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## Wickham Market Parish Council Transport Meeting

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**Meeting:** Wickham Market Parish Council Transport Meeting

Richard Bull SZC (RB), Tom McGarry SZC (TMC), Tracy Hateley SZC (TH), Steve Merry SCC, Jo Peters WMPC Clerk, Cllr David Chenery WMPC, Peter Tinsley WMPC, Cllr John Horsnell WMPC, Colin Owens WMPC, Shane Field WMPC, Cllr Anne

**Attendees:** Westover WMPC, Cllr Sonya Exton WMPC, Arthur Stansfield WMPC, Klaus Fortman Campsea Ashe PC, Stephen Leech Hacheston PC, Adrian Revell Hacheston PC, Jeff Hallet Pettistree PC, Philip Ridley ESC, County Cllr Alexander Nicoll, Carolyn Barnes, ESC

**Apologies:** **Meeting held on:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 16:00 – 18:00

Meeting chaired by Steve Merry, Transport Policy and Development Manager, Suffolk County Council

### Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Summary of forecast transport issues in Wickham Market
  - Summary of public meeting
  - Regional traffic movements (ie A12, B1078)
  - Park and Ride site access
  - B1078 / B1116 Fiveways Roundabout
  - High Street
  - EDF Response
3. Potential mitigation / alignment with Wickham Market Neighbourhood Plan
  - Wickham Market Traffic and Parking comment
  - EDF views
4. Views of neighbouring parishes
  - Hacheston
  - Marlesford
  - Others?
  - EDF response
5. Conclusion and Actions



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1.	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p>Steve Merry welcomed all who had attended, and introductions were given. Steve Merry stated the purpose of the meeting :- This meeting is for local communities to outline the issues arising from the proposed additional Sizewell traffic in Wickham Market and surrounding areas. Most importantly this meeting is being held in order to identify ways of working together to resolve the issues caused by EDF's proposals.</p>		

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	<p>Colin Owens stated the Traffic &amp; Parking WG have been looking into traffic issues within the village and provided details regarding their Terms of Reference and research/evidence carried out to date. He provided details regarding their work and stated a report had been compiled to which he provided information and gave details of the timeline for producing this report to the Parish Council and Suffolk County Council. Steve Merry thanked Colin Owens for his comments.</p>  <p><b>WMkt PC Problem Statement 9.12.19.ti</b></p>		
2.	<p><b>Summary of forecast transport issues in Wickham Market</b>  <b>Summary of public meeting</b>            Arthur Stansfield gave details regarding the public meeting held in Wickham Market and the outcome of this event. He provided information regarding the questions asked and scores given for the P&amp;R site and confirmed the impact on the High St had scored very negative along with the option for Glevering Bridge.</p>  <p><b>WMkt Stg4 public consultation analysi</b></p> <p>Cllr Horsnell asked for an overview as to what EDF viewed as the traffic problems in Wickham Market in terms of transport, safety etc. Steve Merry suggested this matter would be covered later in the meeting.</p> <p><b>Regional traffic movements (i.e. A12, B1078)</b>            Steve Merry confirmed the latest information within the Stage 4 Consultation tables of traffic flows had stated that a total number of vehicles going down the High St would be 1,050 vehicles a day. He provided details regarding traffic models and stated SCC were trying to focus on unblocking the A12 and stated things were moving on and as time goes on more documents would be released. County Cllr Nicoll stated EDF must also try and keep vehicles off the smaller roads around the P&amp;R site and make the A12 more fit for purpose. Steve Merry stated the section on the A12 from Seckford Hall to Dobbies roundabout was highlighted as a problem area and confirmed that SC Highways were willing to speak to EDF regarding traffic mitigation solutions in this area.</p> <p>Colin Owens stated that already 2,500 cars go up the High St daily. The proposed development of Sizewell C would increase the traffic movement 3,500 cars per day.</p> <p>Jeff Hallett, Pettistree asked if EDF Energy were considering the effects on the other villages with regards to the proposals at Glevering Bridge and the rat runs this could cause. Steve Merry confirmed that EDF were conscious of the other villages. Jeff Hallett stated the Sizewell C traffic lorries would be trying to avoid the A12 congestions and therefore they will use the surrounding villages and lanes. Cllr Exton stated she had heard that there were also concerns regarding the A12 at Bredfield and as a result traffic would come via Dallinghoo and Wickham Market.</p> <p>Klaus Fortman, Campsea Ashe asked for clarification regarding traffic using Woods Lane, Melton and cutting through local villages. He asked how far are SCC &amp; EDF going to go to address these issues. Steve Merry stated he wasn't able to provide answers to this question</p>		

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	<p>regarding surrounding villages at this stage. County Cllr Nicoll stated Melton crossroads were already at full capacity. Steve Merry stated that ongoing traffic mitigation is a priority and SC Highways are working to a very flexible programme.</p> <p>Cllr Chenery stated within the Sizewell B model for road networks, every junction had been modelled to which he gave details and suggested expanding the model in respect of proposals for Sizewell C.</p> <p><b>Park &amp; Ride (P&amp;R) site access</b></p> <p>Steve Merry reported he had met with Wickham Market and concerns had been raised regarding the P&amp;R site access and the slip road to which he gave details. He confirmed a further issue was concerning the roundabout and the A12 itself with speed limits including the narrowing further down the A12 to make it safer from two lanes to 1 just after bridge that heads to Tunstall to which there was a brief discussion.</p> <p><b>B1078 / B1116 Fiveways Roundabout</b></p> <p>This matter was covered elsewhere.</p> <p><b>High Street</b></p> <p>Steve Merry stated he had walked the High St with members from Wickham Market. Colin Owens stated the T &amp; P WG had been together for some time now trying to identify what the issues are to which he gave details and stated their Problem Statement included: Further reducing the safety of the roads and footways which are already shown to be unsafe.</p> <p>Note 1 Increasing traffic congestion on roads to the point of disturbing and delaying traffic flows through the village. Further inconveniencing residents and visitors who need to use the roads and footway network for moving/walking around the village and in some areas for on street parking.</p> <p>Note 2 Accelerating damage to residential properties including many historic and listed buildings fronting the roadways due to increased traffic volumes. Accelerating air and noise pollution in parts of the village through increased traffic volumes. Steve Merry stated other main issues would be the air pollution and vibrating throughout the village.</p> <p>Colin Owens stated the problems needed to be agreed in the first instance. County Cllr Nicoll stated to reduce air pollution problems traffic must try and stick to the A12. Colin Owens stated having the P&amp;R site in this location would be a cost to Wickham Market and its surrounding villages.</p> <p>Steve Merry asked how the T &amp; P Working Group would like to see this taken forward. Cllr Horsnell stated he would like to hear what options EDF have and also see what EDF are willing to bring to the village.</p> <p>Richard Bull, EDF stated at stage 2 he had talked to residents regarding the issues and it was apparent some form of mitigation was needed to which he gave details and stated he understood the 2 options put forward in stage 3 were not suitable and confirmed that EDF had taken these concerns into consideration. He reported that EDF would continue to work with SCC to minimise the traffic flow from B1078 to Wickham Market and gave details of traffic volumes recorded. He stated peak times would be between 6:00 &amp; 8:00am and 6:00 &amp; 7:00pm and this is where a solution was required.</p> <p>Steve Merry advised what EDF Energy needed was to find out what scheme would provide legacy and assist with the traffic volumes as they are happy to support this and work on the other areas to reduce traffic. Richard Bull stated EDF were happy to open up a dialogue and</p>		

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	<p>wanted to work with WMPC going forward. Cllr Horsnell asked if EDF had a plan. Steve Merry stated EDF have realised the 2 options put forward in Stage 3 were not feasible and wished to work with the Parish to find better solutions.</p> <p>County Cllr Nicoll stated the Parish Council were now at a stage where they could come up with better solutions and work with EDF for the benefit of the village and surrounding areas. Tom McGarry stated this could be the first meeting of a number of meetings/workshops if the Parish were willing to work with EDF.</p> <p>Tom McGarry reported the wording within the Stage 4 Public Consultation was well written, and the intended meaning was that EDF want to work with the Parish Council to find the best solutions in respect of traffic mitigation and discuss what works would have a lasting legacy to which he gave details. He confirmed the P&amp;R site would have to be removed once construction is over but offered contingency and an ongoing relationship throughout the process.</p> <p>Colin Owens stated in his view the way forward is to have an Integrated Working Group consisting of the Community, EDF and SCC to discuss the mitigation options to be taken forward and for this group to then report back. Colin recommended a Working Group should be set up with Terms of Reference put together ASAP.</p> <p><b>Action: To set up Integrated Working Group.</b></p> <p>Philip Ridley, ESC gave details regarding planning implications and stated that ESC would need to be involved. County Cllr Nicoll reminded EDF regarding the fundamental issue of dealing with the problems on the A12 as he clearly does not see SCC will see these as going away but these issues still needed to be addressed in the future.</p> <p>Cllr Westover gave details regarding the possible option of removing parking on the High St and stated EDF shouldn't rule out this option. She suggested that Roland Plastics may be able to provide parking to which Tom McGarry confirmed the Integrated Group would explore these options. It was agreed that WMPC would go back to EDF with proposals for an Integrated Working Group and minutes should be produced from these meetings.</p> <p><b>Action: WMPC liaise with EDF and EDF agreed to take the lead on the administrative roles for this group.</b></p> <p>Klaus Fortman, Campsea Ashe stated the surrounding villages also needed to also be involved at stages and must be kept informed at all times as these issues would affect them too. Colin Owens suggested at the first meeting the Group could agree how to move forward and engage with the surrounding Parishes. It was agreed the date of the 1st meeting would be an action of this meeting. County Cllr Nicoll stated WMPC must also take into consideration their emerging Neighbourhood Plan when discussing possible mitigation options.</p> <p><b>EDF Response</b></p> <p>Tom McGarry stated that EDF are very keen for this Integrated Working Group to be formed.</p>	EDF/WMPC	
3.	<p><b>Potential mitigation / alignment with Wickham Market Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> <p>Wickham Market Traffic and Parking Comment – Considered under above item.</p> <p>EDF Views - Considered under above item.</p>	EDF/WMPC	
4.	<p><b>Views of neighbouring parishes</b></p> <p><b>Campsea Ashe</b></p> <p>County Cllr Nicoll and Klaus Fortman urged EDF to look more into options as to how Ivy Lodge Rd could be made safer to which they gave details.</p> <p><b>Hacheston</b></p> <p>Stephen Leech and Adrian Revell raised concerns regarding impact on the Fiveways roundabout during the construction stage to which they provided details and stated the impacts would affect daily lives of residents. Steve Merry confirmed this junction is being looked into to which</p>		

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	<p>he gave details and reported that safety would also be taken into consideration. County Cllr Nicoll stated the traffic volume models of traffic data needed to be reflective to reality. Steve Merry stated they had reduced the car share ratio to a more suitable number to which he provided additional information regarding traffic flow modelling and fly parking and stated the highest worst case scenario had been taken into consideration.</p> <p>Steve Merry provided details regarding traffic reports issued from Hinkley and stated these reports were also available online. County Cllr Nicoll suggested that Steve Merry should compare these with roundabouts close to Hinkley Point like the one at Hacheston.</p> <p><b>Action to EDF look at specific modelling on Fiveways roundabout.</b></p> <p>Concerns were raised regarding air quality to which Steve Merry confirmed a Consultancy firm is looking into.</p> <p><b>Marlesford</b> – Not present.</p> <p><b>Pettistree</b></p> <p>Jeff Hallett raised concerns regarding the possible rat run to be caused by white vans and stated Pettistree relies on Wickham Market and needs to be able to access it for well-being. He also reported that Pettistree relies on the A12 so if this is to be clogged up this would also have an impact. Jeff Hallett also raised concerns regarding light pollution and impact on wildlife.</p> <p>Concerns were raised regarding the stretch of road that goes past the Post Office on the High St and it was felt if the proposed housing development at Pettistree goes ahead this would add to traffic volume. Steve Merry advised EDF were planning a link from the P&amp;R site to the centre of the village and stated that low lighting would be used.</p> <p>Cllr Chenery stated in his day job he had received complaints in respect of speeding at Lower Hacheston to which Steve Merry advised there might be a proposal for a 30mph speed limit but this may be too low so 40mph may be proposed. Arthur Stansfield reminded Steve Merry that the turning onto the A12 slip road is already extremely dangerous and in his view this stretch of road should have a 30mph speed limit.</p> <p><b>Others</b> – None.</p> <p>Cllr Chenery asked if agricultural needs were being taken into consideration and stated in his view local farmers should definitely be consulted with.</p> <p>Cllr Exton stated increased traffic brings more littering. Steve Merry stated this matter would be dealt with by the District Council. Philip Ridley questioned if this was correct to which Steve Merry confirmed SC Norse would be responsible for litter collection. Richard Bull stated EDF would work to ensure this matter was taken into consideration.</p>	EDF	
5.	<p><b>Conclusion and Actions</b></p> <p>Cllr Horsnell stated in his view the setting up of an Integrated Working Group is a positive way forward and it is good to hear that EDF are willing to work with the Parish Council to ensure that Wickham Market remains safe and it is also positive that funding would be available along with lasting legacy as a benefit.</p> <p>Colin Owens suggested in the first instance the Working Group could meet with Steve Merry to discuss mitigation options as in his view it would be helpful if a meeting before the main meeting could take place.</p> <p>Other parishes thanked Steve Merry and EDF for arranging this meeting and it was positive to hear that the other parishes were being taken into consideration.</p> <p>Cllr Westover stated communication needs to be key and gave details regarding the Landscape Meeting that took place with the other parishes and confirmed that notes of this meeting would be sent to EDF with a covering letter. She advised she was also pleased that a cycleway to the P&amp;R site from Wickham Market is to be implemented.</p>		

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8.	<p>County Cllr Nicoll stated he felt this had been a good meeting and urged EDF and SCC to continue to look into ways to get better resolution to the A12 pinch points.</p> <p><b>First Integration Meeting date to be arranged asap.</b></p> <p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Cllr Chenery stated the E101 project went well to which Steve Merry provided clarification. Peter Tinsley urged EDF to ensure the power supply to the P&amp;R Site is efficient due to power cuts already happening in the local area to which he gave details.</p> <p>Steve Merry formally closed the meeting at 5:50pm</p>	EDF/WMPC	