

THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL, THEBERTON ON WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2025 AT 7:00PM.

1. Attendance and apologies

Attendees:

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

Apologies for absence:

District Cllr. Katie Graham
District Cllr. Tom Daly

Members of the public:

No members of the public were present.

In attendance:

Honor Houlding- Clerk/RFO
County Cllr. Richard Smith
District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock

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.

No members of the public were present.

b) To receive a report from the County Councillor.

County Cllr. Richard Smith began by noting the busy period at the beginning of the year on the lead up to the County Council budget meeting which will take place on 13th February 2025. Suffolk County Council are likely to propose an increase the Council Tax Rate of 4.99%. County Cllr. Richard Smith apologised for his absence at the Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council due to be held on the 12th of February due to the cabinet budget meeting date the following day.

County Cllr. Richard Smith made the Council aware of the Emergency Council meeting due to take place across many counties including Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex and Kent on 9th January to discuss the proposed Government Devolution Plans. Suffolk has a population of 700,000 and therefore could be made up of 2 or 3 unitary councils and may be put forward for a priority programme along with 10 or 12 other Counties; meaning Suffolk could begin to see changes to their Council composition much sooner than the rest of the nation. County Council Elections can cost up to £1,000,000 and are due to take place in May 2025. Therefore, discussions have been held with regards to postponing the elections until May 2026 the priority programme counties have been confirmed and new Council structure is in place.

The devolution plans are designed to make the operation of Councils more cost effective by abolishing District Councils and merging departments together. Cllr. Stephen Brett agreed that he felt the proposed changes would be beneficial to the nation, so long as the proposed changes save taxpayers money and make councils more efficient.

District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock highlighted her concerns for the imminent changes and explained that times of uncertainty may lay ahead. The devolution of District Councils could see funding being diverted away from culture, tourism and leisure sectors. Unitary authorities must see the benefits of keeping local government local and focussed on local issues.

District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock sited that £3.8million has been spent working on the devolution plans and is therefore not a cost free initiative.

County Cllr. Richard Smith stated that he had no recollection of this figure being spent on devolution and that the concept of unitary authorities ran by Mayors has been in circulation for some time.

c) To receive reports from the District Councillors.

District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock summarised the East Suffolk Council December Report which is attached as **Appendix I**.

District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock also informed the Council that a decision had been made to increase the tariffs at East Suffolk County Council public car parks in coastal areas and sites that are likely to be frequented more by tourists. The tariff increases have been projected to earn the Council an additional £1,000,000.

District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock also made the Council aware that the financial investment decision for Sizewell C is now likely to be made in Summer 2025.

Cllr. Stephen Brett brought the planned closure of Abbey Lane to the Councillor's attention explaining that the planned diversion would be down George's Road to the B1122. Focus was drawn to the way the information was made public in the East Anglian Daily Times as opposed to direct consultations or contact with affected Town and Parish Council's. Cllr. Stephen Brett continued to highlight the unsuitable nature of George's Road as a planned diversion due to the use of the road by many farm vehicles and lack of passing places. Abbey Lane is used by residents and commuters regularly to access Saxmundham and the A12, alleviating through traffic in Theberton, Leiston and Knodishall.

County Cllr. Richard Smith was surprised that he had not been advised of this decision and hoped that the topic would be a focus at the upcoming Sizewell C Main Site Forum and Northern Transport Forum in January and February respectively.

[ACTION: Cllr. Robert Flindall to draft formal letter to Sizewell C with regards to implications of closure to Abbey Lane](#)

[ACTION: Clerk to send letter to Sizewell C with regards to implications of closure to Abbey Lane](#)

4. Minutes and Matters Arising

a) To approve as accurate the minutes of the meeting on 11th December 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Graham Ward and agreed that the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 11th December 2024 to be signed as a true record. All in favour.

b) Cllr. Vanessa Williams to complete Declaration of Office Forms.

Cllr. Vanessa Davis signed the Declaration of Office Forms and was welcomed by all councillors to Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council. The Clerk apologised to Cllr. Vanessa Davis for publishing Vanessa's name incorrectly on the agenda.

c) Matters arising.

The Clerk informed the Council that she had not claimed holiday pay since beginning the role in May 2023. The Council advised to check the employment contract in place and speak to SALC with regards to the best practice of correcting this matter.

[ACTION: Clerk to check employment contract and speak to SALC with regards to receiving owed holiday entitlement.](#)

5. Energy Projects

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

Cllr. Paul Collins began by summarising the January energy report which is attached as **Appendix II**.

[ACTION: Clerk to forward actions from June B1122 meeting to Paul ahead of B1122 Working Group meeting on 30th January 2025](#)

- b) Sizewell C Closure of Abbey Lane.

The discussion with regards closure of Abbey Lane by Sizewell C was held earlier in the meeting in the presence of County Cllr. Richard Smith and District Cllr. Sarah Whitelock.

6. Planning

- a) To receive a report from Cllr. Robert Flindall with regards to the Theberton and Eastbridge Neighbourhood Plan Strategy.

Cllr. Robert Flindall outlined the next steps to proceed with the application of the Theberton and Eastbridge's Neighbourhood Plan to East Suffolk Council and that the Council are likely to miss the funding deadline of March 2025 however other sources were likely to be made available. Chairman Stephen Brett, Cllr. Robert Flindall and Cllr. Paul Collins volunteered to form the Neighbourhood Plan focus group. It was proposed by Cllr. Robert Flindall and seconded by Chairman Stephen Brett to submit the Neighbourhood Plan application to East Suffolk Council. All in favour.

[ACTION: Cllr. Robert Flindall to complete ESC Neighbourhood Plan application form](#)

7. Clerk/Councillors' Reports

- a) Community Council.

The Clerk informed the Council that there was no scheduled Community Council meeting in January 2025 and the next meeting is due to take place on 5th February 2025.

- b) Heritage Trail.

Cllr. Stephen Morphey informed the Council that further progress had been made with regards to the Heritage Trail project. The content and text had been written and the additional photography required for the boards had been captured in the recent good weather.

A discussion was held with regards to obtaining a historic photo of Theberton House and gaining three quotes from local illustrators for completing the illustrative additions to the project.

[ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Morphey to contact the local illustrator to obtain a quote](#)

[ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to speak to owner of Theberton Hall to obtain a historic black and white photo](#)

[ACTION: Clerk to contact local illustrator recommended by Cllr. Robert Flindall to obtain a quote](#)

[ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Morphey to write to Event Funding Grant and apply for funding for the Heritage Trail boards](#)

[ACTION: HT Focus Group to meet on Tuesday 21st January at 14.00](#)

c) Eastbridge Common and Eastbridge Playing Field Tree Planting Project.

Cllr. Hazel Collins provided an update on the Birch trees and Fruit trees planted at Eastbridge Playing Field confirming that the fruit trees designated for planting at Eastbridge Playing Field are due to arrive in January 2025. Continuing to explain that the purchase of posts and stock fencing will be required to be installed to help protect the new saplings.

A discussion was held with regards to purchasing hedge saplings to fill the hedge line around Eastbridge Playing Field and that the most suitable time for planting saplings will be before February. The discussion also discussed funding from Sizewell Community Fund to assist with the roll out of the planting project to Theberton Playing Field in the coming months.

ACTION: Cllr. Hazel Collins to begin the application for £500 for 10 trees for the Eastbridge and Theberton Playing Field Tree Planting Project from the Sizewell C Community Fund.

d) Purchase of Replacement Defibrillator Pads.

The Clerk summarised the comparison cost of three providers of replacing the expiring defibrillator pads at both The Eel's Foot Inn and The Lion in Theberton sites.

The council voted and agreed to purchase 3 new defibrillator pads to replace the 2 that will expire at the end of January 2025 and have 1 spare pad available. The Council agreed for the Clerk to purchase the pads from the Defib Pad online shop as the most cost effective option and that the council would reimburse the Clerk through expenses in February 2025.

ACTION: Clerk to purchase 3 new defibrillator pads from The Defib Pad.

ACTION: Clerk to connect new pads ahead of 31/1/25.

e) Speed Indicator Device.

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

f) Village Hall Broadband.

The Clerk informed the Council that the new contract with BT Business Essential Package has been signed and a BT engineer appointment has been booked for the 14th of January 2025. There will be a one off set up cost of £35.94 including VAT and a monthly charge of £27.54 including VAT over the 24 month contract.

ACTION: Clerk to request and submit the BT direct debit instruction to BT.

g) Police Crime Report.

The Suffolk Constabulary Police Crime Report for November 2024 is attached as **Appendix IV**.

There were no crimes to report Theberton and Eastbridge in November 2024.

h) Tree Warden.

Cllr. Nat Bacon volunteered to become the tree warden on behalf of the Parish.

ACTION: Clerk to update the Councillor responsibilities on the parish website to reflect Cllr. Nat Bacon as Parish Tree Warden.

i) Village Signs.

Cllr. Stephen Brett highlighted that the two village signs at Eastbridge Common and Theberton, Pretty Road required restoration.

[ACTION: Cllr. Stephen Brett to speak to local sign writer and request a quotation for beginning the works in Spring 2025.](#)

j) Strategic Objectives and Community Café Project.

Cllr. Robert Flindall brought to Council's attention that the now vacant premises of Wild About Birds which closed at the end of 2024 could be a suitable premises for a Parish project such as a Café or Village Shop.

[ACTION: Cllr. Robert Flindall to research landowner of Wild About Birds Premises on the Land Registry.](#)

k) Thermal Imaging Surveys Availability and Booking Procedure.

The Clerk informed the Council that the Thermal Imaging Equipment had been collected and was in her possession. As it was not made clear by the distributors a mobile phone was required to complete the surveys which disabled the current volunteer performing the task. Cllr. Paul Collins volunteered to continue with the surveys on behalf of the Council.

l) Outstanding Actions List.

The Clerk summarised the list of outstanding actions to the Council. No further urgent action required.

8. Parish Matters

a) Rattla Corner Footbridge.

Cllr. Stephen Brett informed the Council of a resident query with regards to the degrading footbridges on footpaths at Rattla Corner and Onner's Lane towards Potter's Street where it was also mentioned that a landowner had diverted the footpath to around the edge of their land to allow their livestock to graze.

Cllr. Stephen Brett confirmed that the resident had registered the issues with East Suffolk Council directly.

9. Administration

a) To conduct the annual review of the cemetery fees.

The Council conducted the annual review of the Eastbridge Burial Ground Cemetery Fees. It was proposed by Cllr. Stephen Brett and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins to maintain the Burial Ground Fees for 2025. All in Favour.

[ACTION: Clerk to update the reviewed Burial Ground Fees and publish on the Parish website.](#)

10. Budget and Precept Planning

a) To note the budgeted versus actual income and expenditure for Qtr 3 2024-2025.

It was proposed by Cllr. Graham Ward and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins and agreed that the budget versus actual income and expenditure report for Qtr. 3 2025-2026 to be a true record. All in favour.

b) To approve the budget for the financial year 2025-2026.

It was proposed by Cllr. Graham Ward and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins and it was agreed to approve the budget for the financial year of 2025-2026. All in favour.

[ACTION: Clerk to speak to Barclays Bank with regards to savings accounts for sinking fund and report back to the Council.](#)

c) To approve and set the parish precept for the financial year 2025-2026.

It was proposed by Cllr. Graham Ward and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins that the raise in precept for 2025-2026 should be of 5.5% equating to a precept of £10,408.49 to be requested by Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council. All in favour.

The Clerk informed the Council that due to the requested precept being over £10,000 half of the funds will be received by 30th April and the second half of the funds no later than 29th September 2025.

ACTION: Clerk to submit the precept request of £10,408.49 to East Suffolk County Council by the 27th of January 2025.

11. Finance

a) To note the latest financial position.

It was proposed by Cllr. Graham Ward and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins and it was agreed that the latest financial position to be a true record. All in favour.

b) To approve the banking reconciliation for Qtr. 3 2024-2025.

It was proposed by Cllr. Cllr. Graham Ward and seconded by Cllr. Paul Collins and it was agreed that the banking reconciliation for Qtr. 3 2024-2025 to be a true record. All in favour.

c) To authorise the following payments:

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Clerk's Salary	Honor Houlding	£388.42	LGA 1972 s.112
Village Hall Broadband	BT	£27.54	LGA 1972 s.19
Village Hall Broadband – Installation and Activation	BT	£35.94	LGA 1972 s.19
Annual Newsletter Invoice	Leiston Press	£275.00	LGA 1972 s.111
Noticeboard Refurbishment	C W Ellis	£2,667.79	LGA 1972 s.142

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

12. Correspondence

To review the correspondence received between 9th December 2024 and 6th January 2025 and take action as appropriate.

The Council agreed that no further actions were required.

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

Cllr. Graham Ward informed the Council that Suffolk County Council have confirmed repairs to the bridge on Church Road towards Eastbridge will begin before the end of February 2025.

Cllr. Stephen Morphey informed the Council that there is an increasing amount of dog faeces at Eastbridge Playing Field despite dog bins being available to locals and visiting walkers with dogs.

14. Next Meeting

To agree the date and time of the next meeting of the Council which is scheduled for Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Jubilee Hall.

Honor Houlding

Parish Clerk

Meeting ended at: 21.34



LEADER'S MONTHLY BULLETIN

January 2025

Welcome to the first edition of my monthly bulletin for 2025, which aims to keep councillors, officers and town and parish councils up to date on recent news stories and any emerging issues from the district.

Caroline



STATUS ACHIEVED

I am very pleased to announce that East Suffolk Council and East Suffolk Services Ltd were both recently awarded the highest status within a scheme which ensures organisations are inclusive to people with disabilities.

Both the Council and East Suffolk Services Ltd have been awarded Disability Confident Leader status following a Disability Confident submission, which was validated by Disability Advice North East Suffolk.

The Disability Confident scheme, accredited by the Department for Work and Pensions, helps employers recruit, retain and train great people. Disability Confident organisations play a leading role in changing attitudes about, and increasing understanding of, disability. There are three levels of the scheme, with Leader status being the highest.

We also encourage other employers in East Suffolk to become Disability Confident and drive positive change.

STATEMENT ON GOVERNMENT DEVOLUTION PLANS

In December, we issued the following statement in response to the Government's White Paper on devolution.

It is still very early days and there will be further discussions across Suffolk and within East Suffolk as things become clearer.

"We will need time to consider the full implications of the Government's White Paper, however our view of devolution and the principles of local government reorganisation remains unchanged.

"Any Mayoral Combined Authority or future change needs to come with the financial resources and powers to deliver real change in partnership with Government and must recognise the importance of keeping local government genuinely local and connected to local places.

"We must focus on how proposals in the White Paper benefit the residents of East Suffolk, preserve or strengthen real local democratic accountability, and ensure a close link between residents and the councillors who represent them.

"Any reorganisation should not simply be about the structures and boundaries of councils, but instead should be part of holistic public service reform including other key services such as health, policing, fire, and employment support which should always be delivered locally. It should also seek to minimise impacts on operations, service delivery, residents and staff.

"We will take the time to consider these factors, work across the Council and with staff, to consider the White Paper alongside other policy changes such as the National Planning Policy Framework and the Local Government Settlement."



BENCHES RECEIVE AN IMPRESSIVE NEW LOOK

Last month, we announced that we would be faithfully restoring 34 benches in Felixstowe, with help from East Suffolk Services Limited, as part of a renovation programme.

It follows an East Suffolk Council survey into the condition of commemorative benches available for individuals and organisations to sponsor for a period of 10 years.

Each bench will be removed for refurbishment, and adorned with an optional commemorative plaque, upon reservation by an individual or group sponsor.

An East Suffolk museum has already been presented with the first bench to receive an impressive new look as part of a renovation programme.



COMMUNITY GROUP FORMED IN ALDEBURGH

A dedicated group of volunteers will play a key role in boosting biodiversity on a patch of land adopted for public ownership in their community.

Last month we announced that an eight-acre plot, divided by Prevetts Way, at Church Farm, Aldeburgh, would be transferred to East Suffolk Council as part of a planning obligation by housing developers.

It means that the open green space will be maintained by East Suffolk Services Limited in partnership with a newly formed community group.

We held a meeting with local residents to discuss options for the site and agreed the formation of a 'Friends of' group to support management of the space for the enjoyment of the public.

Anyone interested in getting involved in managing the site can contact operations@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

OFFERING RESIDENTS A WARM WELCOME

Last month, a network of venues offering residents a warm, safe space to socialise over the winter reopened for the third year.

East Suffolk Council's Warm Welcomes (formerly Warm Rooms) scheme has reopened for the winter, with more than 20 libraries, churches and community hubs providing a warm space and an opportunity to connect with other members of the local community.

Warm Welcomes provide a safe and welcoming space where residents, including people who may be struggling with the cost of heating their homes, can come to meet with others and access information about additional support available.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME

Numerous organisations across the district provided fun and enriching activities and food as part of a programme of experiences for children and young people over the Christmas holidays.

The HAF programme is overseen by Suffolk County Council and coordinated locally by East Suffolk Council.

Holiday activities are varied and can introduce young people to new experiences and skills, from filmmaking to drama and teamwork to problem solving, as well providing opportunities for physical and social activity. Each funded holiday activity also offers a free meal.

EAST SUFFOLK WARM WELCOMES

EAST SUFFOLK THROUGH THE LENS

Our popular photo competition, [East Suffolk Through the Lens](#), is back for another year!

With over 350 entries, last year proved that we have some extremely talented photographers here in East Suffolk, and we are looking forward to seeing more this year. Our district is filled with beautiful landscapes and incredible wildlife, all waiting to be captured through the lens.

This year's competition is open to photographers of all ages and experience, with the aim of celebrating East Suffolk's unique appeal.

There are prizes to be won - the overall winner will receive a £100 high street voucher as well as their photo being printed on the cover of the next edition of the East Suffolk magazine.

One under-16 winning entrant will also be chosen to receive a high street voucher worth £75, while three runners-up will each get a high street voucher worth £25.

Entrants are encouraged to capture the essence of the district by photographing the buildings, landscapes, wildlife, people and all that makes East Suffolk amazing.

Entries should be submitted via an East Suffolk Through the Lens online entry form before midnight on Thursday 30 January. Previous entries will not be considered.

There's not long now until the competition closes - so, East Suffolk, get snapping!



YOUTH COUNCIL INAUGURAL MEETING

Our innovative new council entirely comprising young people from across East Suffolk met for the **first time last month**, ensuring the ideas and concerns of younger people are heard.

In November, 32 young people were elected to the new East Suffolk Youth Council.

Following an induction day on Monday 18 November at which the new Youth Councillors were 'sworn in', the first Youth Council meeting took place at Riverside in Lowestoft on Monday 9 December.



As their first item of business, the Youth Councillors elected a Chair and Vice-Chair. Both positions were hotly contested, but after multiple nominations, speeches and votes, a Chair was elected from St Felix School in Reydon, and a Vice-Chair from Thomas Mills High School in Framlingham.

The Youth Council then turned to their first motion, in which they called upon East Suffolk Council to devote greater resources and attention to youth safety and well-being. With the newly elected Chair presiding ably over discussions, the Youth Councillors emphasised the impacts of social media and the Covid-19 pandemic upon youth, and the need for improved youth activities, services and support.

The Youth Council carried their motion unanimously, and East Suffolk Council must now consider their views. At the November Full Council meeting, elected members unanimously agreed we would discuss any valid motion duly passed by the Youth Council at the next Full Council meeting.

NEW GUIDANCE FOR HMO APPLICATIONS

A new planning document has been adopted in East Suffolk to help guide proposals for the [conversion of properties to Houses in Multiple Occupation](#).

East Suffolk Council's Cabinet has adopted a new planning document which provides guidance as to circumstances which could be considered 'exceptional' when owners are proposing to convert properties to Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) in the former Waveney area.

This new guidance note assists in the understanding of policy WLP8.4 of the Waveney Local Plan, which was previously unclear in its wording. The new note provides a list of circumstances which could be considered exceptional when an applicant proposes an HMO conversion.

The document was subject to public consultation during its preparation and the comments received have helped to inform the final document.

ENGAGING WITH RENTERS ACROSS SUFFOLK

Earlier in the year, we asked private tenants in Suffolk to share their experiences of renting homes as part of the ongoing Safe Suffolk Renters project.

Aimed at upholding good standards in the sector, Safe Suffolk Renters involves all five of the county's district and borough councils, working together to improve experiences of the private rented sector for both landlords and tenants.

It worked with national private tenants' organisation, Generation Rent, to engage with residents of all ages who are privately renting, to help Safe Suffolk Renters better understand and evidence some of the various housing issues in the county.

One of the concerns raised around renting was cost - rents are continuing to rise impacting on people's ability to afford to live in Suffolk.

Read more [here](#).

COUNCIL SUPPORTS UNESCO STATUS BID

At a meeting of Full Council in November, we voted to express support for [UNESCO World Heritage status](#) to be awarded to coastal wetlands located on a globally important route for migratory waterbirds.

The East Coast Flyway, which runs from the Humber Estuary to the mouth of the Thames and has RSPB Minsmere at its heart, was selected in 2023 as one of five tentative sites nominated for UNESCO World Heritage status by UK Government.

These East Coast wetlands are a winter home to more than one million waterbirds and are a global exemplar of nature conservation management with some leading examples of well-planned adaptation in response to climate change.

The Council has also agreed to work cross-party with other local authorities and relevant stakeholders across the UK and globally to support this application.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP FORMED

A new [Community Engagement Group](#) was established last month, to help further enhance and encourage public participation in planning matters.

The group has been launched as part of an ongoing partnership between East Suffolk Council and East Suffolk Planning Alliance (ESPA).

An agreement has now been signed to form a community engagement group to work together with East Suffolk Council as stakeholders in the planning and decision-making process.



DIARY DATES

Monday 6 January 10.30am	Strategic Planning Committee	East Suffolk House
Tuesday 7 January 6pm	Cabinet	East Suffolk House
Wednesday 8 January 6pm	Melton, Woodbridge and Deben Peninsula Community Partnership	East Suffolk House
Thursday 9 January 10.30am	Licensing Sub-Committee	East Suffolk House
Tuesday 14 January 2pm	Planning Committee North	Riverside
Wednesday 15 January 2pm	Licensing Sub-Committee	East Suffolk House
Monday 20 January 6.30pm	Licensing Committee	East Suffolk House



Appendix II – Cllr. Paul Collins January Energy Report

1. TEAGS – Stop Sizewell C

TEAGS renewal hearing for the challenge to the Office for Nuclear Regulation's grant of a Nuclear Site License (NSL) was heard at the High Court on 3rd December.

The application to for Judicial Review was rejected.

TEAGS solicitor and KC remain of the opinion that the ONR erred in their interpretation of the Nuclear Installations Act regarding the sea defences exclusion in the Nuclear Site License and that the rejection by the judge on 3rd December to allow JR still misinterprets the legal requirements of the act regarding the nuclear site license regulatory boundary.

We now await the transcript of the hearing and decision but have applied for permission to appeal, which has to be lodged within seven days.

A decision as to whether we will take the appeal forward will be made once the transcripts are available and we are able to take a considered view on the various arguments being presented by our legal team.

We still await the judgement transcript and have not yet heard from the Appeal Court about the permission.

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

No further actions have been taken in respect of the letters to and from Secretary of State Miliband.

Alison and Tim Beach (Snape PC) will pursue this suggestion shortly.

3. B1122 planning discussions and SZC Deed of Obligation Forums

We still await responses from SZC to the points raised at the meeting in the Village Hall on 19th June. A meeting of the B1122 planning group has been tentatively scheduled for 30th January.

Questions about speed limits on the B1122 near the main site entrance roundabout at the top of Eastbridge Road and presented at the last Northern Transport Forum remain unanswered despite three requests to Richard Knight, Richard Bull and the Sizewell C information email address.

The next Main Development Site Forum is scheduled for 15th January 2025, Northern Transport Forum for 5th February 2025 and Community Forum for 27th March 2025.

I will not be available for the 5th February Northern Transport Forum on this occasion, so a substitute representative will be needed.

4. Scottish Power Wind Farms and Friston Substation

Various preparatory works and archaeology are now being undertaken.

5. LionLink (formerly EuroLink) and Nautilus – National Grid Ventures

No further progress.

6. Sea Link Interconnector – National Grid Electricity Transmission

According to the PINS NSIP website, the DCO submission is still expected Q1 2025.

7. Solar Farms/Battery Storage between Friston and Snape

No further information at this time.

8. Hydrogen East/Capital Hydrogen

No further information at this time.

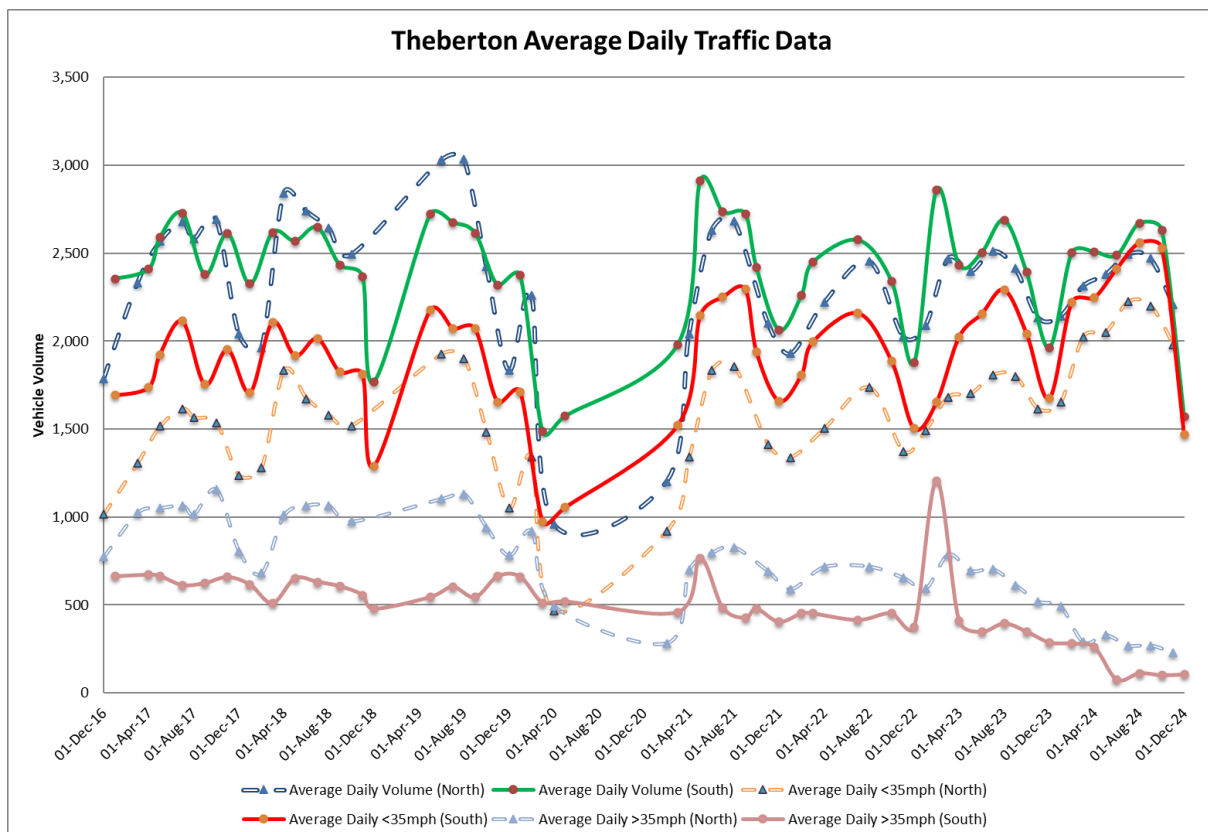
Theberton Speed Indicator Device Report 8th January 2025

The speed indicator device has been operational for eighty-four ~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 32.1% from north and 20.6% from south.

The 85th percentile speed* is 39.1mph from North and 36.6mph from South when they enter the village. These averages are over the whole period from December 2016.

There is a clear reduction in speed noticeable from 20th May when the enforceable 30mph speed limit came into effect. This has continued into this latest month and reductions in averaged speeds and 85th percentile speeds seem to be settling at the lower levels. December is a much quieter month with traffic volumes at 67% of the long-term average.



SID Start Date	15-Dec-23	14-Jan-24	13-Feb-24	14-Mar-24	13-Apr-24	13-May-24	17-Jun-24	12-Jul-24	11-Aug-24	10-Sep-24	21-Oct-24	20-Nov-24	20-Dec-24
Average Daily Volume (North)	1,962	2,144	2,502	2,314	2,509	2,380	2,489	2,495	2,672	2,471	2,632	2,207	1,573
Average Daily Volume (South)													
Total Vehicles (North)		40,738	44,437	43,972	47,664	40,455	47,287	48,750	46,940	44,146	47,367	44,146	29,882
Total Vehicles (South)	37,029	50,033	50,033	50,033	50,033	50,033	50,033	50,033	50,033	50,033	50,033	50,033	50,033
Total Vehicles <35mph (North)		31,604	31,604	31,604	31,604	31,604	31,604	31,604	31,604	31,604	31,604	31,604	31,604
Total Vehicles <35mph (South)	31,604	44,437	44,437	44,437	44,437	44,437	44,437	44,437	44,437	44,437	44,437	44,437	44,437
Total Vehicles >35mph (North)		9,336	9,336	9,336	9,336	9,336	9,336	9,336	9,336	9,336	9,336	9,336	9,336
Total Vehicles >35mph (South)	5,425	5,596	5,596	5,596	5,596	5,596	5,596	5,596	5,596	5,596	5,596	5,596	5,596
Average Daily <35mph (North)	1,674	1,653	1,653	1,653	1,653	1,653	1,653	1,653	1,653	1,653	1,653	1,653	1,653
Average Daily <35mph (South)		491	491	491	491	491	491	491	491	491	491	491	491
Average Daily >35mph (North)	287	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280
Average Daily >35mph (South)		287	287	287	287	287	287	287	287	287	287	287	287
85 th percentile speed North (mph)		37.4	37.4	37.4	37.4	37.4	37.4	37.4	37.4	37.4	37.4	37.4	37.4
85 th percentile speed South (mph)	34.9		34.2	34.2	34.2	34.2	34.2	34.2	34.2	34.2	34.2	34.2	34.2
% <35mph (North)		77.1%	77.1%	77.1%	77.1%	77.1%	77.1%	77.1%	77.1%	77.1%	77.1%	77.1%	77.1%
% <35mph (South)	85.3%		88.8%	88.8%	88.8%	88.8%	88.8%	88.8%	88.8%	88.8%	88.8%	88.8%	88.8%
% >35mph (North)		22.9%	22.9%	22.9%	22.9%	22.9%	22.9%	22.9%	22.9%	22.9%	22.9%	22.9%	22.9%
% >35mph (South)	14.7%		11.2%	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%

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

Appendix IV – November Police Crime Report

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Crime type and time period title

All Crimes (72)

November 2024

