

District Councillor's Report for November.

Sizewell C

Following the comments made to EDF they have arranged a further sessions of public consultation between Wednesday 18th November and Friday 18th December.

The items on that agenda for discussion are:

1. Increase in the frequency of freight train movements to facilitate bulk material imports by rail.
2. Enhancement of the permanent beach landing facility and options for a new temporary beach landing facility to facilitate material imports by sea.
3. Change SSSI crossing design to a single span bridge with embankments.
4. Surface water removed early in the construction process to be discharged to the foreshore via a temporary outfall.
5. Change to the sea defence to make the scheme more efficient and resilient to climate change.
6. Greater flexibility as to where certain Sizewell B facilities are relocated to, potentially avoiding the need for car parking on Pillbox Field.
7. Change to certain parameter heights and activities on the main development site to facilitate construction process.
8. Change to the location of the Water Resource Storage Area and the addition of flood mitigation measures to lower flood risk.
9. Revisions to tree retention on the main development site.
10. A new bridleway link between Aldhurst Farm and Kenton Hills.
11. Extension of the Order Limits to provide for fen meadow habitat at Pakenham as further mitigation for fen meadow loss.
12. Extension and reduction of the Order Limits for works on the main development site and related sites (fen meadow mitigation sites and marsh harrier improvement sites).
13. Extension of landscaped bund and other minor changes at the Southern park and ride site, including a minor reduction of the Order Limits.
14. Minor reductions to the Order Limits at the Northern park and ride site.
15. Extension of the Order Limits for works on the Two Village Bypass, change to the public right of way around Walk Barn Farm and additional habitat mitigation proposals.
16. Extension to and reduction of the Order Limits for works on the Sizewell Link Road.
17. Minor reductions to the Order Limits for Yoxford Roundabout, the A12/B1119 junction at Saxmundham and the A1094/B1069 south of Knodishall.

It should be noted that there is no reference to the potentially catastrophic increase in the volume of non-HGVs on the country lanes around our villages.

The park and ride site at Hasketon is not mentioned and this alone will cause a vast increase in traffic around our patch. Dan Poulter has raised our concerns in Parliament.

Nadhim Zahawi (Minister of Business Industry) has given his assurances that our concerns will be "absolutely considered".

Government White Paper on Planning Reforms.

There has been almost universal condemnation of the proposals put forward in response to the call for comments on planning Reforms from local people and most Planning Organisations. We will have the opportunity in the New Year to ensure that we are being

listened to.

Funding boost for key organisations in East Suffolk

East Suffolk Council has launched a new £100,000 'Bounce Back' Fund, which offers grants of between £250 and £5,000 to support voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations in East Suffolk. Funded through the East Suffolk Community Partnership Board, the funding is available for equipment, adaptations or staffing to enable VCSE organisations to safely continue or restart their services or to develop/launch new services. All VCSE organisations are eligible to apply, as long as the funding requested is for equipment, adaptations or staffing to continue or restart a service or develop/launch a new service. However, some groups will be given priority to help support those who have been particularly impacted by the pandemic. These include organisations supporting young people, organisations relying on volunteers and community buildings which are struggling to reopen safely.

Shared ownership scheme is district first

As part of a comprehensive development programme to deliver vital new housing, East Suffolk Council has introduced six new shared-ownership properties to its housing stock – the first of their kind in the district. The properties are located in Brampton near Halesworth and provide an affordable ownership scheme, which combines purchasing a share in a home with a rental agreement for the remaining unowned shared. The six properties are semi-detached two-bedroom houses and are the first shared ownership properties the Council has built. East Suffolk has worked in partnership with Orwell Housing Association to deliver the new homes which have been built by local Contractor, Wellington Construction.

Comments invited on planning documents

East Suffolk residents are invited to have their say on three draft planning documents:

- The draft [Cycling and Walking Strategy](#)
- The draft [Statement of Community Involvement \(SCI\)](#)
- The draft [Recreational Disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy \(RAMS\) Supplementary Planning Document](#)

All three consultations are scheduled to close on 30 November 2020.

Comments can be submitted online, by email at :-

planningpolicy@eastsoffolk.gov.uk or by post to East Suffolk Council, Planning Policy & Delivery Team, Riverside 4, Canning Road, Lowestoft, NR33 0EQ.

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15 November 2020**