

WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL



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SIZEWELL C: Application for Development Consent Order DEADLINE 8 SUBMISSION 24th September 2021

Further to ISH on 16th September 2021

Landscape and Visual matters SP&R

This is a further brief summary of our position regarding landscape matters relating to the SP&R site following the ISH on 16th September.

At DCO Deadline 3 and again at Deadline 5 July 23rd WMPC set out the broad concerns relating to the site location and impacts:

1.1 With respect to the ExAuth question to EDF LI.1.122 the Applicant/EDF has responded that, ...

“Since the submission of the application, SZC Co. have engaged with Marlesford Parish Council and other interested parties to work together to reduce and/or avoid the impacts, where possible, associated with the construction, operation and removal and reinstatement of the southern park and ride at Wickham Market. SZC Co. has sought to reduce any impacts of the proposed development through a range of mitigation measures embedded through the Associated Development Design Principles (Doc Ref. 8.3(A)).”

..... The statement is not correct. Despite requesting that this matter be discussed in detail with EDF the only meeting which EDF have agreed to regarding SP&R site LVI issues was held on 8th October 2020 with our group of interested Parishes. Apart from the reinstatement of the bund to the northwest boundary of the site, we have seen no other substantive changes to the proposals. We await further detail on mitigation measures to address the concerns and legacy issues raised at the meeting last October”.

1.2 We support the request for further liaison with EDF made by Marlesford PC and regarding matters of detail.

1.3 WMPC still have serious concerns regarding the following matters as set out in more detail in our previous responses. Concerns regarding the choice of this site and the adverse landscape and visual impacts arising from it have been submitted in our Relevant Representations and at DCO Deadlines 1, 2, 3 and 5.

- Lack of detail and commitment regarding the landscape mitigation in the area of the site access and slip road, including lack of detail relating to cycle and footway access.
- Lack of detail relating to the TIMA site area, access, space for landscape mitigation on the western flank, capacity (no layout included), lighting impacts, lack of use criteria, operational management and monitoring of use. We request that the ExA apply appropriately worded and stringent conditions (if ExA are minded to recommend approval).
- The west site boundary/Bridleway 8 remains an area of serious concern where there is a lack of space for any effective screen planting. For a distance of approx. 150 metres there will be clear views into the site (Hacheston and B1116), the car park, coach parking and TIMA.
- We have requested that opportunities for off-site planting secured by the S106/or Deed of Obligation be explored to provide some screening and a long-term legacy of landscape enhancement within the vicinity of the SP&R site.
- Precise details are requested regarding all landscape matters. We have supported the request from Marlesford PC for a commitment by EDF/SCC and ESC to liaising with the community regarding these details at the appropriate time and if the project goes forward.

TRAFFIC UPDATE

WMPC made a submission at Deadline 7 following the **Issue Specific Hearing 8 (ISH 8) on Air Quality and Noise and Vibration on Wednesday 25th August.**

Summary of our position relating to a traffic mitigation scheme for Wickham Market.

We stated that:

“The scheme referred has progressed very slowly since WMPC invited EDF to discuss this commencing in December 2019. Whilst EDF are poised to consult local residents on a scheme there are matters which still need to be resolved in respect to highway

safety. In addition, it should be noted that the scheme does not address increased traffic volumes arising from the SP&R site location nor the issues arising with respect to noise, air quality and vibration”.

WMPC can now confirm that EDF have completed their documentation relating to a scheme with the public consultation commencing on 27th September and running until 25th October. A public exhibition is due to be held on Saturday 9th October and Sunday 10th October in the village hall.

We attach the appropriate documents and will endeavour to provide feedback by the close of the examination on 14th October.

The processing of public and business responses will be completed by EDF after the 25th October and we hope to be able to send summary information to PINS after that stage is complete.

Attached with this letter:

1. WM EDF Traffic Consultation Newsletter
2. WMPC EDF Traffic Consultation Feedback Form

Wickham Market Parish Council

24th September 2021

Final 24th September 2021

PINS EXAMINATION DCO PROCESS Deadline 8

September 2021

Wickham Market

Traffic

Management

Consultation

27 September – 25 October 2021

Wickham Market Parish Council (WMPC), East Suffolk Council, Suffolk County Council and Sizewell C (The Working Group) are seeking your feedback on proposals to change the way traffic is managed in the village.

Our aim with these proposed changes is maintaining pedestrian safety by slowing traffic down while also keeping parking disruption to a minimum.



Welcome

Dear Residents and Businesses,

You are invited to view plans for a proposed traffic scheme prepared by EDF Energy. Proposals have been developed by a Working Group comprising Wickham Market Parish Council (WMPC), East Suffolk Council, Suffolk County Council and EDF. WMPC believes that it is necessary to consult residents and businesses who will be affected by these permanent changes to our roads.

The Sizewell C Project, for a new nuclear power station, includes a Southern Park and Ride site located north of the village in Hacheston. EDF expect the park and ride to be operational for some 8-11 years. It is expected that over this time, an additional 1,050 cars and light goods vehicles will pass through Wickham Market daily during the years of peak construction. The increased use of the A12 will also include heavy goods vehicles.

WMPC has significant concerns regarding the impact of this additional SZC related traffic but also considers it is appropriate to work with EDF to prepare for the potential of Sizewell C being given government approval. WMPC has made it clear to EDF that all measures possible should be implemented to avoid traffic passing through Wickham Market, not least through encouraging drivers to use the A14 and A12 rather than the B1078 and High Street.

There are aspects of the scheme which are of concern to us and have yet to be resolved. Your input will assist the Working Group to try and achieve the most suitable solutions given the increased traffic volumes we will experience.

WMPC will use your views to form our representations to Suffolk County Council and EDF, who will need to fund these changes through a legal Deed of Obligation. We will also update the Planning Inspectorate through the submission of further evidence before the Examination ends on 14th October. Both written and verbal submissions have been made at each stage of the Examination since this started in March 2021.

It is important that WMPC receives as much feedback as possible on these proposals, this is your village and your views are important as whichever scheme is put in place will be with us for many years to come.

The consultation period will run from 27th September to 25th October 2021, with an exhibition in the Wickham Market Village Hall 9th and 10th October 2021.



Ivor French
Chairperson, Wickham Market Parish Council

Have your say

- Read about the proposals in this newsletter
- Visit the consultation website: www.wickhammarketconsultation.co.uk
- Come to a consultation exhibition on 9 and 10 October, 10am - 4pm, at:
Wickham Market Village Hall, Wickham Market, Woodbridge, IP13 0HE
- Call FREEPHONE: **0800 197 6102**
- Email: wickhammarketparishclerk@gmail.com
- Post your feedback to: **FREEPOST SZC CONSULTATION**
(no stamp or further address required)

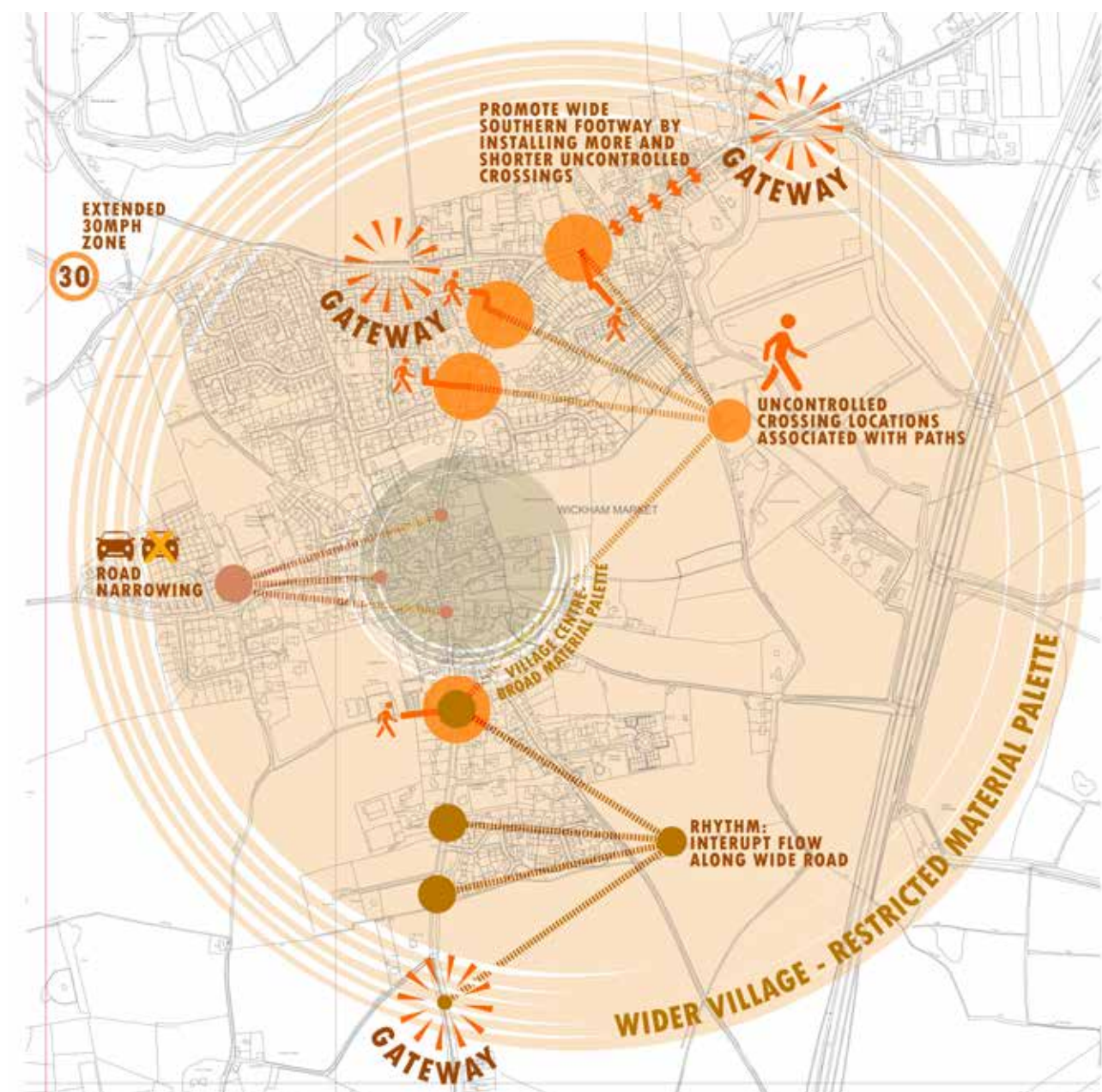
Summary of Proposals

The aim of these proposals is to achieve a balance between road safety priorities, on-street parking demand and acceptable traffic flow.

They have been designed to accommodate most on-street parking, property access, vehicle movement and pedestrian and cycle movements.

The designs, including proposed materials, have been developed to suit the existing character of Wickham Market.

The key elements of the proposals are summarised here. For more information, visit wickhammarketconsultation.co.uk or come to our consultation exhibition on 9 and 10 October at Wickham Market Village Hall.



Village Gateways

New and improved village gateways have been proposed which are designed to signal motorists are entering or leaving Wickham Market and encourage them to slow down, including:

A A new Southern Gateway on High Street (B1438) south of Rogue's Lane



B A more prominent Western Gateway on Border Cot Lane (B1078) in a similar location to the existing gateway feature



C An improved Eastern Gateway on Main Road (B1078) in the same location as the existing gateway feature and including a shared footpath/ cycleway on the north side of the road



Road Narrowing

Road narrowing and one-way shuttle systems are proposed to formalise single file traffic passing in existing 'pinch points' and make more space for pedestrians.

Short sections of narrowed road would give priority to traffic leaving the village, with changes including:

A A road narrowing at High Street north of Vinery Close junction;

C One-way shuttle working on Dallinghoo Road; and

B One-way shuttle outside the Post Office and south of Chapel Lane junction

D One-way shuttle on High Street north of The Hill.

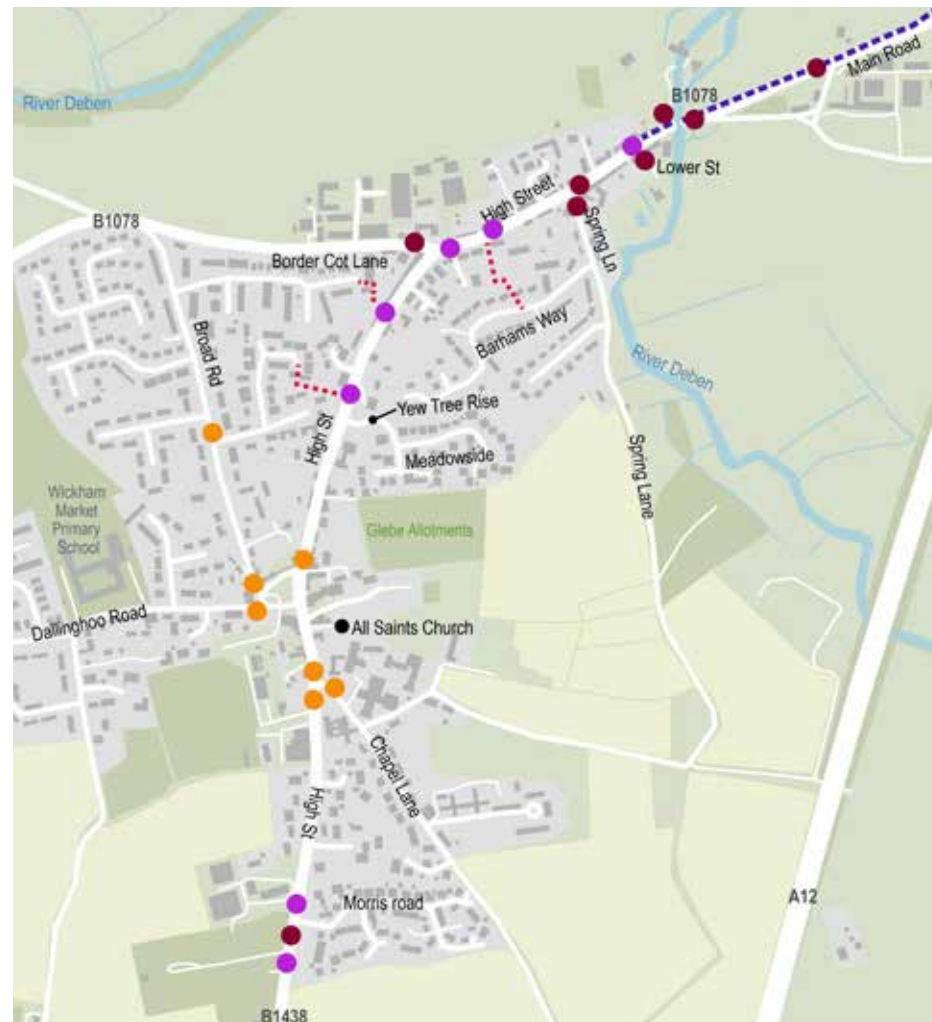


- Road narrowing traffic calming feature
- One-way shuttle working (Single lane traffic)

Pedestrian and Cycle Movement

In addition to the road improvements designed to slow motorists, we have developed several proposals to improve the experience of pedestrians and cyclists, and promote walking and cycling as a means of travel, including:

- footpath widening where possible;
- additional uncontrolled crossing points to provide more opportunities for pedestrians to cross the road safely; and
- a shared footpath/cycleway on the north side of Main Road between Rackham Bridge and the A12 northbound slip road from the Fiveways roundabout (B1078/B1116/A12 slip road).



- Uncontrolled pedestrian crossing: with concrete block paving
- Uncontrolled pedestrian crossing: with build out feature
- Uncontrolled pedestrian crossing
- Shared footpath/ cycleway off carriageway
- ... Pedestrian only route / footway adjacent to proposed uncontrolled crossing

Parking and Bus Stops

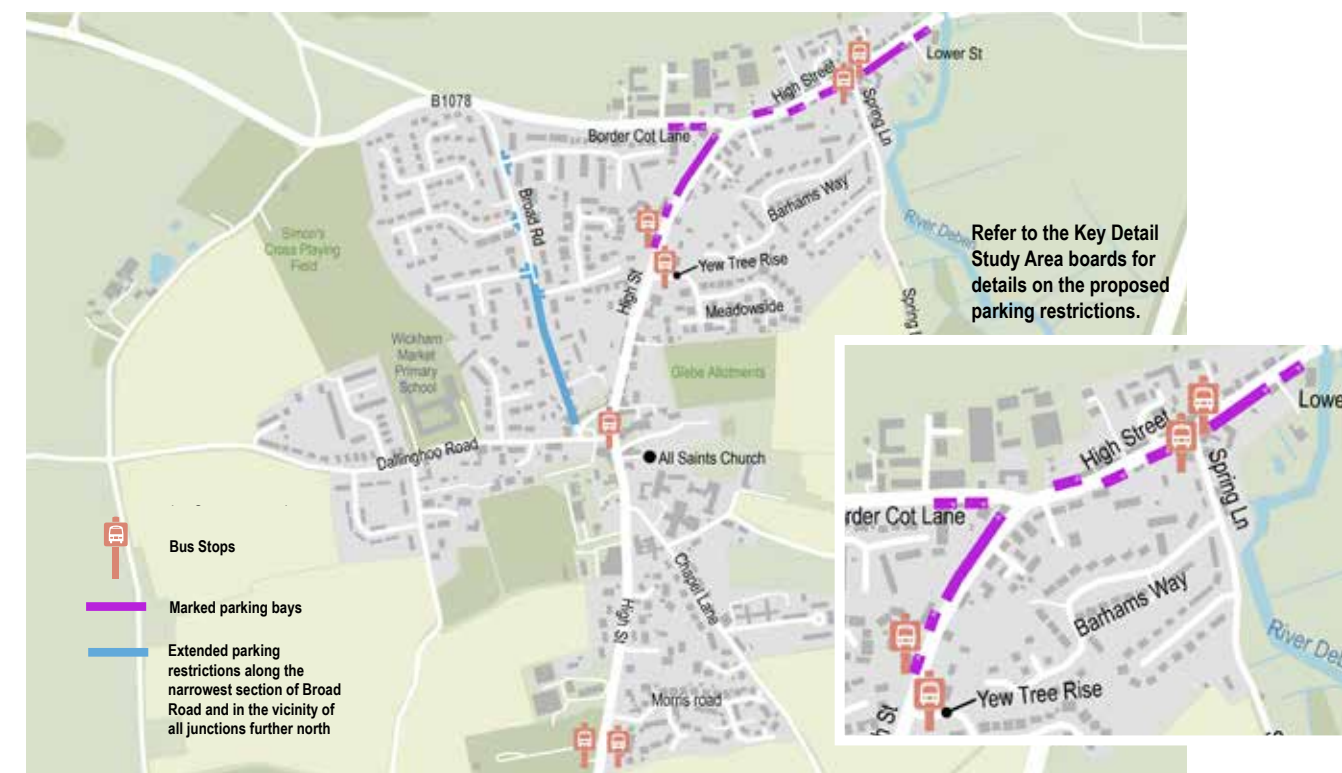
Recognising the importance of on-street parking for access to homes, we have sought to minimise its loss, while improving road safety and traffic movement.

This includes making bus stop locations clearer to see for drivers as well as waiting passengers and, where possible, widening footpaths to make waiting safer and more comfortable.

To ensure road and pedestrian safety, there will be a small reduction in the number of parking spaces in the village as a result of the proposals, which include:

- changes to kerbside parking, including some additional restrictions, along High Street and Border Cot Lane to avoid long single-lane sections (which can lead to congestion when all spaces are occupied);
- a review of parking locations to improve sightlines;
- sections of kerbside parking interspersed with gaps to allow cars to pass;
- formal 'bookends' constructed from kerbs and cobbles to identify the starting point of parking boxes and prevent overrun; and
- traffic calming features including pedestrian crossings to allow people to cross the road more safely.

Allocation of parking spaces for specific users, such as blue badge holders, will be considered at the next stage of design.



Responding to our consultation

Your feedback is important to the next stage of development of these proposals. Please complete the feedback form and post your response to **FREEPOST SZC CONSULTATION** (no stamp or further address required) or submit it at our consultation exhibition on 9 and 10 October 2021 at Wickham Market Village Hall. Alternatively, please email your feedback to wickhammarketparishclerk@gmail.com

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Please provide your postcode

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☐ No
☐ Don't know

2. Do you support our proposals to address 'pinch points' through road narrowing and one-way shuttles?

- ☐ Yes
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3. Do you support our proposals to improve pedestrian and cycle movements?

- ☐ Yes
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4. Do you support our proposals to improve road safety and traffic movement by making changes to on-street parking and bus stops?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't know

5. Do you feel that the proposals will effectively restrict the speed of vehicles travelling through the village?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't know

Please explain your views and provide any additional comments you may have on any of the proposals, for example, in relation to traffic speed and parking restrictions.

Please specify the proposal and location to which your comments refer. If you need more space, please attach additional sheets of paper as necessary.

Do you live in the parish of Wickham Market? (If no, please name the parish where you live.)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

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