

# THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL, THEBERTON ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 AT 7:00PM.

Online attendance and an audio recording of the meeting were made due to the Clerk's online presence at the meeting. The recording will be deleted once the minutes have been approved. The council were made aware of the recording and agreed to the recording taking place. All in favour.

### 1. Attendance and apologies

#### Attendees:

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

#### Apologies for absence:

County Cllr. Richard Smith – apologised  
District Cllr. Tom Daly – apologised  
District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock  
District Cllr. Katie Graham  
Cllr. Daryl Ash - apologised

#### Members of the public:

No members of the public were present.

#### In attendance:

Honor Houlding- Clerk/RFO (online)

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

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

None.

### 3. 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

There were no County Councillors in attendance.

c) To receive reports from the District Councillors

There were no District Councillors in attendance.

The East Suffolk Council November Report is attached as **Appendix I**.

#### 4. Minutes and Matters Arising

- a) To approve as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025

It was proposed by Cllr. Graham Ward and seconded by Cllr. Stephen Brett and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to be signed as a true record. All in favour.

- b) Matters arising

The Clerk informed the Council that, following the closure of the Post Office at Cooper's, a Drop and Collect Post Office service would shortly be available at Shotter's Garage on Waterloo Road.

#### 5. Energy Projects

- a) To receive an update from Cllr. Paul Collins

Cllr. Paul Collins' summarised the Energy Projects Report which is attached as **Appendix II**.

Cllr. Paul Collins reported that no final decision had been provided regarding the duration of the closure of Pretty Road. He reported that Sizewell C representatives will attend an upcoming Parish Council meeting to discuss the forthcoming road closures in more detail.

**ACTION:** Clerk to organise meeting with Sizewell C with regards to upcoming road closures.

Updates were provided on the Borrow Pits along Eastbridge Road for Q1 and Q2 2026, noting that use of the borrow pits had commenced. The Sea Link cumulative impact on transport will be considered at a specific hearing next year, based on demonstrated need. It was noted that when Sizewell C is operational, transport capacity is insufficient for both projects and that this issue should have been addressed during the Sizewell DCO process. The statutory consultation for Sea Link is scheduled from January to March 2026.

Cllr. Stephen Brett reported on the diversion of Bridleway 19 to the edge of the B1122, noting that SCC Highways is investigating the matter. Progress has been delayed due to the illness of the SCC representative and that funding for footpaths is available through SCC Highways. It was noted that local footpath signage has recently been renewed.

- b) B1122/B1125 Link Road discussion

A discussion was held regarding the B1122/B1125 link to the Sizewell Link Road. Cllr. Stephen Brett stated that measures should prevent rat-running, particularly by Sizewell C vehicles and that only designated routes should be used by private cars and HGVs. Cllr. Nat Bacon noted that traffic volumes had exceeded projections and recommended full use of the park and ride facility. He also suggested that other parishes could advocate for extending the speed limit from the junction to the Darsham end of Westleton village, as the current limit is unsafe. The Council noted that the park and ride is expected to open before Christmas and that limited onsite parking may require buses to transport passengers from the facility.

- c) Agree to sign the B1122 Early Years Plan

Cllr. Paul Collins presented the new B1122 Early Years plans, noting that there were no plans to make changes to Onners Lane. He reported that no new footpath would be provided from Theberton village to connect to Moat Road, as there is insufficient space within SCC road limits. Cllr. Vanessa Davis highlighted that the footpath behind Doughty Wylie is not connected to this scheme and that a separate meeting with Public Rights of Way at SCC would be required. It was noted that Sizewell C is reluctant to undertake works outside its red line boundaries.

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Stephen Morphey to approve the new B1122 Early Years plan. All in favour.

**ACTION:** Cllr. Paul Collins to check final design and sign in agreement to the T&EPC B1122 Early Years Plan.

d) Agree to sign ESC Letter for Traffic Calming

Cllr. Stephen Brett introduced the ESC Traffic Calming proposal, which had been brought back for further discussion at ESC's request. Members noted that the proposed 20mph limits would not be enforced by the police due to limited resources. The Council did not support the introduction of 20mph limits but agreed that reducing vehicle speeds to safer levels is desirable in principle. Cllr. Robert Flindall expressed support for the general concept of speed reduction but stated that the measures proposed were not appropriate for Theberton and Eastbridge, although such limits may be suitable in locations adjacent to schools.

The Council agreed with the principle of speed reduction were justified by specific issues and noted that concerns could be raised through NSIPS transport forums where funding may be available for appropriate interventions.

**ACTION:** The Clerk will inform ESC that Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council's position on the Traffic Calming proposal remains unchanged.

e) Sizewell C invitation to visit the main development site

Cllr. Stephen Brett asked whether the Council wished to accept an invitation from SZC to visit the Sizewell C development site. He noted that the invitation extended to the full Parish Council and the Clerk and that Leiston Parish Council had already undertaken a similar visit. He reported on his recent tour of the link road, during which an engineer and SZC public relations staff were present to answer questions. Members agreed that a site visit would provide a valuable opportunity to raise queries directly with SZC.

**ACTION:** Clerk to accept invitation and request available dates to book a PC visit to the Sizewell C Main Site.

## **6. Planning**

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

Cllr. Robert Flindall reported that limited progress had been made, as no meeting had yet been convened with the Neighbourhood Planning Strategy Focus Group. He advised that the next steps would involve exploring options for securing funding for the project.

b) Call for Sites Briefing

Cllr. Robert Flindall reported on matters relating to the Local Plan and request to nominate areas for housing developments. He noted that communities are encouraged to identify suitable land for potential housing development, as local knowledge is valuable in informing ESC's future planning framework. He explained that ESC is preparing a new Local Plan to meet future housing requirements and that engagement with local landowners and the wider community may highlight opportunities arising from infrastructure changes such as the SZC link road. There is no obligation for the Parish Council to respond unless landowners come forward with proposals.

He reminded members that work is underway to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and that two potential sites in Eastbridge were identified in the previous Local Plan. He noted that during past consultations, sites may be nominated by individuals other than the landowner, and any such suggestions would be subject to a full consultation process. Cllr Flindall advised that district councils face significant housing targets and actively seek new development sites, although ESC is believed to have met its targets in both the northern and southern areas of the district.

The Council confirmed that it has no desire to nominate areas for development at this time.

## 7. Clerk/Councillors' Reports

### a) Community Council

The Clerk informed the Council that the jumble sale and fireworks event had proceeded as planned, with approximately 200 attendees at the fireworks display. The scheduled October meeting of the Community Council had been cancelled and a new date had not yet been arranged. Consequently, there were no matters to report from the Community Council at this time.

**ACTION:** Clerk to speak with the Community Council with regards to broadband payment and joint meeting date.

### b) Sizewell C Community Fund Application

Cllr. Stephen Brett reported that the Neighbourhood Planning Focus Group will meet on 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2025 to discuss the Sizewell C Community Fund application. He advised that the Fund representatives had recommended submitting one combined application for all parish requirements, including those relating to the Community Council and St Peter's Church. Estimated costs for each project must be assigned to all proposed items to support budgeting for 2026. Large grants exceeding £10,000 are available with no upper limit, and the next application deadline is the end of March 2026.

Cllr. Robert Flindall reminded members that applications must demonstrate the impact of Sizewell C on the community. He noted that funding for Grade I listed buildings, such as the St Peter's Church tower, may also be available through the Heritage Lottery Fund. The estimated cost of repairs is £30,000. Match funding may be requested to help meet this figure.

Members discussed issues arising from grant applications, including queries about contributions towards assets with resale value, such as the tractor. Cllr. Vanessa Davis noted that gathering evidence, quotes and costs for the church-related items may delay the application. The church is a well-used asset for the community and provides space for residents to come together.

The Clerk outlined the implications of receiving large external funds, including their allocation to external organisations and potential effects on the Parish Council's VAT and audit costs.

**ACTION:** ALL - Meeting booked for 24<sup>th</sup> November deadline for researching prices for Sizewell C Community Fund Application and 2026/2027 budget.

- 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

### c) Eastbridge Common

Cllr. Paul Collins reported that Eastbridge Common had become increasingly overgrown and required mowing and scraping to restore it to an appropriate condition.

**ACTION:** Cllr. Nat Bacon to make arrangements for maintenance/mowing of Eastbridge Common

### d) Heritage Trail

The Clerk informed the Council that the Heritage Trail map had been successfully linked to the QR code displayed on the Heritage Trail boards, thereby ensuring that users scanning the code are directed to the updated digital map.



i) Heritage Trail Launch Event

[ACTION: Clerk to write an invitation to MP Jenny Riddell-Carpenter for opening the Heritage Trail](#)

e) Speed Indicator Device

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

f) September Police Crime Reports

The September Police Crime Reports are attached **Appendix IV**.

g) Theberton Playing Field Maintenance

Cllr. Stephen Brett reported that several items identified in the Theberton Playing Field inspection require attention. Cllr. Nat Bacon confirmed that the rotten timber at the top of the swing frame had been replaced and that the swing had been fully repaired and bark had been replenished in various locations however more may be required. He noted that one additional section of bird deterrent is required for the top beam and that some play equipment requires Cuprinol wood treatment to preserve equipment. It was noted that a volunteering day required to be arranged to complete the painting and remaining remedial works at both Theberton and Eastbridge Playing Fields.

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Stephen Morphey to purchase Cuprinol wood treatment to protect and maintain wooden equipment on both Theberton and Eastbridge Playing Fields.

[Cllr. Nat Bacon to complete maintenance works at Theberton Playing Field and forward invoice of works to Clerk](#)

h) Planting of Black Poplars on Eastbridge Road

Cllr. Hazel Collins reported that the contact who had previously viewed the proposed site had advised by email that saplings would be available within the week. Cllr. Stephen Brett remembered his previous conversation when discussing the proposal with the landowner, one party had expressed support for the idea, while another had commented that Black Poplars would grow too large for the site. It was noted that the parish could apply for saplings to be planted in 2026.

i) Outstanding Actions List

Cllr. Stephen Brett reported on the ESC planning response for Moat Road, storage facility. The original lawful use was for storage. There had been attempts during the application process to clarify historical usage, with some uncertainty previously noted by transport planning officers. The process had been prolonged due to difficulties in establishing past use and traffic data. The response indicated that the broad category of permission remains for lawful use and that no change of use has occurred. Materials such as fencing and safety equipment are stored in the open area. Questions regarding increases in transport activity clarified that vehicle usage and times remain limited to that stated in the permissions. There was also reference to relocating the gates and the 24 hour lighting present onsite.

It was agreed that Cllr. Robert Flindall would revisit the ESC Moat Road planning response to determine whether further clarification or questions should be submitted.

[ACTION: Cllr. Robert Flindall to revisit ESC Moat Road planning response and ascertain whether further questions should be answered.](#)

## 8. Devolution Consultation

- a) To discuss the topic of devolution

The Clerk directed the council's attention to a new Norfolk and Suffolk Combined County Authority website.

## 9. Parish Matters

- a) None

None.

## 10. Administration

- a) To discuss Precept Planning Projections 2026/2027 – deadline 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Cllr. Stephen Brett reported on the projected 2026/2027 precept requirement and advised that current forecasts indicate no necessity to increase the Council Tax rate in April 2026. He noted, however, that several factors remain under consideration prior to the precept submission deadline of 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

- b) 2026 meeting dates – potential correction to January 2026

The Clerk highlighted to the council that the approved Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council 2026 January meeting date fell on the first Wednesday of January. The council voted to amend the meeting the second Wednesday of the month. Therefore, amending the proposed date to 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026. All in favour.

**ACTION:** Clerk to amend January 2026 meeting dates in calendar and publish change on PC website.

## 11. Finance

- a) To note the latest financial position

The Council noted that the earmarked reserve for the Heritage Trail showed a lower balance than anticipated. The Clerk reviewed the calculations and identified a clerical error in which £1,800 for the Heritage Trail illustrations had been deducted twice, rather than the £840 cost for the production and installation of the Heritage Trail boards. The Clerk confirmed that the correct balance of the Heritage Trail earmarked reserve is £7,318.

The Clerk undertook to amend the November financial position accordingly for consideration at the December meeting.

**ACTION:** Clerk to resend the November financial position with changes to earmarked reserves for approval.

- b) To authorise the following payments:

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Clerk's Salary	Honor Houlding	£391.17	LGA 1972 s.112
Broadband	BT	£31.14	LGA 1972 s.19
Website Hosting	Community Action Suffolk	£66.00	LGA 1972 s.142
Poppy Wreaths	Honor Houlding – Expenses	£40.00	LGA 1972 s.111

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

### **13. Correspondence**

To review the correspondence received between 13<sup>th</sup> October and 10<sup>th</sup> November and 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**

Cllr. Graham Ward reported that the dog waste bin on Church Road had not recently been emptied and was subsequently overflowing.

[ACTION: Clerk to register unemptied dog poo bin on Church Road](#)

Cllr. Stephen Morphey relayed that several HGVs using Eastbridge Road and whether this was something that could be addressed by Sizewell C.

[ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to speak with SZC C with regards to HGVs using Eastbridge Road.](#)

Cllr. Stephen Brett reported an issue on Church Lane, opposite The Eel's Foot in Eastbridge, where a resident's conifer hedge was encroaching onto the highway and obstructing visibility for road users.

Cllr. Nat Bacon further reported deterioration of the road surface and soft verges between Flash Corner and the T-junction at Church Road, attributed to the route being used as a diversion during recent road closures and to increased Sizewell C traffic.

[ACTION: Clerk to log overgrown trees at Eastbridge and uneven road surface at Flash Corner with Suffolk County Council Highways Department](#)

### **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 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Jubilee Hall.

Honor Houlding

Parish Clerk

Meeting Ended at: 20.56

## NOVEMBER TOWN AND PARISH REPORT

### *Concern over Post Office closures*

Council Leader Cllr Caroline Topping and Cabinet Member Cllr Sarah Whitelock have written to the Post Office expressing their concern and disappointment regarding the closure of Post Office counter services in Leiston and Halesworth. They are asking for potential alternative sites within both towns to be sought, ensuring communities are not further disadvantaged.

In the letter they say: "Post Offices are a vital service for the communities these towns serve, which are largely rural in nature. They provide not only facilities for postal needs but also for banking, bill payments, and as a social lifeline for many residents, particularly older and less mobile people living in rural communities. As a result, the closure will significantly impact access to vital services and increase social isolation."

Read the letter here:

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Your-Council/leiston-and-halesworth-post-office-23.10.25.pdf>

### *Coastal Erosion at Thorpeness*

Following the recent significant erosion at the northern end of Thorpeness, East Suffolk Council has continued to monitor the area regularly and work closely with affected residents so that they are aware of and understand their erosion risk. Sadly, a property has been demolished due to critical safety levels being reached. Regular monitoring will continue with the Council supporting impacted homeowners to have appropriate plans in place for when occupying the property is no longer viable, as well as discussing future opportunities.

East Suffolk Council is conducting a wider study of the impacts of coastal change along the Suffolk coast to help better understand future change at Thorpeness. However, the current erosion has not increased the existing flood risk to the wider village, which, like other coastal towns and villages, has a flood and erosion risk typical to its proximity to the sea. No significant immediate or medium-term increased risks are anticipated in the existing Shoreline Management Plan, a review of which did not recommend any specific actions or policy reviews.

### *Sizewell C Environmental Mitigation Update*

GLI Cabinet Member for Energy and Climate Change Tom Daly and officers across East Suffolk Council were invited by SZC Co to visit the Sizewell C site in August, alongside the Chair and officers of Natural England. The visit included a tour of the Main Development Site and three of their environmental mitigation areas; Wild Aldhurst, Wild Abbey, and Wild Studio.

The three areas form part of the Sizewell C project's commitment to enhancing nature across East Suffolk. The flagship scheme is Wild Aldhurst comprising 65 hectares of grassland, heathland, and wetland to the north of Leiston, and includes areas open to the public for recreational purposes. After the construction period, the temporary elements will be removed and the land within the Sizewell Estate will deliver new

landscapes and habitats, and will seek to create a mosaic of valuable habitats to enhance the ecological, landscape, and amenity value of the area.

The visit came soon after two significant financial announcements on the project. The government announced Final Investment Decision in July 2025, confirming the government will become the largest shareholder, alongside private investors EDF, Centrica, La Caisse, and Amber Infrastructure. The announcement followed on from the announcement of an additional £14.2 billion, announced by the government in June as part of the Spending Review.

Also announced this summer is the East Suffolk Trust (EaST), a new charity jointly established by Sizewell C, East Suffolk Council, and Suffolk County Council. EaST is a new grant-giving charity set up to enhance biodiversity and restore landscapes in East Suffolk and the wider county. SZC Co has pledged at least £78m over the next 70 years, with the aim of making East Suffolk the most ecologically diverse and resilient area in England

GLI Cllr Daly said “Despite ESC opposition to this project, it is heartening to see that SZC are committed to these immediate and long term environmental and landscape works. It is essential that environment is at the centre of all we do. The impact of the new build and associated works are enormous, the mitigations and view for the future need to be at a similar scale. SZC Co's absolute insistence on “doing the job right” in this respect is to be applauded.”

## **Planning Update**

### **Suffolk Coastal Local Plan 5 year review assessment**

Local Planning Authorities must review their Local Plans before they reach five years old, to consider whether they need to be updated. The review of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan has been undertaken. The review concludes that, principally due to the significant increase in the housing need figure for East Suffolk, the plan needs to be updated. The assessment is available at:

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy-and-local-plans/local-plans/>

### **Interim Housing Position Statement**

Local Planning Authorities are required to update annually a statement setting out the supply of deliverable sites for housing. The East Suffolk Statement of Housing Land Supply for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2029 was published in November 2024 which identified a 5 year land supply in both Local Plan areas. In December 2024 an updated National Planning Policy Framework and an updated methodology for calculating housing need were published. Accordingly, an updated Interim Housing Position Statement (September 2025) outlines East Suffolk's new housing land supply position in response to the updated methodology and both plans turning 5 years old. The statement confirms that the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan area of East Suffolk has a housing land supply of 3.36 years and that the Waveney Local Plan area has a housing land supply of 3.23 years. The statement is available at:

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy-and-local-plans/open-data/housing-land-supply/>

The East Suffolk Planning and Building Control Newsletters can be found at: [tinyurl.com/33h3b5ej](https://tinyurl.com/33h3b5ej)

**Issued on behalf of Babergh District Council, East Suffolk Council, Ipswich Borough Council and Mid Suffolk District Council**

## *Councils ask communities to identify potential development sites*

Residents, developers, landowners, businesses and other organisations are being invited to submit locations which could be considered for planned future development.

Babergh District Council, East Suffolk Council, Ipswich Borough Council and Mid Suffolk District Council will shortly start preparation of their new Local Plans.

The new Local Plans will set out a strategy identifying sites for development and set policies against which applications for planning permission are determined, alongside national planning policies and Neighbourhood Plans.

These will provide a blueprint for the future of each area - ensuring residents and communities have sufficient housing, employment and inward investment, that environment and heritage is protected, and the right infrastructure is in place.

As part of the early preparatory work, the councils are working together to launch a 'Call for Sites', beginning today, Monday 20 October. The Call for Sites runs until 5pm on 9 January 2026, with the exception of Ipswich, which ends on Monday 15 December 2025.

This invites submissions of land to be put forward for consideration to be included in Local Plans - for uses such as housing, employment, sports and leisure and community purposes.

These are not planning applications, and no site put forward will automatically see development take place.

The process involves a form to be completed by anyone wishing to submit sites. The form can be completed online, by email or by post.

Each suggested site will be considered by planning teams before it is decided whether it goes forward as a proposed Local Plan site allocation. Decisions about preferred allocations will be based on a range of evidence and assessment, as well as through public engagement.

Cllr Sallie Davies, Babergh's cabinet member for heritage, planning and infrastructure, said: "We were left with no choice but to review our Joint Local Plan after the government almost doubled our housing requirements. The scale of this challenge is huge, so we want to work alongside communities, and neighbouring councils where possible, to plan for the housing growth being asked of us."

Cllr Mark Packard, East Suffolk's cabinet member for Planning and Coastal Management, said: "Land submitted through the call for sites period will be assessed for its suitability for future development and considered for inclusion in the new East Suffolk Local Plan, which identifies where growth should take place to meet the needs of local communities. I would encourage landowners, developers and other interested parties to submit their sites for consideration."

Councillor Carole Jones, Ipswich Borough Council's portfolio holder for Planning and Museums, said: "The Borough's total housing need requirements have increased, and the new Ipswich Local Plan must prepare to meet this. This Call for Sites enables the public submission of sites to the Council for future development potential consideration and is the first key step in producing our next Local Plan, which will guide development in the Borough up to 2044."

Cllr Andrew Stringer, Mid Suffolk's cabinet member for heritage, planning and infrastructure, said: "We've already been working proactively with our communities as we look to meet the huge challenge of

providing the number of homes the government wishes to see. We want every town and village to be able to shape their own future.”

The four district and borough councils have aligned their Local Plan timetables ahead of Local Government Reorganisation.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk are developing a Joint Local Plan covering both districts. East Suffolk Council’s Local Plan will replace the existing Suffolk Coastal and Waveney Local Plans. Ipswich Borough Council’s Local Plan will succeed its previous plan adopted in 2022.

More information about the Call for Sites consultation can be found on each council’s website.

### *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/](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/squeeze/)**

For the most up to date information regarding East Suffolk Council, please visit: **[www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk)**

**View the Well Minds East Suffolk booklet:** [tinyurl.com/9xhka624](https://tinyurl.com/9xhka624)

### **1. TEAGS – Stop Sizewell C**

Final contracts under the Regulated Asset Base funding scheme for SZC have now been signed, so the Low Carbon Contracts Company will now bill electricity suppliers under the RAB who will begin to place a nuclear surcharge on all our electricity bills. It was stated that this would be no more than £1 per month. We should find out the reality shortly.

We are working with one of our collaborators to look at the funding details following the FID closure and will update our findings once complete.

### **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, and the date is now set as 9<sup>th</sup> December for 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.

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**

A meeting for all Parish and Town Councils was held 29<sup>th</sup> October at Riverside Centre, Stratford St Andrew to provide an update on the various energy projects and about the Sealink DCO examination in particular. ESCEP submitted a Relevant Representation to the Sea Link DCO Examination and will be represented in the various hearings. Further details below and Honor has circulated the notes from the meeting separately.

### **4. B1122 planning discussions and SZC Deed of Obligation Forums**

In the Main Site Forum, it was indicated that there would be some changes to the use of the rail route into the Ancillary Construction Area (ACA) and that it's use would continue throughout the project. Originally this part of the rail line was to have stopped once the Green Rail Route into the Temporary Construction Area (TCA) was operational. The ACA site is now to host a steel reinforcing fabrication building and tunnel segment storage area. As a result a Discharge of Requirements (DoR 13) has been submitted to East Suffolk Council for these changes which can be found at [DC/25/4267/DRR42 | Discharge of Requirement 13 \(Main development site: Temporary construction-related development\) of the Sizewell C Development Consent Order - LEEIE Revised Construction Use | Sizewell C And Associated Development Sites Sizewell Leiston Suffolk](#)

Tunnel segments are made near Bristol and will travel to the ACA by rail. The construction and operation of the steel facility will allow steel bar to be brought in by rail for fabrication and take a significant number HGV's off the road.

Proposals and consultations are now underway regarding the construction of additional potable water supplies into the area, partially as a result of the requirements of SZC for potable water during operation. Even without SZC there was a requirement to enhance supplies into the area.

Further details of the consultation can be found at [Home - Suffolk Water Recycling Transfer & Storage Project](#). Walk-in events are scheduled as follows;

Wednesday 5 Nov The Fromus Centre, Street Farm Rd, IP17 1AL 3.30pm to 7.30pm

Thursday 6 Nov Wilby Village Hall, Brundish Rd, Wilby, Eye, IP21 5LE 1pm to 7:30pm

Tuesday 11 Nov The Rifle Hall, 47 London Rd, Halesworth, IP19 8LR 1pm to 7:30pm

Wednesday 12 Nov Eye Community Centre, Magdalen St, Eye, IP23 7AJ 1pm to 7:30pm

Saturday 15 Nov Beccles Public Hall & Theatre, Smallgate, Beccles, NR34 9AD 1pm to 7:30pm

Wednesday 19 Nov Dennington Village Hall & Sports Club, IP13 8DD 1pm to 7:30pm



Saturday 22 Nov Leiston Community Centre, King Georges Avenue, Leiston, IP16 4JU 1pm to 7:30pm

Saturday 29 Nov Hunters Hall, Colville House, School Rd, Lowestoft NR33 9NB 1pm to 5:30pm

The consultation period is from 29<sup>th</sup> October to 10<sup>th</sup> December 2026.

Work to realign the Church Road/B1122 junction is now underway but no schedule has been given for the rest of the Early Years works around Theberton and Eastbridge.

Following the close of the Northern Transport Forum meeting, Rebecca Quigg asked why we had not approved the various plans for changes to the roads East of the B1122 between Theberton and Eastbridge. Having looked at the last set of plans I have for these changes, they still have Onners Lane as being designated as a one-way street, which I know has now been changed to allow farmer access to their fields. So, I have asked for a full set of the current plans to be sent prior to our November meeting so these can be signed off. I also noted that despite the plans not being signed off, the Church Road junction changes, which are part of these plans, were already underway, if a little slowly.

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

The letter to residents saying Pretty Road would be closed for 21 months was sent in error as the final plans had not been completed. However, at the Northern Transport Forum, it was stated that the closure will start in March 2026 and will last for 20 months, although this has subsequently been reduced and changed slightly, see below. I complained that no promised consultation (previous NTF meeting minutes) had occurred with the Parish Council. Discussion with Richard Knight and Rebecca Quigg after the meeting closed resulted in a promise to come to a Parish Council meeting to discuss both the Road closure programme and the Sizewell Link Road.

Richard Knight has sent this summary of Road closures following the meeting.

#### Littlemoor Road

- **Traffic Control:** Full road closure
- **Start Date:** 17 Nov 2025 (*subject to completion of Openreach works on Fordley Road*)
- **Notes:** This road will be permanently closed and not reopened
- **Works:** GT construction of the SLR

#### Fordley Road

- **Traffic Control:** Full road closure
- **Phase 1:** 3 Nov 2025 – 14 Nov 2025 (2 weeks) – Openreach works
- **Phase 2:** From Q3 2026 – Permanent closure
  - **Note:** Will not reopen; access to the new SLR (west of New Road) expected by Sept 2027

#### Hawthorn Road

- **Traffic Control:** Full road closure
- **Closure Date:** Q3 2026
  - **Note:** Will not reopen; access to the new SLR (west of New Road) expected by Sept 2027

#### Pretty Road

- **Traffic Control:** Full road closure
- **Duration:** Q2 2026 (approx. 16 months)
- **Works:** GT SLR construction

#### Moat Road

- **Traffic Control:** Full road closure
- **Start Date:** To be confirmed (*pending completion of other roads including Abbey Lane*)
- **Duration:** 11 weeks

I also asked Steve Merry (SCC Highways) where the project for a 30mph speed limit in Eastbridge had got to. He said he would find out and get back to me.

In response to our NTF question about the B1125/SLR junction, Richard Bull confirmed that the DCO approved junction between the two will go ahead and that plans for the resulting B1122/B1125 junction are still being reviewed to see if the final two oak trees can be spared.

For information, the first Borrow Pit has now been opened to the west of Ash Wood. This is the smallest of the three sites in the DCO, originally stated to be the least likely to be needed during consultations and during the DCO examination, the second, and largest, borrow pit to the north of Ash Wood and east of The Round House is now being prepared, see pictures below. The borrow pit adjacent to Eastbridge Road is untouched for the moment.



The next Community Forum is on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026, Northern Transport Forum is on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 and Main Site Forum on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

## **5. Sea Link Interconnector - Development Consent Order Examination**

The Planning Inspectorate Examination is now underway with the Preliminary Meeting having been held on 5<sup>th</sup> November and Open Floor Hearings (OFH) starting in the afternoon and continuing on 7<sup>th</sup> November. The first Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) is being held on 11<sup>th</sup> November. The final shape and subjects for Issue Specific Hearings are yet to be defined and published.

A spreadsheet has been created of all of the documents submitted to the Sea Link DCO hearing and is available at [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1d\\_v0-UE301clpsUyGnppu5iCwOBACwhVI4xTITgnBLU/htmlview](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1d_v0-UE301clpsUyGnppu5iCwOBACwhVI4xTITgnBLU/htmlview)

A Sea Link DCO WhatsApp group has been created similar to that used for the SZC DCO and is available to Town/Parish Councillors and NGO groups involved in the hearings.

## **6. Scottish Power Wind Farms and Friston Substation**

Various preparatory works and archaeology are now being undertaken.

## **7. LionLink (formerly EuroLink) – National Grid Ventures**

The statutory consultation for LionLink will start in January 2026 and will last until March 2026.

## **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**

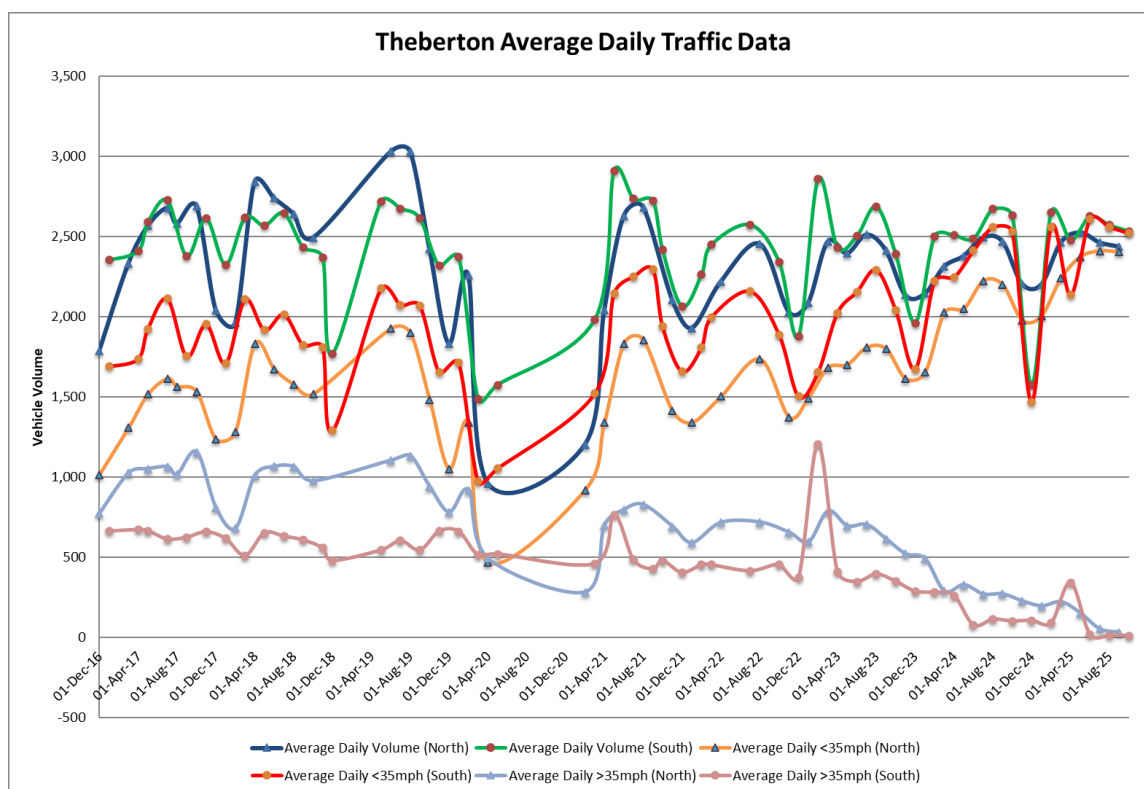
No further information at this time.

## Theberton Speed Indicator Device Report 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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

The **85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed\*** is **38.3mph** from North and **35.9mph** 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. **The reduction in the long term 85<sup>th</sup> percentile value for traffic from the North comes with the fact that only 0.4% of traffic and 1.4% for the North was above 35mph compared to the long-term averages of 29.0% from the north and 18.8% from the south.**



SID Start Date	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	13-Sep-25	16-Oct-25
Average Daily Volume (North)		2,207		2,202		2,464		2,526		2,464		2,439	
Average Daily Volume (South)		2,632		1,573		2,652		2,478		2,627		2,573	
Total Vehicles (North)			44,146	41,845		49,273		48,000		46,816		46,336	
Total Vehicles (South)		47,367		29,882		58,350		47,072		49,911		48,883	
Total Vehicles <35mph (North)			39,593	38,125		44,829		45,121		45,820		45,700	
Total Vehicles <35mph (South)		45,554		27,888		56,369		40,589		49,596		48,676	
Total Vehicles >35mph (North)			4,553	3,720		4,444		2,879		996		636	
Total Vehicles >35mph (South)		1,813		1,994		1,981		6,483		315		207	
Average Daily <35mph (North)			1,980	2,007		2,241		2,375		2,412		2,405	
Average Daily <35mph (South)		2,531		1,468		2,562		2,136		2,610		2,562	
Average Daily >35mph (North)			228	196		222		152		52		33	
Average Daily >35mph (South)		101		105		90		341		17		11	
85th percentile speed North (mph)			34.1	33.7		33.8		32.7		29.9		29.7	
85th percentile speed South (mph)		29.9		32.1		29.8		29.9		28.8		28.8	
% <35mph (North)			89.7%	91.1%		91.0%		94.0%		97.9%		98.6%	
% <35mph (South)		96.2%		93.3%		96.6%		86.2%		99.4%		99.6%	
% >35mph (North)			10.3%	8.9%		9.0%		6.0%		2.1%		1.4%	
% >35mph (South)		3.8%		6.7%		3.4%		13.8%		0.6%		0.4%	

\*The 85<sup>th</sup> Percentile is indicative of the speed that the majority of road users are travelling at.

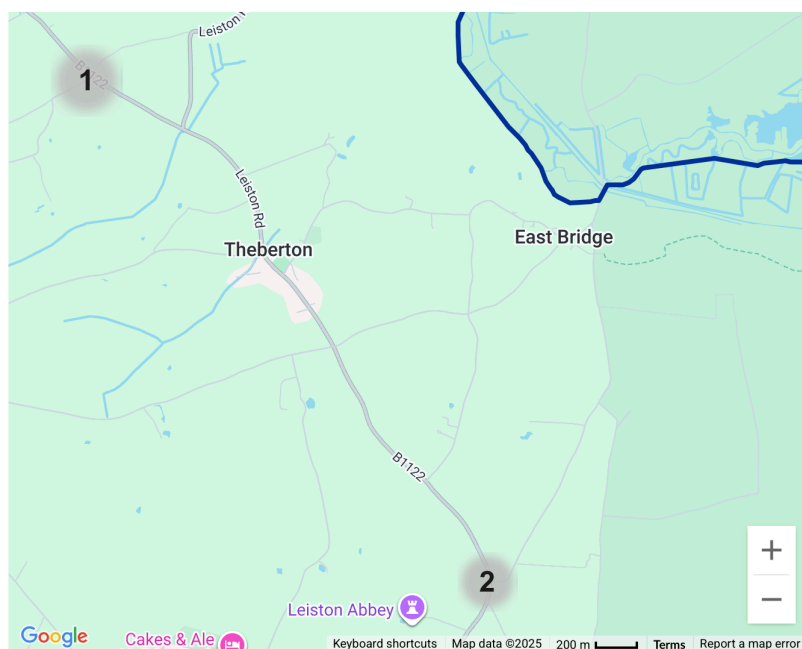
## Appendix IV – September Police Crime Report

Click on a hotspot to see more details. Alternatively, [view as A-Z list](#).

Crime type and time period title

All Crimes (89)

September 2025



There were no recorded crimes within Theberton and Eastbridge Parish during the reporting period. One incident of criminal damage and arson was reported in the vicinity of Middleton. In addition, incidents of violence and sexual offences were recorded in the area surrounding Leiston Abbey.