

Notes of EDF Sizewell C meeting

Date: 11 October 2023

Item	Action
<p>Attending: Nick, Patrick – from WSP design consultants John, Des, Zoe, Richard Bull – SZC Cllr Sally Noble – ESC Carolyn Barnes – ESC Steve Merry, Julia – SCC Highways Cllrs Chenery (meeting Chair and minute taker), Ivor, Arthur, John Day, Gloria, John Horsnell – WMPC</p> <p>Apologies: SCC Cllr Alexander Nicholl, other WMPC Cllrs, Anne Westover</p> <p>David advised that the minutes of the WMPC Sizewell C inaugural Committee Meeting of 4 Oct 23 were just the views of the Cttee. Following this meeting the Cttee would meet again asap to discuss and report to full council in December. He also advised the meeting what the Cttee remit was.</p> <p>Richard advised that WSP were carrying out prelim design and evolving the consultation drawings into construction drawings.</p> <p>We discussed the following:</p> <p>20mph zone or limit on the main roads within the proposed village gateways</p> <p>WMPC Cttee support this on the basis of resident’s concerns, the amount of additional traffic and that the proposed kerb build outs would seem to satisfy SCC’s criteria for a lower limit. SCC Steve Merry supported this around the Hill but not elsewhere as he feared drivers would feel frustrated and then drive faster when leaving the lower limit. Cllr Noble supported the lower limit throughout. Cllr Noble did note that she had spoken to Cllr Nicholl and he supported this motion Agreed that David would seek support from Cllr Nicholl and cc Steve.</p> <p>Monitoring</p> <p>WMPC asked whether monitoring during SZC construction phase would take place within WM to measure traffic volumes, speed, noise, vibration and air quality? SCC Steve Merry did confirm no monitoring was intended to take place but Richard would seek advice on annual traffic counts, perhaps near The Drift to see if the data matched expectations. He advised that the other suggested monitoring was discussed at the Examination and as there were no SZC HGV’s travelling through the village then there would be no need. Arthur remained concerned about possible air pollution and its effect on health and also whether the HGV route from Debach Industries could be used for SZC HGV’s.</p>	<p>DC</p>

Trade from the Park and Ride site

David Chenery advised that WM traders would welcome additional trade from the SZC workforce. Richard confirmed the worker Code of Conduct would not restrict this. David stressed the importance of maintaining the viability of the village Post Office as a key village asset.

Community Fund

WMPC SZC Committee would recommend that applications should be made to this fund to support a new or modernised village hall project and possibly village centre carparking.

Assessment of proposed traffic calming measures

- Village gateway design – WSP advised the design followed SCC’s standard and only involved paint on the road surface and use of other materials with no physical constraint. On that basis WMPC Cllrs were more content on the design. The gateway road surface materials & markings to be considered at later stages of WSP scheme development
- Agricultural traffic – WSP confirmed the narrowest restriction would be 3.2m but with kerbing that could be over-sailed. This would assume traffic would give and take through the narrowing. Agreed that David Chenery and WSP would jointly contact local farmers for a response.
- Priority System build out should not obstruct the gateway into the Cemetery paddock. WSP to look at moving this build out slightly southward
- Overlap with Hopkins Homes developments – the ongoing new Wickham Gate will provide a S278 pedestrian crossing on the main road – Steve to send details to Nick at WSP.
- Build out on the post office car park access – David raised concerns that this build out may legally obstruct a right of access to the property on the south side of the car park. However WM-SWC Cttee supported a full height kerb build out to protect pedestrians waiting to cross and also to deter northbound traffic mounting the footway through the priority section. WSP to Contact Mr Davis at PO review, assess the largest vehicle accessing the car park (Post Office?) and carry out swept path analysis.
- WMPC Cllrs were concerned over northbound queuing traffic for the priority system blocking the 4m wide road at the Village Hall access – it was agreed the WSP would look at installing a Keep Clear Road Marking opposite the access.
- WMPC Cllrs asked about reducing the width of the buildouts to allow a small amount of additional space for parallel parking – WSP to consider.
- Arthur queried the benefit of build outs and whether any data had been gathered to support their use and location. WSP confirmed a Stage 1 Safety Audit had been carried out with no general concerns further Safety Audits would be carried out about the build out as project moves forward, however as the design progresses then further discussions can be held.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Border Cott Lane junction – considerable discussion was carried out. WMPC Cllrs supported the kerb build out on the north side to square up the side road with the main road however their balance between public safety versus the loss of parking had moved to support the latter in this area of the village. Opportunities for parking elsewhere were reducing. It was agreed that WSP would look at removing a Pedestrian crossing point on the main road south of the junction which will allow the retention of more parking on the east side of the main road on the inside of the bend. WSP will do an HGV swept path to assess if HGV's leaving Border Cot Lane Junction would be able to turn to the north if this parking was retained. • Build outs near The Drift and just south of Lower Street – Arthur felt the build out on the east side of The Drift made it more dangerous for traffic leaving The Drift. He also queried the need for the Lower Street build out although it was noted this could contribute to traffic calming – WSP to check locations and the safety audit. • Shared use cycle/footway between Rackhams and roundabout – SCC Steve Merry advised this would a 3 metre wide shared Cycle/Pedestrian route with pinch points at various locations Steve felt the hedges would need a hard cut back to obtain sufficient verge width but not removed. • Border Cot Lane – concerns raised about the existing footway on the north side having poor visibility of traffic to the west, and whether the proposed gateway could be moved further west. WSP advised this was not possible as there would then be limited visibility of the gateway for eastbound traffic however WSP agreed to look into ways to improve safety for pedestrians. • Broad Road – no concerns raised except several business workers park here and would loose some parking. WMPC asked Cllr Noble to ask ESC if they can seriously look at the car park charges for the mostly empty ESC long stay car park. 	<p>WSP</p> <p>WSP</p> <p>WSP</p> <p>WSP</p> <p>SN</p>
<p>Additional Notes:</p> <p>EDF Richard Bull advised the meeting of their Construction Phase Traffic Strategy Plan</p> <p>WMPC David Chenery advised meeting that there is still outstanding pathway works under S278 agreement associated with Wickham Gate development. Steve Merry to investigate.</p>	<p>SM</p>