

Sizewell C (SZC) – Northern Transport Forum – 4 February 2026

Key points from the SZC Northern Transport Forum:

Traffic calming measures in Westleton:

- the work has been pushed back to Q2 2026. This is because the improvement of the B1387 (the link road between the A12 and the B1125 at the water tower at Blythburgh) has been delayed because of complexities and bad weather. Once those are completed, the B1125 at Blythburgh will be blocked off and then the Westleton traffic calming works will be implemented. Westleton Parish Council (WPC) pressed for the Westleton works to be done at the same time as the “blocking-off” of Blythburgh – SZC said they will, if possible.
- The 50mph signs on the “s” bend on the Reckford road between Westleton and Middleton will be taken down (very soon).

Northern Park and Ride:

- it is being used by a small number of vehicles already. Its use will grow as the site is developed. The focus at the moment is getting the roundabout finished. Its full use (1250 vehicles) is anticipated to be late October. When in full use, in theory, peak hour traffic volumes in Westleton should have reduced.
- The NPR is planned to have 25-30 spaces allocated at the train station end for train passenger parking. Parish Councils are pressing for this number to be increased and for the spaces to be left as legacy once the project is completed (SZC say that a decision will be taken nearer the time – but indications are positive).

Friday Street roundabout: is expected to be completed by early April 2026

Yoxford roundabout: is expected to be completed by early April 2026

Sizewell Link Road: is expected to be completed by Q3 2027.

Willow Marsh lane: will re-open in the summer.

HGVs:

- all SZC HGVs will now display an orange Sizewell C sign in their front windows.
- SZC are setting up “baths” to clean vehicles as they exit the site and 5 road sweepers, which steam clean, are operating on local roads.
- HGVs will start to use the Northern Park and Ride for rest stops to lessen use of laybys – but only 11 will be allowed at a time.

Potholes and verges: Suffolk County Council recognise there is a concern and is working with SZC to agree a process whereby funds can be released to undertake repairs.

Darsham level crossing: it will be up-graded in Q2 2027. It will require closure of the A12. Network Rail are working to minimise traffic disruption. Official diversions will not be through Westleton – but the concern is that local and sat-nav traffic will use the B1125. SZC will work with WPC to avoid this scenario.

Ipswich-Lowestoft train line: works will take place the weekends of 7-8, 14-18, and 21-22 March. A bus replacement service will run between Ipswich and Halesworth.

The Parish Councils of Blythburgh, Darsham, Dunwich, Middleton, Theberton and Eastbridge, Walberswick and Westleton and District Councillors Paul Ashton, Tom Daly, Katie Graham and Sarah Whitelock have written to Sizewell C, the County Council Transport Department and the Suffolk Constabulary to note concern about traffic volumes and speeds on the B1125, and we have asked that they 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.