

THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL,
THEBERTON ON WEDNESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 7:00PM.

1. Attendance and apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Stephen Brett – Chair
Cllr. Graham Ward
Cllr. Stephen Morphey
Cllr. Robert Flindall
Cllr. Hazel Collins
Cllr. Vanessa Davis
Cllr. Paul Collins

Apologies for absence:

District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock
District Cllr. Katie Graham
Cllr. Daryl Ash- apologised
Cllr. Nat Bacon

Members of the public:

Three members of the public were present.

In attendance:

County Cllr. Richard Smith
District Cllr. Tom Daly
Honor Houlding- Clerk/RFO

Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council approved the apologies and absences from this month's meeting.
All in favour.

2. To receive a presentation from Scottish Power Renewables with regards to works impacting Theberton and Eastbridge due to begin on the 22nd of September 2025.

The Parish Council welcomed representatives from Scottish Power Renewables: Reecia Cullen Scottish Power Renewables, Community Liason Officer. Liam Atkinson Senior Engineer and Taylor Woodrow and Rory Daines, SPR, Project Interface and Environmental Manager. Richard Knight of Sizewell C was also in attendance. Reecia Cullen explained the background to the proposed Development Consent Order improvement works in Theberton, specifically the junction at Church Road on to the B1122.

The work presents an opportunity to combine activity and necessary improvements with the plans that Sizewell C have previously shown to the Parish Council and therefore minimise disruption to the community. Both SPR and Sizewell C, along with National Grid are cooperating on coordination, particularly around deliveries and abnormal loads along the B1122. Cllr. Tom Daly welcomed the joint approach and hoped more closer working could be developed across other NSIPs in East Suffolk.

Liam, Senior Engineer, explained that the contractors have been appointed by SPR and gave details of the planned works. These are scheduled to begin on 22nd of September 2025 at the junction of Church Road and the B1122 for 5 weeks, with traffic managed by three-way lights. Church Road being closed from 6th of October for three weeks. He continued to explain that the proposed diversion during this period will be via Onner's Lane.

Cllr. Stephen Brett raised concerns that Onner's Lane is single track with few passing places and that vehicles may be required to reverse for over 200 metres. He noted that collaboration with Suffolk County Council is needed to agree routes and book road space.

ACTION: Cllr. Richard Smith to speak to SCC about the most appropriate diversion route.

Cllr. Richard Smith stated that SCC had already challenged the proposed route, given Onner's Lane's limitations. Eastbridge was suggested as an alternative. Cllr. Brett asked whether more passing places could be created on Onner's Lane. There was discussion about the possibility of closing only part of Church Road to reduce disruption. Concerns were raised about noise for residents, the impact on Openreach works on Moat Road and the need to avoid coinciding closures. Members of the public also expressed scepticism that the proposed works would improve visibility adequately when leaving Church Road.

Cllr. Stephen Brett asked whether the council could be involved in assessing the Church Road closure. It was explained that the project is based on visibility studies and safety audits. Vegetation clearance will be carried out where required, with coppicing rather than felling. One member of the public noted that the new footpath may only be used for road closure signage as per their experience with the increased number of temporary road signage in the area. Works in front of Manor Cottage will include curb repairs, new tarmac and alignment of the new footpath.

Cllr. Paul Collins noted the Sizewell C B1122 Early Years meeting is scheduled for Thursday 18th of September and asked about one-way systems. Jez Porter had indicated that a one-way system on Onner's Lane may not be possible due to farm access. Cllr. Stephen Brett requested that SPR attend the B1122 Early Years meeting on the 18th of September.

The location of the marked crossing was discussed, and it was confirmed that the War Memorial would not be affected. A member of the public asked about the possibility of a 20mph limit through Theberton. Cllr. Stephen Brett explained that while 20mph speed restrictions on the B1122 through Theberton had been suggested, since the installation of the average speed cameras, the 20mph limit would counteract the average speeds of drivers along the B1122. The Speed Indicator Device showed that speeds were now close to 30mph, while a 20mph limit would be difficult to enforce.

It was confirmed that letters had been delivered to residents with regards to the proposals with further communication planned via mailing lists.

It was noted that gateways to the North and South of Theberton Village are not included in this project and Richard Knight will clarify this at the B1122 Early Years meeting on the 18th of September.

Councillors noted that road closure signs are currently placed two miles away without indicating the exact point of closure and that better information is needed for road users. Cllr. Stephen Brett asked whether pedestrian, cyclist, and horse access would be maintained during the closures.

3. To receive declarations of interest and to consider requests for dispensations

None.

4. Public Forum

a) Members of the public may address the Council on any agenda item

None.

b) To receive a report from the County Councillor

County Cllr. Richard Smith raised concerns about speed restrictions and traffic management in the locality. He referred to discussions at the Southern Transport Forum and reported widespread frustration about average speed cameras and ongoing restrictions on the A12 and B1122. Despite assurances from SCC senior officers and the deputy chief executive, no action has been taken to reduce restrictions where no roadworks taking place. Examples included Stratford St Andrew, where no work has been carried out but limits remain and the Wickham Market dual carriageway

reduced to one lane. He stressed that while safety for workers is essential, restrictions must be proportionate and questioned why unnecessary limits continue.

Richard Knight explained that current delays are caused by a combination of traffic management, utility works and diversions in advance of construction. He noted that traffic management is imposed for safety reasons and highlighted that some restrictions, such as the 30mph limit at Darsham, have been welcomed by the community. He acknowledged frustrations, agreed communication needs to improve and confirmed that DCO powers give SZC authority over certain road management strategies, though not the A12.

Cllr. Richard Smith emphasised the need for common sense in traffic decisions and urged timely action.

Cllr. Smith also updated the council on devolution proposals. The directly elected mayor will assume office in 2026 with new powers from 2027, including fire and rescue responsibilities and potentially policing, alongside economic growth powers. SCC published its draft business case on 16th of September 2025. ESC is undertaking a similar process with the same deadline. From that point, the proposals will pass to government, with a decision expected between January and March 2026. Elections for unitary authorities in Suffolk are scheduled for May 2028.

c) To receive reports from the District Councillors

District Cllr. Tom Daly summarised the East Suffolk Council August Report which is attached as **Appendix I**.

Cllr. Tom Daly raised concerns about rat running and traffic speeds in parishes affected by NSIPs. He proposed that SCC roads most impacted by energy projects should be considered for 20mph limits, supported by a joint letter from district, town and parish councils urging SCC to assist in the fruition of the proposal.

Cllr. Stephen Brett noted that before supporting the proposal, details of enforcement would be needed, as police resources are limited. He referred to the challenges in achieving a 20mph limit through Theberton.

Reference was made to the 20mph scheme in Wales, which had faced challenges and enforcement issues, though prosecutions had taken place.

4. Minutes and Matters Arising

a) To approve as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2025

Cllr. Robert Flindall requested a change to the wording of 6. a) which was agreed by the council.

It was proposed by Cllr. Graham Ward and seconded by Cllr. Hazel Collins and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2025 to be signed as a true record. All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to update minutes with suggested amendment

b) Matters arising

None.

5. Energy Projects

a) To receive an update from Cllr. Paul Collins

Cllr. Paul Collins' September Energy Projects Report is attached as **Appendix II**.

Cllr Stephen Brett raised concerns regarding the use of Onner's Lane as a diversion route, noting that there has already been an increase in traffic. He continued to explain that most of the existing passing places are field entrances and during periods of heavy rainfall vehicles risk becoming stuck on the lane.

Cllr Stephen Brett reported that the Sizewell C proposals include a 30mph speed limit from Bridleway 19 to the B1122 on Eastbridge Road for safety reasons when the roundabout is implemented. He suggested extending the 30mph limit to include Eastbridge, but this was refused on the grounds that the signage would not be well received by residents.

ACTION: Clerk to add discussion of 30mph speed limit in Eastbridge to the Agenda for next month

With the anticipated increase in traffic through Eastbridge, Cllr Stephen Brett recommended that the 30mph limit should begin from Lower Abbey Drive. It was agreed that temporary 30mph signs may make driving more difficult given the narrowness of the road.

6. Planning

- a) To receive an update from Cllr. Robert Flindall with regards to the Theberton and Eastbridge Neighbourhood Planning Strategy

Cllr Robert Flindall provided an update on the Theberton and Eastbridge Neighbourhood Plan. He reported that a meeting had taken place with Cllr Stephen Brett and Cllr. Hazel Collins with a representative of the SZC Community Fund to discuss potential grant support. It was noted that justification of funding for the Neighbourhood Plan would be based on the impact of Sizewell C on the community.

- b) To discuss the Neighbourhood Planning Guidance Documentation Consultation

Cllr. Robert Flindall volunteered to review discuss the Neighbourhood Planning Guidance Documentation Consultation before the next meeting due to be held on 15th October 2025.

- c) To review planning application DC/25/2929/FUL, Lupin Cottage Theberton

The council discussed planning application DC/25/2929/FUL, Lupin Cottage Theberton. The council voted that a no objection comment subject to a review of the consultees should be submitted. All in favour.

- d) To review planning application SCC/0113/25/DoR, Sizewell C

The council discussed planning application SCC/0113/25/DoR, Sizewell C. The view of the council was that they should rely on SCC to look after our best interested. The council had no further comment to add. All in favour.

- e) To review planning application SCC/0114/25/DoR, Sizewell C

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7. Clerk/Councillors' Reports

- a) Community Council

The Clerk summarised Cllr. Daryl Ash's minutes from the Community Council meeting held on the 6th of August 2025 to the council.

The Community Council have obtained quotes for replacement of the Village Hall front door. The new door will be of similar style to the existing one, with bordering replaced in UPVC. A boiler service is scheduled, guttering may need replacing, and the fence, hedge, zip wire, and baby swing crossbar all require work.

A joint application with the Parish Council to the Sizewell C Community Fund is being explore. A possible seating area for Theberton playing field will be considered.

The summer fete raised over £1,000 despite lower attendance due to hot weather. A jumble sale will be held on 18th of October, donations were requested. Bonfire Night will be held on 8th of November; additional help is required from members of the community. A local resident has offered to oversee hall management and was thanked for volunteering for the role.

Community Council meetings will now be held on the second Thursday of each month, except for October, when the meeting will take place on Monday 6th of October.

Cllr. Stephen Brett also confirmed that he plans to attend the Community Council meeting on Thursday 11th September to discuss SZC Community Fund.

b) Heritage Trail

Cllr Stephen Morphey presented the final draft of the Heritage Trail Boards to the Council, confirming that the QR code linking to the website had been included and that a high-resolution version of the map had been added. He reported that the document was now ready for sign-off and that additional proofs had been reviewed and approved. Cllr Morphey concluded by noting that the provisional fitting date for the boards was 16 September 2025.

i) Heritage Trail Launch Event

The Council discussed walking the trail with a local celebrity to raise the profile of the Heritage Trail.

[ACTION: Clerk speak to local celebrities.](#)

c) Speed Indicator Device

Cllr Paul Collins' September Speed Indicator Report is attached as **Appendix III**.

d) June and July Police Crime Reports

The Clerk reported that there were no crimes in the Parish in June 2025.

The July report was not discussed as the Suffolk Constabulary website had not yet been updated with the July data.

[ACTION: Clerk to add July Police Crime Report to October's agenda.](#)

e) Theberton and Eastbridge Playing Field Swing Repairs

The Clerk informed the council that the ROSPA Playsafety inspection report had not yet been received and was due to take place before the end of September.

f) War Memorial Ownership

The Clerk explained that further advice had been requested from SALC with regards to the ownership of the war memorial and valuation for insurance purposes. Historic England held an entry for the listed memorial.

- g) To discuss and approve the annual NJC salary pay award 2025-2026

Cllr. Stephen Brett raised the annual NJC salary pay award 2025-2026 for The Clerk's salary explaining that the suggested increase for SCP 15 was from £15.08 to £15.56 per hour.

The council discussed increasing The Clerk's salary from SCP 15 to SCP 16 due to her growing knowledge and skill within the role, therefore increasing the hourly rate to £15.82 per hour. Cllr. Stephen Brett suggested that an increase to SCP17 should be considered within the budget for 2026/2027.

It was proposed by Cllr. Graham Ward and seconded by Cllr. Pauk Collins to adopt to the suggested SCP15 increase and back pay the increase from April 2025 and to increase The Clerk's salary as of the 1st of October 2025 to SCP 16. All in favour.

- h) Sizewell C Community Fund Application ideas

A meeting was held with the Sizewell C Community Fund, during which it was suggested that a single application be submitted to address all items. It was emphasised that the application should demonstrate the urgent need arising from the stress being placed on the community. The Community Council also proposed including support for local community groups, such as the purchase of a new sewing machine for the sewing group and a replacement mat for the indoor bowls club, as the existing one is worn.

ACTION: Cllr Robert Flindall to circulate flow chart with clerk, clerk to forward council.

- i) Eastbridge Burial Ground Hedging
- ii) Planting of trees on Eastbridge Road to the New Cut Bridge
- iii) Electricity and water supply to Eastbridge Burial Ground and Theberton Playing Field
- iv) Commemorative Oak Tree at Theberton Playing Field
- v) Theberton and Eastbridge Tractor

- i) Outstanding Actions List

The clerk summarised the outstanding actions to the council. No further actions were required.

8. Devolution Consultation

- a) To discuss the topic of devolution

The council discussed the topic of devolution earlier in the meeting.

9. Parish Matters

- a) None

10. Administration

- a) To note and approve the Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit for the financial year 2024-2025

It was proposed by Cllr. Graham Ward and seconded by Cllr. Stephen Brett and agreed to note and approve the Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit for the financial year 2024-2025. All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to add the Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit for the financial year 2024-2025 to the Parish Council Website

- b) To conduct the annual review of the Internal Controls Statement

It was proposed by Cllr. Graham Ward and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins and agreed to note and approve the Internal Controls Statement. All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to add the updated Internal Controls Statement to the Parish Council Website

- i) To appoint councillor to be responsible for approving quarterly bank reconciliations.

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins and agreed to appoint Cllr. Graham Ward for approving quarterly bank reconciliations. All in favour.

11. Finance

- a) To note the latest financial position

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Graham Ward the August financial position to be a true record. All in favour.

- b) To agree to ratify the following payments:

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Clerk's Salary (August)	Honor Houlding	£371.97	LGA 1972 s.112
Broadband (July – adjustment)	BT	£30.54	LGA 1972 s.19

The clerk explained the small adjustment to the BT Bill in August 2025 due to a refund applied by BT earlier in the year. It was proposed by Cllr. Graham Ward and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins and agreed to ratify the above payments.

- c) To authorise the following payments:

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Clerk's Salary (September)	Honor Houlding	£371.97	LGA 1972 s.112
Broadband (September)	BT	£31.14	LGA 1972 s.19
Donation	Yoxmere Fisherman	£250.00	LGA 1972 s.139 (1)
Donation	Citizen's Advice Bureau	£50.00	LGA 1972 s.139 (1)
Donation	Water Aid	£50.00	LGA 1972 s.139 (1)
Parish Online Subscription	GeoXsphere Ltd	£60.00	LGA 1972 s.111
Mower Oil	Stephen Brett	£5.86	OSA 1906 s.10
Heritage Trail – High Res Map	Paul Collins	£42.00	LGA 1976 s.19

It was proposed by Cllr. Paul Collins and seconded by Cllr. Graham Ward and it was agreed to authorise the payments listed above. All in favour.

12. Correspondence

To review the correspondence received between 21st July 2025 and 8th September take action as appropriate

The council reviewed the above dated correspondence and agree no further actions were required.

13. Questions to the Chair/Items for the Next Agenda

None.

14. Next Meeting.

To agree the date and time of the next meeting of the next Parish Council Meeting which is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 8th October 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Jubilee Hall.

Cllr. Paul Collins made the council aware of the SZC Main Site Forum which will take place on the 8th of October 2025 and therefore clash with the proposed Theberton Parish Council October meeting date. The council voted to postpone the meeting until Thursday 9th October 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Jubilee Hall.

Honor Houlding
Parish Clerk
Meeting ended at: 21.14

Appendix I – East Suffolk County Council August Report

August 2025 Parish Report East Suffolk Council GLI Group – Councillor Update

East Suffolk Council - HERE For You!

Following a successful series of events last year, East Suffolk officers and councillors will be visiting towns around the district again this summer, chatting to local people about council services and asking how they feel about what we do.

Events have taken place in Saxmundham, Lowestoft, Kesgrave, Beccles and Felixstowe this year, and will be followed by Southwold in late August before finishing in Framlingham in September.

Councillors and senior officers will be present to listen to local people and chat about our plans, our services and how we are looking to improve lives and outcomes not only in the towns we visit but throughout East Suffolk.

East Suffolk Council - HERE For You! Come and find us at:

27 August - Southwold

24 September - Framlingham

All events are from 10am until 1pm.

Three Councils For Suffolk: Big enough to deliver, local enough to care

On 7 August, the five district and borough councils of Suffolk, Babergh, East Suffolk, Ipswich, Mid Suffolk, and West Suffolk, launched their joint Three Councils for Suffolk proposal; it is a locally led plan to reshape local government and deliver stronger, more responsive services to communities across the county.

This proposal offers an alternative to Suffolk County Council's vision of a single "mega council," instead championing a structure that is big enough to deliver, local enough to care.

Suffolk is a county of contrasts, from coastal towns and rural villages to vibrant urban centres. The Three Councils For Suffolk proposal recognises this diversity and is built on three strong foundations: local leadership, tailored services, and financial sustainability.

The preferred option of three councils would each serve distinct regions anchored by Suffolk's largest towns, Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich and Lowestoft. This meets the government guidance that the new council areas have a "clear rationale", they are "sensible economic areas" and have "sensible geographies".

The Three Unitary Councils plan responds directly to what people across Suffolk have said they want: councils that are local, greater accountability with local councillor leadership, and provide services that understand and reflect the needs of Suffolk's diverse communities.

It also delivers value for money. Independent analysis by KPMG shows the model could unlock £34 million in annual savings, while allowing reinvestment of £20 million every year back into vital services such as social care, highways, and housing.

This model also strengthens the voice of Suffolk in the new Mayoral Combined Authority for Norfolk and Suffolk, ensuring that local issues, whether rural or urban, aren't lost in a county-wide approach.

It will:

- Put residents first, with services delivered by councils that know their communities.
- Empower town and parish councils, making sure they are fully engaged in decision-making.
- Support businesses by aligning council structures with Suffolk's real economic geography.
- Enable the voluntary and community sector to thrive through better engagement and fairer funding.
- Enable councils to continue to work together across Suffolk where there is commonality of service, through shared service arrangements for additional efficiency.

This proposal has been shaped by the views of over 2,200 respondents in an online survey run by the five councils, with more than one-third of respondents ranking "being local" as their top priority for future councils. There has also been widespread engagement with towns, parishes, businesses and other stakeholders.

Joint quote from the Suffolk district and borough Leaders – Cllr John Ward (Babergh DC), Cllr Caroline Topping (East Suffolk DC), Cllr Neil McDonald (Ipswich BC), Cllr Andy Mellen (Mid Suffolk DC), Cllr Cliff Waterman (West Suffolk DC):

“People across Suffolk are proud of where they live, and they want decisions made by those who understand their communities. The Three Councils For Suffolk proposal delivers just that. It offers a balance between strong councillors’ leadership and genuine local delivery, ensuring that our towns, villages, urban centres and coastlines and the communities and businesses within these areas, all get the attention they deserve. By staying close to our communities, we can provide better value, greater accountability, and reinvest millions back into vital services like social care, housing and infrastructure. This is how we build a more responsive, resilient and inclusive Suffolk that works for everyone.”

Over the coming weeks work will continue to finalise the proposals, with the five councils working closely together to present an option to council meetings during September, in readiness to submit the Three Councils for Suffolk proposal on 26 September 2025.

Find out more, including more detailed financial information and the proposed boundaries at:
threecouncilsforsuffolk.org

Helping town and parishes to support nature

environmental charity Groundwork East on behalf of East Suffolk new toolkit is now available for town and parish councils to support conservation in their local area.

As part of the Council’s Nature at Work scheme, the toolkit branded graphics for town and parish councils to use online to their involvement with the conservation scheme, which has created spaces across East Suffolk which are being left to grow over the



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New signs have been installed on council-owned land across the district to help identify the wild areas where grass cutting will be limited to twice per year for the benefit of pollinators such as bees and butterflies. The signs feature a QR code directing people to further information about the scheme, including how residents and community groups can get involved. A map of all the sites is available, and photos from the locations will be added throughout the year.

Groundwork East is currently working with town and parish councils to build awareness of the sites, and these councils are encouraged to help monitor the sites to better understand what species are present and how the sites are changing.

GLI Cllr Sally Noble, East Suffolk’s cabinet member for the Environment said: “Nature at Work aims to respond to the climate emergency and biodiversity crisis by supporting nature at small-scale community sites across East Suffolk. The refreshed scheme has a new focus this year, working with local schools, town and parish councils and community groups to raise awareness of the benefits of the Nature at Work scheme and encouraging people to consider how they can get involved in their own garden or community space.”

A guide to making a wildflower meadow, a species guide and information regarding funding opportunities for town and parish councils is also available.

Book your free place at: **eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/nature-at-work/**

Ease the Squeeze on Cost of Living

Are you, or someone you know, worried about the increasing cost of living? We understand the pressures

faced by many people today and we are working closely with key partners to ensure support is available to help ease the squeeze for households in East Suffolk.

To make it as easy as possible for you to access the services and support available, locally and nationally, we have gathered information about them in one place:

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/squeeze/

For the most up to date information regarding East Suffolk Council, please visit: **www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk**

View the Well Minds East Suffolk booklet: tinyurl.com/9xhka624

Applications for the Warm Welcome Grant Scheme are now open! The target for each of our Warm Welcomes is to provide somewhere safe, warm and welcoming where people can come to keep warm, socialise and connect with others and access additional information, advice and support from local partners. It would be great to see some Warm Welcomes on offer across our patch.

Further information is available at: [Warm Welcomes » East Suffolk Council](#)

Applications close on 12th September, and all completed applications can be sent to Grants@eastsuffolk.gov.uk.

Appendix II – Cllr. Paul Collins July Energy Projects Report

1. TEAGS – Stop Sizewell C

The FID has now been completed and HMG will take a 45% stake, Centrica 15%, EDF 12.5%, with La Caisse, Amber and others taking the remaining 27.5%.

2. TASC Ltd JR Challenge to Secretary of State Department of Energy Security and Net Zero

The High Court has granted TASC/Leigh Day a Permission hearing in December on the challenge to Secretary of State at DESNZ concerning the lack of assessment or DCO permission for Overland Flood Barriers (OFBs), that have been committed to by SZC Ltd in their Nuclear Site License. A final date for the hearing will be agreed between the various lawyers involved and the court.

Further details can be found at <https://www.leighday.co.uk/news/news/2025-news/opposition-to-sizewell-c-nuclear-power-station-sea-defence-plans-lodged/>

TASC are Crowd Funding to support this challenge at <https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/sizewell-c-legal-challenge/>

3. East Suffolk Communities Energy Partnership and Anglia Energy Planning Alliance

No further progress.

4. B1122 planning discussions and SZC Deed of Obligation Forums

The B1122 and Westleton B1125 Average Speed Cameras have been operational since 28th July.

Progress on the one-way system in the local roads between Theberton and Eastbridge has made glacially slow progress and we will meet with SZC on 18th September to review the finalised plans approved by Suffolk County Council Highways Department.

These mitigations are woefully late and show SZC to be well outside the expected timeframe for delivery.

Scottish Power will be attending the 10th of September Parish Council meeting to present the works they will be doing at the Church Road/B1122 junction based on the commitments both SPR and SZC have made within their approved Development Consent Orders.

The next Main Development Site Forum is on 8th October 2025, Community Forum is on 23rd October 2025 and Northern Transport Forum is on 5th November 2025.

5. Scottish Power Wind Farms and Friston Substation

Various preparatory works and archaeology are now being undertaken.

6. LionLink (formerly EuroLink) – National Grid Ventures

No further progress.

7. Sea Link Interconnector – National Grid Electricity Transmission

The DCO Application has been submitted and accepted for examination by PINS. Registration as an Interested Party has been extended until 18th August.

I have reviewed a number of local registrations, such as Middleton (see below in italics), Westleton and Peasenhall and they are very general concerning increased traffic, tourism, environmental, lack of permanent jobs and mental health and well being and are supportive of both SCC and ESC's representations.

Cumulative impact, specifically traffic and transport impacts of multiple energy projects within a small area. These are SPR EA3 connections, Sizewell C, Sea link and Lion link NG/NGET projects. The first of these are already bringing mental health and wellbeing issues, and this is likely to multiply given the sheer number and complexity of the projects. Many of our residents are retired and elderly. The projects are already bringing negative impacts on our key tourism sector, and again Sea link will multiply these.

I note that Leiston Town Council has not registered at this time, although they may yet do so. The primary impacted councils, Saxmundham, Friston, Aldeburgh, Snape and Aldringham cum Thorpe are all registered.

There are 40 Town and Parish Councils registered at this time, some in Kent at the other end of SeaLink, and you can find them [here](#).

It is difficult, therefore, to see how to raise specific concerns within a Relevant Representation regarding Sea Link, from a Parish point of view, when there is so little potential additional impact. This will not be the case once the Lion Link Development Consent Order application comes forward.

So, despite having real concerns about the cumulative impact and industrialisation of the area with all of these energy projects, as well as sympathy for Saxmundham who are likely to have multiple large industrial sheds housing these converter stations and Friston who face an expanded National Grid Substation, I cannot see how to register the Parish as an Interested Party with a direct set of issues within a Relevant Representation.

If we did submit a general set of concerns such as those submitted by Middleton and others, it would give us a seat at the examination and the ability to question or submit further concerns based on issues raised in the examination. So, with the extension of the registration deadline, we are still able to register if we wish to do so.

8. Solar Farms/Battery Storage

Town Farm solar array, between Saxmundham and Yoxford, is now starting preliminary works close to the A12 where the Sizewell Link Road Roundabout is being constructed.

9. Hydrogen East/Capital Hydrogen

No further information at this time.

Appendix III – Cllr. Paul Collins July Speed Indicator Device Report

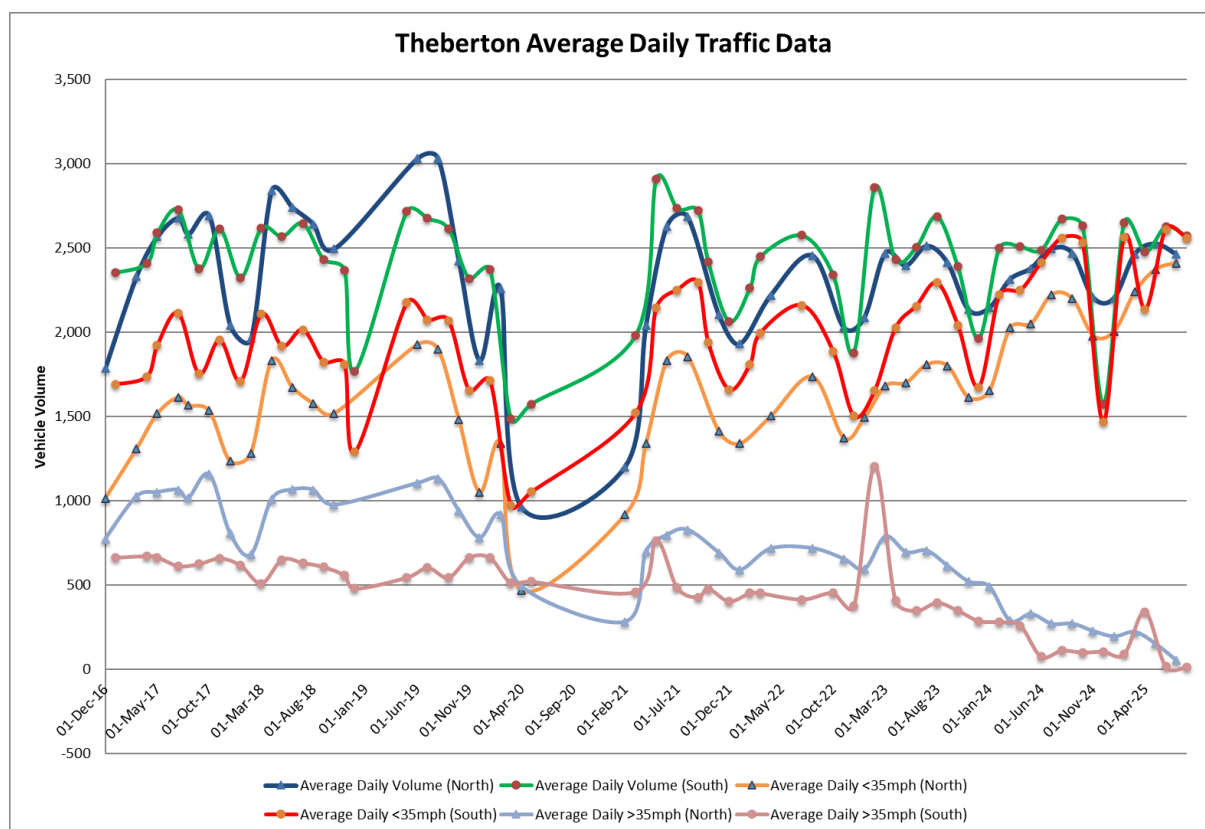
Theberton Speed Indicator Device Report 10th September 2025

The speed indicator device has been operational for ninety-one ~20-day periods since 20th December 2016. It is placed at one end of the village or other at ~30-day intervals.

Traffic volumes long-term averages for those exceeding 35mph is now **29.7%** from north and **19.2%** from south.

The **85th percentile speed*** is **38.5mph** from North and **36.0mph** from South when they enter the village. These averages are over the whole period from December 2016.

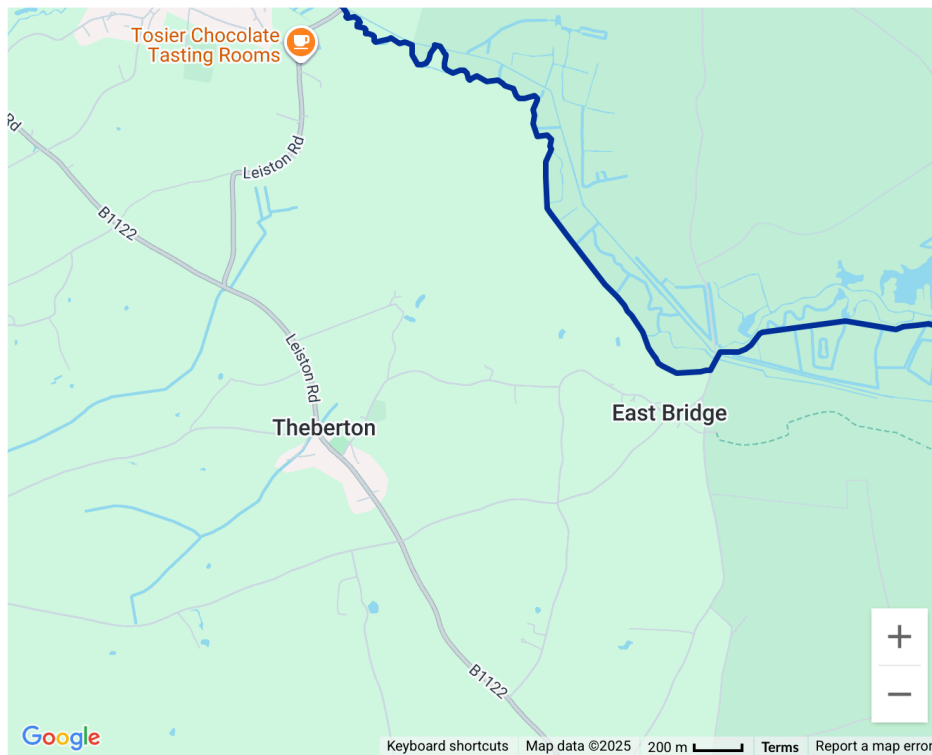
The average speed cameras are now installed and operational, resulting in significantly lower speeds. **This month's reduction in the long term 85th percentile value for traffic from the South comes with the fact that only 0.4% of traffic and 2.1% for the North was above 35mph compared to the previous period where the number was 13.8% and 9.0% respectively (7.8% and 14.2% average respectively over the last two years).** The fastest vehicle going through the village in the last period was travelling at 52.5mph at around 11:00pm.



SID Start Date	11-Aug-24	10-Sep-24	21-Oct-24	20-Nov-24	20-Dec-24	21-Jan-25	18-Feb-25	22-Mar-25	22-Apr-25	20-May-25	18-Jun-25	18-Jul-25	16-Aug-25
Average Daily Volume (North)		2,471		2,207		2,202		2,464		2,526		2,464	
Average Daily Volume (South)	2,672		2,632		1,573		2,652		2,478		2,627		2,573
Total Vehicles (North)		46,940		44,146		41,845		49,273		48,000		46,816	
Total Vehicles (South)	50,769		47,367		29,882		58,350		47,072		49,911		48,883
Total Vehicles <35mph (North)		41,792		39,593		38,125		44,829		45,121		45,820	
Total Vehicles <35mph (South)	48,650		45,554		27,888		56,369		40,589		49,596		48,676
Total Vehicles >35mph (North)		5,148		4,553		3,720		4,444		2,879		996	
Total Vehicles >35mph (South)	2,119		1,813		1,994		1,981		6,483		315		207
Average Daily <35mph (North)		2,200		1,980		2,007		2,241		2,375		2,412	
Average Daily <35mph (South)	2,561		2,531		1,468		2,562		2,136		2,610		2,562
Average Daily >35mph (North)		271		228		196		222		152		52	
Average Daily >35mph (South)	112		101		105		90		341		17		11
85th percentile speed North (mph)		34.2		34.1		33.7		33.8		32.7		29.9	
85th percentile speed South (mph)	30.1		29.9		32.1		29.8		29.9		28.8		28.8
% <35mph (North)		89.0%		89.7%		91.1%		91.0%		94.0%		97.9%	
% <35mph (South)	95.8%		96.2%		93.3%		96.6%		86.2%		99.4%		99.6%
% >35mph (North)		11.0%		10.3%		8.9%		9.0%		6.0%		2.1%	
% >35mph (South)	4.2%		3.8%		6.7%		3.4%		13.8%		0.6%		0.4%

*The 85th Percentile is indicative of the speed that the majority of road users are travelling at.

Appendix IV – June Police Crime Report



All Crimes (78)

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