

**SIZEWELL C CO – Southern Transport Forum – held at the Riverside Centre, Stratford St Andrew****General:**

It was noted that the Supreme Court had rejected an appeal based on the water supply to Sizewell C and that a final decision regarding investment was expected within the coming months. Furthermore, Sizewell C had been granted a Nuclear Licence.

**TRANSPORT – ROAD:****Cars/LGVs**

JANUARY	326
FEBRUARY	521
MARCH	536
APRIL	620

**HGVs**

JANUARY	472
FEBRUARY	616
MARCH	1882*

\*This figure included aggregates mainly loading from the north.

**Non-compliances:**

There were five non-compliances in April where vehicles deviated from the designated route with one supplier being removed from the supplier list.

**Freight Management Facility:**

The Freight Management Facility will be moved to Orwell Logistics Park, off the A14.

**Local workers travelling to the Park and Ride facilities:**

This is still under consideration.

**Consolidation with Scottish Power/National Grid**

Discussions are underway regarding the feasibility of combining road improvements and utilising off-site facilities to reduce cumulative impacts. National Grid and Scottish Power will be invited to attend a Forum session.

**Closure of A12/A14**

In the event of closure of designated routes, HGVs will be held in Freight Management Facility and on site and will not be diverted onto local roads.

**TRANSPORT – RAIL:**

Using rail will remove over 1000 vehicle movements per week based on four trains per night (in fact eight train movements per night). The freight will be held south of Ipswich and moved after the end of passenger services to a point away from Saxmundham between the town and Leiston. Each train will be 339 metres long, travel at 10 mph to minimise noise and vibration and will take circa 1.5 minutes to pass over Saxmundham crossings. It was recorded that Network Rail omitted to advise local residents about the recent track works.

**Mitigations – rail:**

Mitigations for those affected by rail noise are still in progress.

## **ENERGY PROJECTS WORKING GROUP**

The final formation of the group is still in progress. However, Amy Rayner and Laura Bonnet have agreed to attend meetings on an as and when basis to advise on environmental issues. One member of the community has agreed to join and will assist with Heritage. Due to the longevity of the energy projects, it is further proposed to attract two to three circa eighteen year olds to join the group. Councillor Marianne Kiff has agreed to mentor the younger members.

With the Sea Link Planning Inspectorate examination commencing from autumn 2024 onwards the next few months will be a time of preparation. It is proposed to hold meetings every two months and invite speakers to discuss Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) and the Planning Inspectorate processes. It is suggested that first meeting will be held early in July during the evening with the next planned for September. Thereafter meeting will likely be held more frequently depending on the Sea Link planning timetable.