Report to Wickham Market Parish Council Sizewell C Committee 12th March 2026 and to full council 16th March 2026

WMPC last debated SZC's proposed traffic calming scheme for the village on 16th October 2025. Its decision was as follows:

"Wickham Market Parish Council confirm their acceptance of the SZC Wickham Market Transport Scheme presented on 29 September 2025 as the design to take to pre-engagement, Technical Approval and TRO consultation on the basis that Sizewell C financially support Wickham Market Parish Council's aspirations of implementing a 20mph speed limit between the Co-op and the Deben bridge at Rackhams.
We make this agreement with the following points assumed:

- Any issues raised as a result of the pre-engagement and TRO consultation will be addressed in discussion with the working group
- Discussion will continue on:

1. Construction programme and associated traffic management
2. Any alterations to the design that are required by SCC at Technical Approval"

Subsequently SZC have been asked for a written proposal in order to move forward with their intended public information events in the village.

On 3rd March 2026, Richard Bull, Head of Planning for Sizewell C emailed to say:

"Apologies for the delay. I am happy to clarify the position from SZC.

SZC supports the current design being technically approved by SCC and to move forward with this to the public information event. Any further extension of the 20mph zone would need to be approved by SCC and justified to the Transport Review Group (TRG) as a necessary additional measure to manage traffic impacts resulting from the SZC project. The TRG would then need to agree and approve allocation of funding from the Deed of Obligation Transport Contingency Fund to deliver the necessary mitigation. I think that this should be the messaging provided at the public information event rather than asking for additional views on the potential extension of the 20mph zone at that time. It is important that we go the event with a clear package of works that can definitely be delivered by SZC."

SCC Highways has offered a 20mph zone between the Co-op and Revetts (or perhaps just past The George), around The Hill and into Dallinghoo Road, which should be included in the next set of scheme drawings and at the public information events.

Recommendation

(a) The WMPC SZC Committee to consider this report and make its recommendations
(b) The minutes of the Committee and this report be presented to full council on 16th March 2026 for consideration and a decision as to the way forward.

David Chenery – WMPC Vice Chair and Chair of the SZC Committee – 4th March 2026