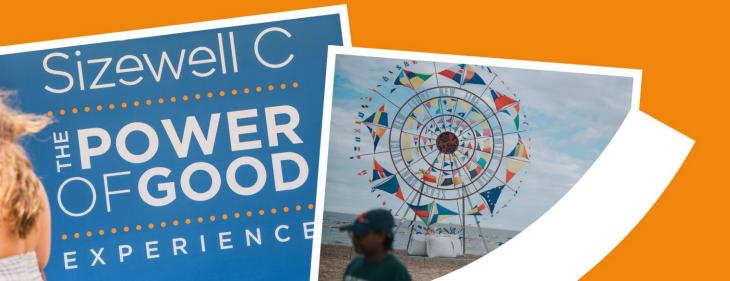
### Pop-up displays/exhibitions/talks at the following locations:

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

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



## Sizewell (realive



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 2	8/29 May
First Light Festival 21	I/22 June
Alde Valley Academy Big Sing	July
Aldeburgh Carnival	8 August

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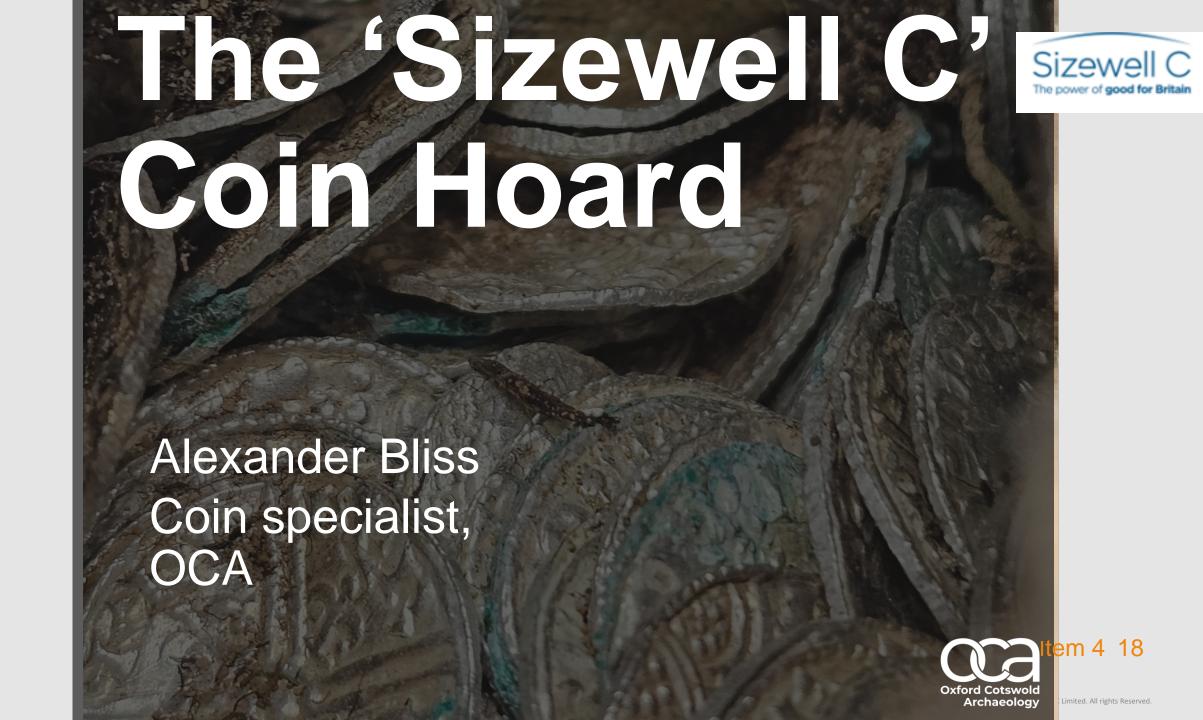




# Item 4: Cotswold Archaeology Presentation

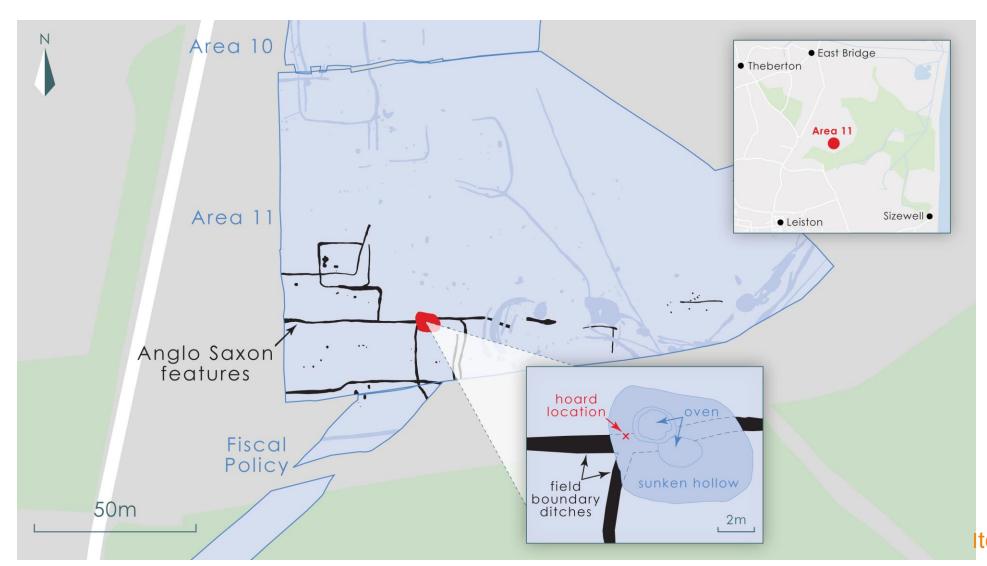
Alexander Bliss- Senior Finds Officer/ Numismatist with OCA



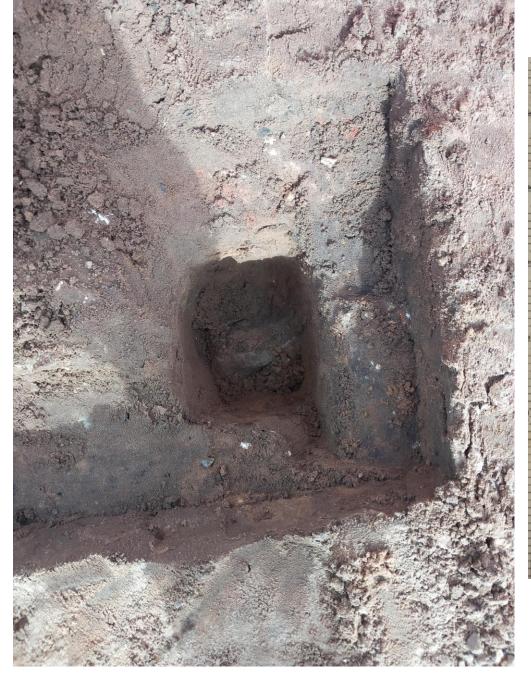


#### **Broom Walk Area 11**









#### April 2023 – the story begins



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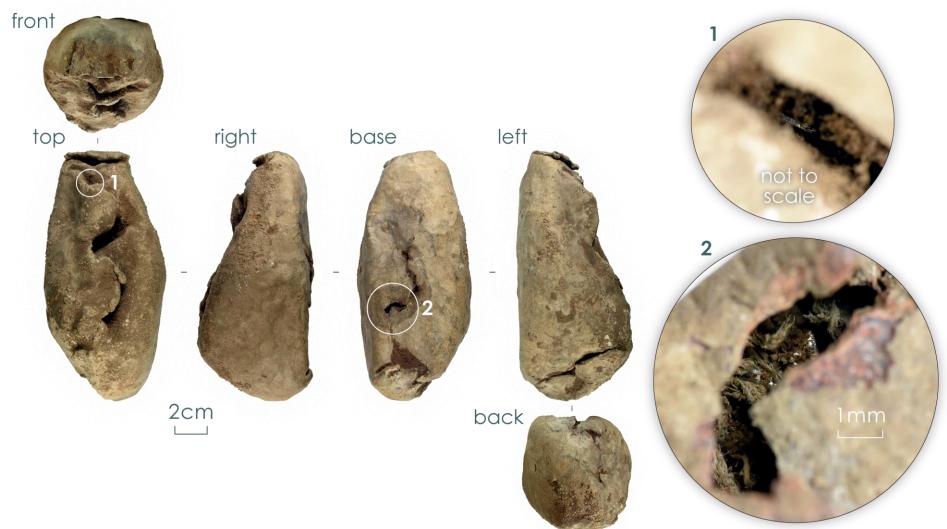
Left: the hoard 'in situ'. Above: the package upon recovery (top view)

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## 'The Pasty'







## Assessing the hoard









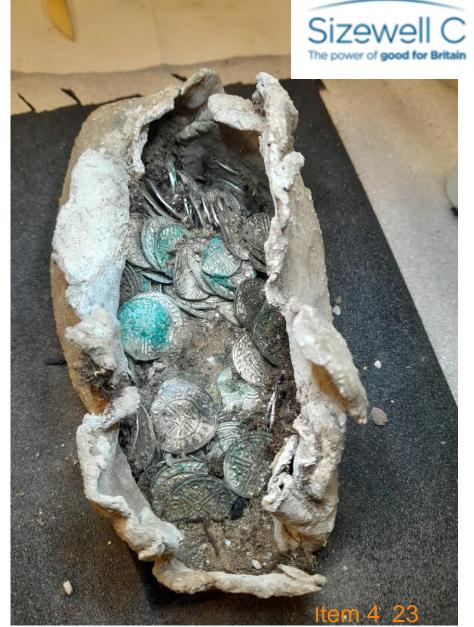












## Micro-excavating the hoard









## Summary of the hoard

- 321 coins, all silver
- 11<sup>th</sup> century value 320p
- Enclosed in a piece of fabric, which was then wrapped in lead sheet
- Coins range in date between 1036-1044, comprising four different 'types'
- Earliest coins date c. 1036-1037
- Latest c. 1042-1044
- Struck at over 30 English mints
- Three kings of England represented
- Buried at the start of the reign of Edward the Confessor (1042-1066)





## Coin types



- In the 11<sup>th</sup> century, coin designs did not stay the same
- New 'types' issued every few years, old coins called in for reminting
- Theoretically, official rents and taxes supposed to be paid in latest type



Reverse of coin 27.184 – Arm-and-Sceptre type struck under the moneyer DUNBEORD at Langport





#### The 'Jewel Cross' type of Harold I







27.32 – moneyer
WULFGAR/WULGAR at London.
Reverse legend reads: +PVLG.AR
ON L.VNDE

#### The 'Fleur-de-Lis' type of Harold I





27.93 – moneyer LEOFWINE at Thetford. Reverse legend reads: +LEOFPINE ON ÞEO



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#### The 'Arm-and-Sceptre' type of Harthacnut







27.112 – moneyer LEOFWINE at Buckingham. Reverse legend reads: +LEOFPINE ON BVCIN

The 'PACX' type of Edward the Confessor





27.120 – moneyer LEOFRIC at London. Reverse legend reads: +LEOFRIC ON LVND



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### Why was it buried?

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'The King, with Earl Leofric, Earl Godwin and Earl Siward... rode from Gloucester to Winchester unawares upon the lady; and deprived her of all the treasures that she had had in gold and in silver and in numberless things, which were immense, because she was formerly very hard upon the king her son, and did less for him than he wished before he was king. Soon after this Stigand was deprived of his bishopric; and they took all that he had into their hands for the king, because he was in the counsel of his [Edward's] mother...'

Anglo-Saxon Chronicle (D), entry for 1043



Stigand as Archbishop of Canterbury, depicted on the Bayeux Tapestry. Image courtesy St Edmundsbury Chronicle

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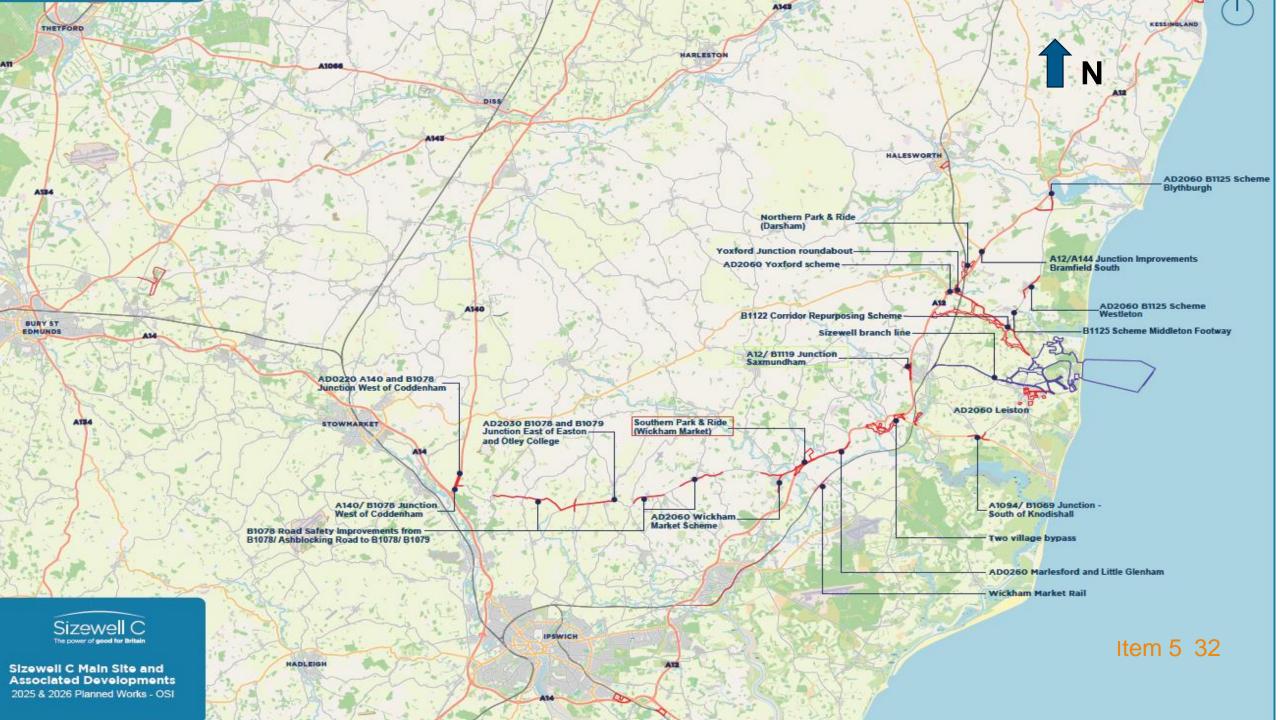




# Item 5: Project Look Ahead for 2025 & Key Milestones

Damian Leydon, Site Delivery Director





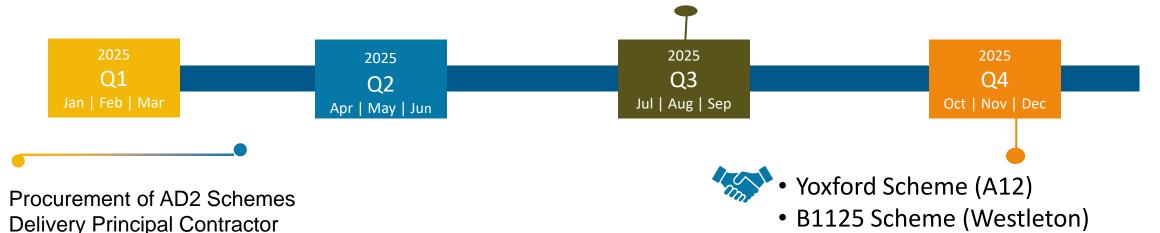
## **Local Roads – 2025 Anticipated Commencement Dates**



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 Coddenham
- B1078 / B1079 East of Easton & Otley College
- B1119 / A12 Saxmundham



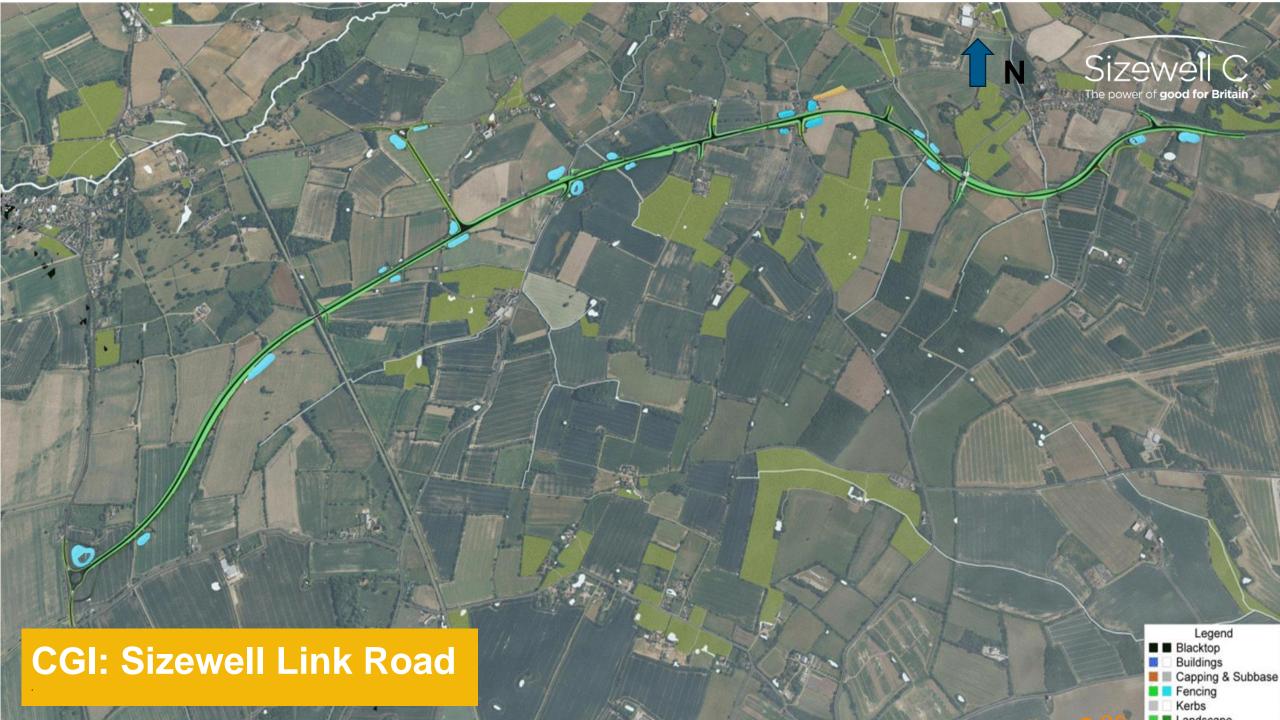


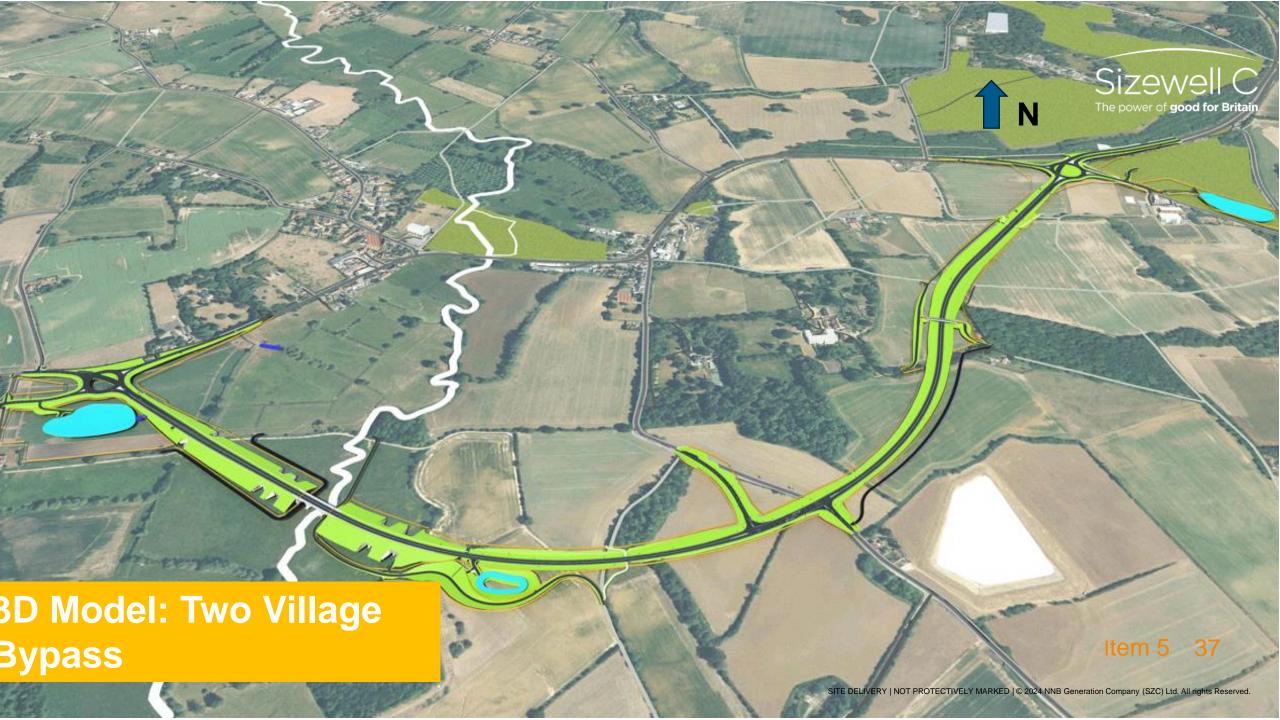
• B1125 Scheme (Blythburgh)

A1094 / B1069 South of Knodishall









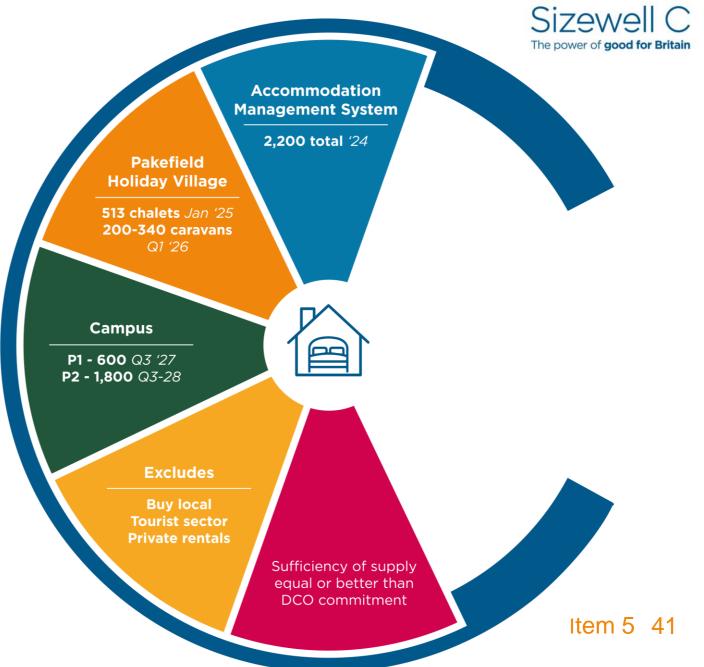






#### **Accommodation**

DCO (by Q4 2027)	3,000
So far, we currently have	2,713



### **Parking**





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**Main Site** 

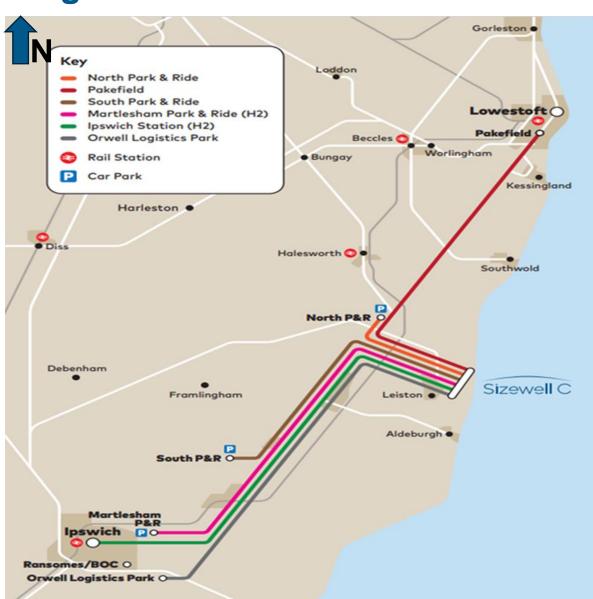
Wickham Market (P&R)

Martlesham (P&R)

LOCATION	PLANNED SPACES
Main Site	1,000
Wickham Market (P&R)	1,250
Darsham (P&R)	1,250
Pakefield	500
Martlesham (P&R)	100
Total	4,100

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#### **Passenger Service Route**





#### **Passenger Services from**

- Martlesham P&R
- Pakefield
- Orwell Logistics Park
- Ipswich Train Station
- Northern park and ride (Darsham)
- Southern park and ride (Wickham Market)
- Development of others is dependent on workforce location





# Item 6: Landscaping and Ecology

Dr Steve Mannings – Water, Ecology and Land

Luke Stevens – Land Management Lead

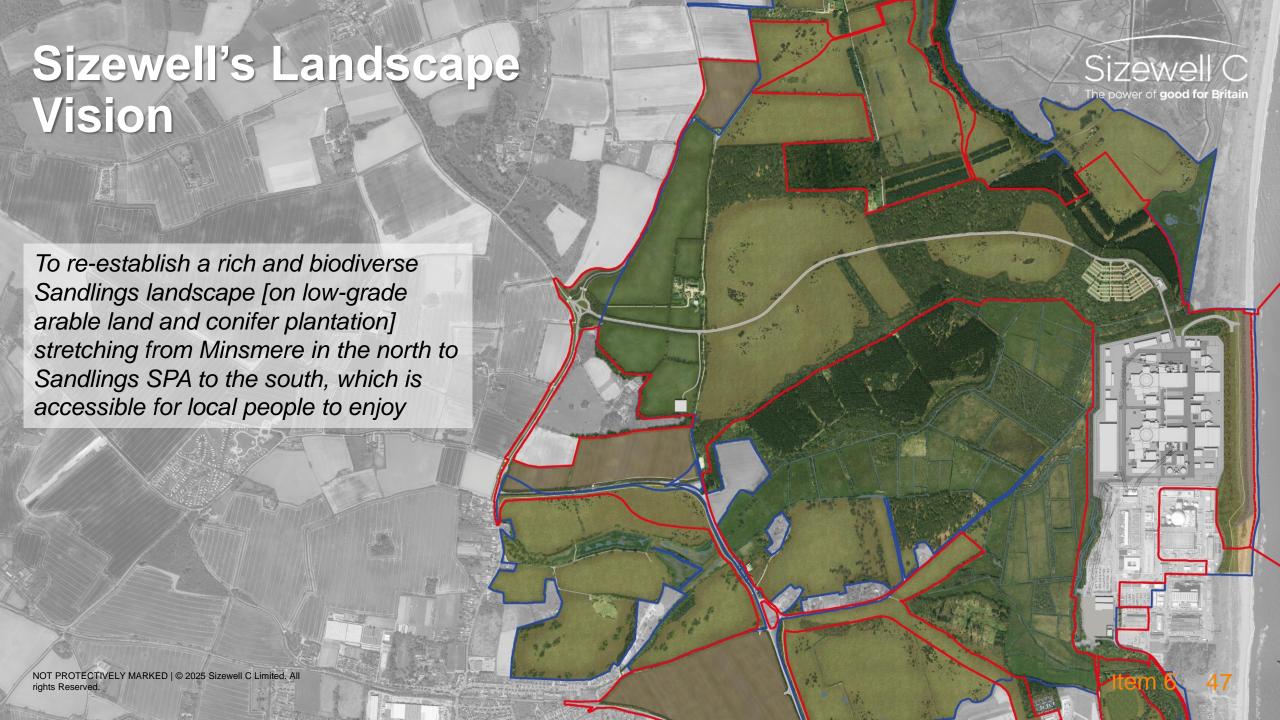


#### **Vegetation Clearance / Landscape Vision**



- Site Clearance
- Landscape Vision
- Advance Works
- Case Study Wild Aldhurst
- Biodiversity Net Gain
- MDS Roads
- Landscape Programme
- SZC: Long-Term Investor in Nature







#### Wild Studio Nature Reserve





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#### Wild Aldhurst Nature Reserve







#### Wild Abbey Nature Reserve







#### **Advanced Planting**





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#### Wider Estate





Wild Studio



Wild Abbey



Wild Aldhurst



**Advanced Planting** 

## Re-wilding Aldhurst Farm









### **Working With Nature**







#### **Arable Farm to SSSI in 10 Years**



- Wetland characteristic of Sizewell Marshes
  - Frogbit vulnerable on GB Red List
  - Lesser pondweed is a Suffolk rarity
- Heathy grasslands are developing across the site especially within the inner reserve
  - 13% of site comprises heather and parched grasslands of SSSI quality
  - 47% expected to become SSSI grade within the next few years
  - Remainder comprises ruderal grassland, this requires significant management to facilitate development
- Invertebrate assemblage of SSSI quality, including one legally protected (Norfolk hawker), three S41 Priority species, 7 RDB1-3, one RDBK, one Near Threatened, two Near Threatened, nineteen Nationally Scarce species and one New to Britain









### Already delivering for local communities

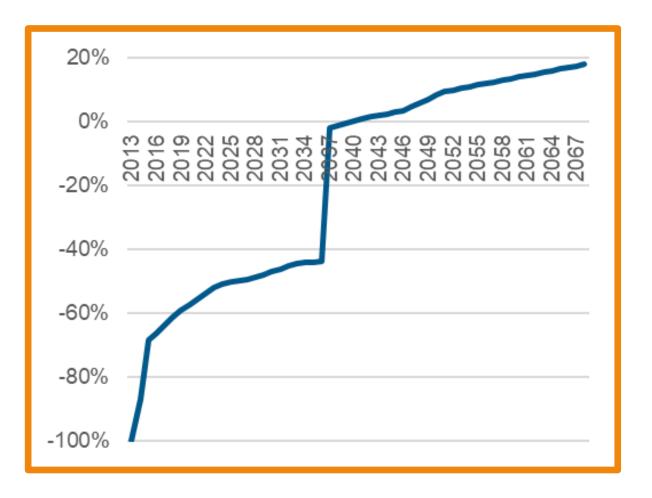






#### 19% BNG is on-Track!





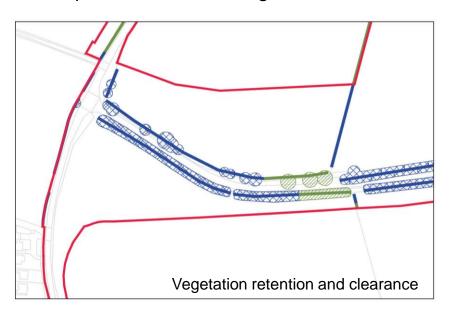


### **MDS** Road schemes



#### **Lovers Lane**

- Tree and hedgerow removal unavoidable due to road/junction realignment
- Vegetation removal in accordance with approved site clearance plans
- Hedgerow planting to replicate the existing character of the road
- Detailed design/landscape scheme subject to technical approval/discharge of DCO Requirement 9. Planting in 2026/27 season



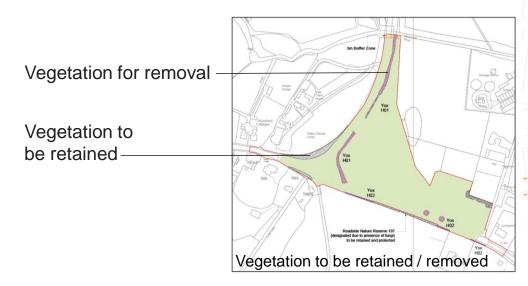


### Off Site Infrastructure

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#### Yoxford Roundabout

- Some tree and hedgerow removal unavoidable due to junction realignment.
- Retain existing woodland strip along boundary with Satis House
- Landscape design includes replacement hedgerow planting along the new road
- Incorporates sandlings mosaic in microcosm
- Design protects and enhances habitat for rare Sandy Stiltball fungus on roadside verge
- Considering further planting along eastern side

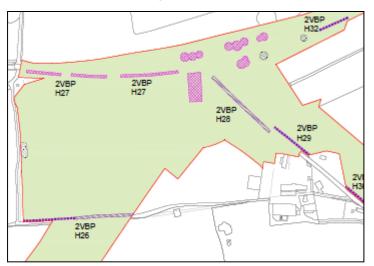




### Off Site Infrastructure

#### Two Village Bypass – Friday Street

- Another good example of how we have sought to minimise vegetation loss during detailed design – but with mixed success
- Regrettably, we're unable to retain a veteran oak tree and stand of trees positioned within footprint of the new junction
- However we have managed to retain a small stand of trees within the central reservation of the existing A12 carriageway, incorporating them into the detailed landscape scheme





Vegetation to be retained / removed



## **Approach to planting**



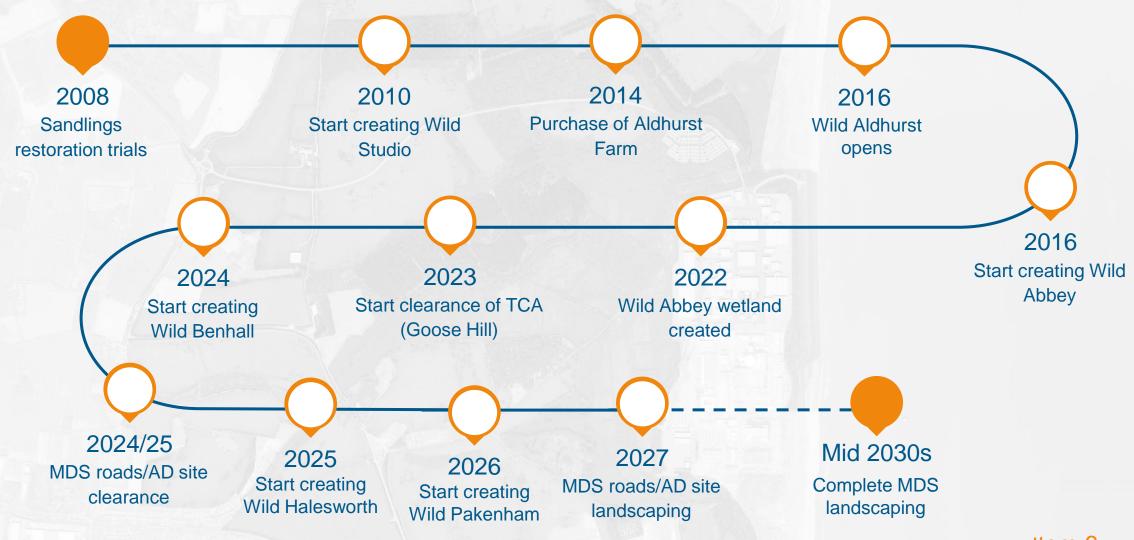






### **Landscape Implementation Timeline**





## SZC funding to support the Natural Environment in Suffolk

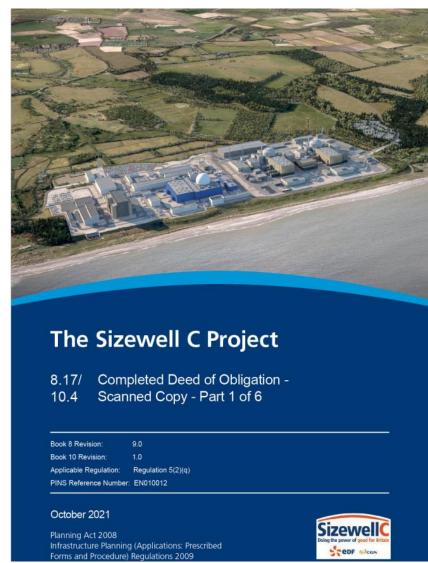


#### Deed of Obligation:

- £12m Natural Environment Improvement Fund
- £2m European Sites Access Contingency Fund
- Other funds to support farmland birds, wetlands, land management & skills

#### Charity Deed:

- Set up an environmental trust to protect and enhance the natural environment
- To be named East Suffolk Trust (EaST)
- Board of trustees has been established
- £78m funding over construction/operation
- Applied to Charity Commission to register







## Item 7: Q&A

Via Town and Parish Council Representative Chair





### Pre-Submitted Question: Cllr Alison Bourne Melton Parish Council

There is evidence that the growing workforce at Sizewell C has placed additional pressure on the rental market in the area, potentially pricing local people out of their home area and affecting the tourism sector in terms of availability for visitors to Suffolk. How is it proposed to mitigate against this, already evident, problem?

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## **Pre-Submitted Question** Cllr Josie Bassinette Walberswick Parish Council

I am the representative of Walberswick Parish Council and will be attending the community forum on the Council's behalf. I have the following 2 related questions that I would like answered:

It is my understanding that Sizewell C has received very significant UK Government Funding which it is currently spending. My questions relate to confirmation of the funding that Sizewell C is currently spending on its various community projects. (1) Is the financing for these community programs by Sizewell C coming from UK Government monies (ie tax-payer money) or from EDF? (2) How is Sizewell C making it transparent when it is spending Government provided tax-payer money for community projects and/or for associated developments currently underway (for example, through regular reports to Government or the public)?



## Pre-Submitted Question Cllr Maureen Jones Aldringham- cum- Thorpe Parish Council

Many residents are horrified by the devastation of hedges and trees everywhere they travel in this area. When are all these areas going to be replanted so we do not give the impression of building sites everywhere. Is all this necessary, and how many years will it be before we have green hedgerows again.



## Pre-Submitted Question Peasenhall Parish Council

Peasenhall Parish Council would ask that SZC consider putting the blue SZC plate on the front of vehicles to give the public the opportunity to record any incidents when such vehicles go through the village.



## Pre-Submitted Question Aldeburgh Town Council

Following on from our question at the last Community Forum (prompted by our desire for local people to take up employment opportunities) will you provide details from the workforce survey relating to IP15 - specifically number of workers from that postcode at the point of application, number of workers/contractors now residing in that postcode (moved to the area after job acquired) and number of companies with that postcode within the supply chain?

Aldeburgh Town Council continues to see negative impacts on local accommodation. At the last Community Forum you stated that the Accommodation Management System aimed to increase the provision of accommodation under £50 per night. Several properties in our town are being advertised for rent only to workers, per room, per night for £50, £60 or £70. How many bed spaces have you created through the Housing schemes (including the grant schemes £3K for minor works and £7K for renovations) and how many bed spaces do you need for those NHB (not home based) now within the local area, and what is the forecast over the next 3 months and 6 months as we approach a period of increased tourism need, and how will you achieve this?



## Pre-Submitted Question Cllr Andrew Turner Westleton Parish Council

How many trees have you cut down, I think you reported 21000 and how many planted to replace those already cut down and can you please detail the programme of maintenance for these new trees?



## Pre-Submitted Question Cllr David Sims Sibton Parish Council

With regards to rail transport we understand that you intend, as soon as the passenger service has finished for the night, to run four empty trains down the line in convoy. Then four loaded trains which will be waiting in the Ipswich area will join the line and proceed northwards as soon as the empty trains have cleared.

We have received some expert advice which accepts that this is just possible but is very tight and any problems could cause serious disruption to passenger services. How do you intend to mitigate for this please?



## 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
Main Development Site Forum	Wednesday 2 July 2025	Leiston Town Athletic Association
Northern Transport Forum	Wednesday 6 August 2025	Darsham Village Hall
Southern Transport Forum	Wednesday 3 September 2025	Stratford St Andrew Riverside Centre
Main Development Site Forum	Wednesday 8 October 2025	Leiston Town Athletic Association
Community Forum	Thursday 23 October 2025	Sizewell Sports and Social Club
Northern Transport Forum	Wednesday 5 November 2025	Darsham Village Hall
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