

Sizewell C (SZC) - Northern Transport Forum, 6 November 2024

The Forum is the opportunity for SZC to update Parishes on transport developments and to answer questions. The Northern Transport Forum addresses transport issues north of the site. Points of note from the meeting are that:

- The Northern Park and Ride (Darsham) is due to be operational Q1 2026; circa 30 parking spaces will be available for train passengers.
- The SZC Community fund has distributed its Round 1 allocation (grants of £2,000-£170,000 were awarded totalling £300,000).
- East Suffolk District Council (ESDC) has set-up a housing fund (funded by SZC) offering grants for redecoration and renovation to allow homeowners to create bedspaces for workers. The grants range from £3000-£7000 - information can be found at: [Sizewell C Housing Grants » East Suffolk Council](#). ESDC has not yet considered the implications on parking around properties newly providing bed space for workers with cars - as a result of a discussion during the meeting they will now do so. The ESDC team is looking at the impact of SZC accommodation on holiday accommodation.
- SZC has set-up a team to work with the managers of the other energy projects (Lionlink, Sealink and the Scottish Power projects) to ensure coordination and minimise disruption resulting from the construction of each.
- SZC are clearing a lot of trees at the site and for the Yoxford roundabout, the Link Road and the Park and Ride - it is all being done now as this is the only time of year that clearance is possible without destruction/disturbance of other wildlife. The plans include significant replanting. SZC confirmed that any replanting will be well maintained - they reiterated this commitment in response to the observation by the Theberton representative that, of many trees recently planted somewhere near the site, only two are still alive...
- Clearance work around the Link Road route are mainly archaeological works - they require significant earth moving works.
- The upgrade of the Darsham rail crossing will take place Q3/4 2025.
- Numbers of HGVs are currently well under the projected cap. A higher % than projected of HGVs are coming from the north, (there was expected to be a 85% south/15% north split) but the overall numbers are so far significantly lower than projected (please see slides for details). Through-Westleton Traffic monitoring data is due to be available in late November.
- The B1125 Working Group meetings will be more regular next year to ensure regular communication re the traffic mitigation.
- SZC have committed to finding more effective means to communicate with all residents and now plan to use parish magazines and websites.

Please see the slides of the meeting for more detail.