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CEO Sizewell C

Andrew Cook  
Suffolk County Council, Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director of Growth,  
Highways and Infrastructure

Rachel Kearton  
Suffolk Constabulary, Chief Constable

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Re: B1125 traffic volumes and speed

Dear Mr Cann, Mr Cook and Ms Kearton,

We, the undersigned, are increasingly concerned about traffic volumes and speeds on the B1125 and are asking that traffic slowing measures are put in place to ensure that the B1125 is safer and is also not the quickest route for traffic from/to the north heading to/from Sizewell A, B and C and the towns and villages to the east of the A12.

Since the Sizewell C (SZC) construction started, B1125 peak-hour traffic volumes have increased and dangerous, fast driving has been reported to us by numerous residents who are increasingly worried about their safety. Compounding these concerns are that the B1125 is in poor condition: its verges in many places are deep gullies; it is prone to flooding; it is often covered in mud because of the numerous farm/field exits onto the road; the absence of white lines makes driving even more unsafe during the winter months when peak traffic is in the dark; and it has one particularly hazardous junction known locally as the “5 fingers”. Additionally, the road is a tourist route, one of the “5 fingers” is for a car park for woodland walkers, and the road is used by touring cyclists throughout the summer. Accordingly, we believe that the current 60mph speed limit is now inappropriate for traffic and certainly very dangerous for cyclists.

We appreciate that B1125 traffic volumes should decrease once the SZC Northern Park and Ride (NPR) is fully operational. However, we are very concerned that traffic to/from the north headed from/to Sizewell, Leiston, Aldeburgh and communities to the east of the A12 will increasingly use the B1125 as a short cut because of the growing volume and slowing speed of traffic on the A12 as:

- HGV traffic will continue to increase as SZC peak traffic will coincide with HGV and worker traffic for other Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs);

- A12 speeds will decrease because of the increased traffic;
- The roundabouts at the NPR and Yoxford junctions will further decrease A12 speeds from the north as they will cause congestion because of the greater time it takes for HGVs and (NPR) buses to navigate roundabouts.

As a result, we expect an increased number of drivers to either choose, or be directed by their sat-navs, to use the B1125 instead of more appropriate A12 > B1122/ SLR route or A1094 roads. Moreover, we anticipate that a proportion of this B1125 traffic will be SZC-bound LGVs and other SZC non-HGVs even though SZC's Development Consent Order "Consolidated Transport Assessment" states that:

*The main constituent parts of the transport strategy are:*

- *a strategy to transport the construction workforce to the main development site and associated development sites, whilst minimising the impact on local roads and communities;*
- ...

And that paragraph 1.3.1. of the Deed of Obligation, Annex K "Construction Traffic Management Plan" (CTMP) states that:

*The objectives of this CTMP are to:*

- ...
- *Minimise the impacts both for the local community and visitors to the area using the road network, so far as reasonably practicable.*

The B1125 is completely unsuitable for increased volumes of traffic - it is unsafe and is consequently impacting the well-being of local residents and visitors. We therefore believe that SZC, Suffolk County Council and the Suffolk Constabulary should implement the following measures:

- a 40mph speed limit from the A12/B1387 junction and along the B1125 to the northern entrance of Westleton;
- a 30mph speed limit from Westleton to the terminus of the B1125 south of Middleton;
- traffic calming measures in Middleton – to be developed and agreed with Middleton Parish Council. Please note that Middleton Parish Council was not included in the original B1125 Working Group;
- SZC to track its own and its contracted LGVs and 4x4s, as it does its HGVs, and stipulate that they do not use the B1125;
- SZC and SCC to model the impact of all the new road infrastructure on traffic volumes on local B roads and monitor speeds on the B1125.

We believe the above measures are essential to ensure the safety and well-being of residents, the safety of road users and to help maintain the local tourist industry already threatened by the array of NSIPs underway and planned.

Could we please arrange a meeting to discuss the above.

Yours sincerely,

For and on behalf of:

Blythburgh Parish Council

Darsham Parish Council

Dunwich Parish Meeting

Middleton Parish Council

Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council

Walberswick Parish Council

Westleton Parish Council

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