

March 2026

As you know, the County Council Elections are scheduled for the 7th May. The most recent communication from the Government confirms that the elections will proceed as planned, and preparations within the Council are already well advanced.

The pre-election Moratorium will come into effect on 27 March, six weeks before polling day. During this period, strict guidance applies to all Councillors, as members of the public do not always distinguish between County Councillors and District Councillors etc, or between different tiers of local government. Therefore, this will be the last detailed SCC report until after the May elections. My SCC locality and highway budgets have been fully spent/allocated as normal and hopefully these pots will be available as soon as possible after the elections.

Next dates for Sea Link Hearings – 24–27th March. – Please respond by 10 March 2026 This is an opportunity to raise your objections to Sea Link’s proposed DCO changes, including works at Benhall Railway Bridge, NGET’s land acquisition at Friston, and proposals relating to Kent. Please make sure you complete the event participation form by **10 March 2026** if you wish to attend or speak. These hearings will again be blended events, taking place at ExCeL London, Ufford Park (Suffolk), Discovery Park (Kent), and online via Microsoft Teams. You can also watch the live stream <https://cvslivestream.co.uk/sea-link/>

### Hearing Schedule

- **Open Floor Hearing 3 (OFH3)**  
Tuesday 24 March 2026 at 10:00am – all day
- **Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 (CAH2)**  
Wednesday 25 March 2026 at 10:00am – morning only
- **Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3)**  
Wednesday 25 March 2026 at 2:00pm – afternoon only  
Thursday 26 March 2026 at 10:00am – all day  
Friday 27 March 2026 at 10:00am – all day (unless otherwise notified)

Reminder - Lion link - National Grid’s [public consultation](#) is open until 10 March, and the county council is encouraging anyone affected by the scheme to submit their views.

<https://www.nationalgrid.com/national-grid-ventures/lionlink/about>

Sizewell C forum - The next community forum is on the 19<sup>th</sup> March – Please submit any question to that forum in the normal way.

### **Sizewell update. Please do register for updates and keep an eye on the works tracker.**

- Closure of Station Road Level Crossing last week didn’t go particularly well because of the poor signing. This work was associated with SZC the TM company was working for network rail, SZ emails out to update TCs (Leiston)
- Forthcoming roadworks - Overnight road closures on the B1122 at Yoxford and then moving east towards Middleton for most of March and April and works in Leiston on the MDS (B1122) in April including full weekend closures. \*Friday Street is closed each weekend in March. Both Friday Street and Yoxford are looking to complete by July 2026 but the road elements should be open much earlier

- North and south park and rides are open to limited numbers of SZC workers (@80 parking spaces at each) with bus services to the main site. This and the buses from Ipswich and Lowestoft seem to be operating without any concerns. SZC want to increase this and uplift the number of HDVs permitted on the B1122 from 600 day to 658. It is hoped that use of the P&Rs will decrease SZC traffic on the A1094 and B1069.
- TRG agreed to undertake a study in Knodishall to see what traffic calming and potentially a crossing can be delivered.
- Planning -proposed changes to ACA for steel bending / tunnel segment site seems to be paused. College on the Coast is coming forward. SCC are asking that good quality walking and cycling facilities are included.
- As you will have seen in the press the first rail delivery was made via the ACA. Still a lot of work to be done on the level crossings on the branch line and GRR. It looks like the main works on the level crossings will be finished in July with commissioning in October.
- Discussion about speed limits on the A12. There have been the expected complaints about the disruption by SZC and others (eg gas works north of Woodbridge).

**Please see the end of this report for all information as at 02/03/2026. I do try and share this information out to local social media pages \* It is hoped that the latest full energy report will be released soon.**

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Very best wishes and continued thanks.

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## **Other news.**

### **97.8% of pupils receive a place at one of their preferred Secondary Schools on National Offer Day**

This year parents and carers of 97.8% of children were offered a place on National Offer Day at one of their three preferred schools and 92.9% were offered a place at their first preference school.

Suffolk County Council received 7,742 applications from parents and carers indicating which secondary school they would prefer their child to transfer to in September 2026.

Families who applied online can log in to the online service from today to see the school their child has been offered. They will also receive an email to confirm this offer unless they have indicated that they do not wish to. Letters will be sent to parents who made a paper application by second class post today (2 March 2026).

It is great to see that once again the majority of families have been offered a place at one of their preferred secondary schools. We do understand that not all families will have received a place at their preferred school. If a parent or carer's preference for a Suffolk school has been refused, their child's name will automatically be added to the waiting list for that school. Parents and carers will also be advised how to lodge an appeal should they wish to do so.

Published criteria were used to decide which children had priority for school places to ensure that the process was fair and clear.

Once school places have been confirmed, parents and carers need to consider how their child will get to and from school. If their child is eligible for Suffolk County Council funded school travel, they will receive an email by Thursday 2 April 2026 with details of how to opt-in and when.

Further information on secondary school admissions can be found at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions).

### **Closure of Access Community Trust Services**

#### **A statement from Suffolk County Council following the closure of Access Community Trust services**

Suffolk County Council has been working closely in partnership with East Suffolk Council, health colleagues, and other partners following the announcement this week that Access Community Trust closed its services on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Access Community Trust provided a wide range of services on behalf of multiple organisations across Lowestoft and the wider area, the majority of which were housing-related. Suffolk County Council's Adult Social Care team commissions a day service provision that supported a small number of people, as well as a housing-related support service for another small number of people to help them maintain their independence.

Since the news emerged on Wednesday, teams across Adult Social Care and Children's Services have been working directly on site with people and families to help them understand what has happened, provide reassurance, and ensure that appropriate support continues while alternative service provision is explored. This is a complex situation, and conversations with the Trust and its insolvency advisors are ongoing. We are committed to keeping residents and families fully informed as we make progress.

We know that this is an extremely difficult time for the staff of Access Community Trust, many of whom are now facing job losses and financial uncertainty. We would like to thank those staff who have continued to come to work and support people during this period for their professionalism and commitment.

Suffolk County Council remains committed to working closely with all partners involved to ensure that people who need care and support continue to receive it during this challenging time.

### **'Lollipops Aren't Just For Children' campaign hits the road**

#### **A new Suffolk campaign aiming to raise motorist awareness around crossing patrols gets underway.**

A new road safety campaign urging drivers across Suffolk to stop when instructed and help keep everybody safe on busy roads is being launched.

The 'Lollipops Aren't Just For Children' campaign begins on Monday March 2 and reminds motorists of their legal obligation to comply with the stop signs displayed by more than 55 school crossing patrols across the county.

One of the bus adverts to promoted awareness of crossing patrols. (Image: SCC)



It has been launched after incidents involving crossing patrol officers being abused, and following the trial of a small number of body-worn cameras which has resulted in successful prosecutions their use will now be rolled out across the county.

Incidents include:

- An officer in Cliff Lane, Ipswich, was verbally abused by a teenage cyclist on two consecutive afternoons after she politely asked him to dismount from his bike and walk in front of her so she could keep traffic stopped to allow him to cross
- An officer in St Margarets Road, Lowestoft, was verbally abused by a man who then spat on the footpath towards her
- An officer working outside Felixstowe school on Maidstone Road had stopped traffic to allow children and parents to cross the road safely when a hurled abuse at a couple in a small red car in front and the officer

Under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 motorists must stop when signalled by a school crossing patrol or risk a fine up to £1,000 and incur three penalty points.

In more serious cases a driving ban can also be incurred.

The Highway Code also states that when the patrol steps into the road with the stop sign upright, drivers must stop to let pedestrians cross safely.

Although mostly associated with helping children cross the road safely, school crossing patrol officers have the legal authority to stop traffic for any pedestrian, not just pupils travelling to and from school.

The six-week awareness campaign will run across Suffolk and includes:

- Advertising on the back of buses around Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds and Lowestoft
- Radio advertisements on Heart Suffolk
- Video content featuring crossing patrol officers sharing why they value their role in keeping communities safe
- Targeted social media advertising

**Councillor Chris Chambers, Suffolk County Council Cabinet member for Transport Strategy**, said: “We’ve launched ‘Lollipops Aren’t Just For Children’ to remind drivers to slow down, be patient and show respect at patrol points.

“While most drivers follow the rules, some continue to ignore stop signals and verbally abuse crossing patrol officers, people - including children – using the crossing, and other motorists who are doing what they are supposed to.

“This sort of behaviour is completely unacceptable and by launching this awareness campaign to remind people of their responsibilities, together we can help make Suffolk’s roads safer for everyone.”

The campaign supports Suffolk County Council’s wider road safety and active travel strategy which encourages residents to walk, wheel or cycle for local journeys or as part of a longer one.

School crossing patrol officers play a vital role in enabling safer streets and supporting active travel for residents across Suffolk.

### **Council objects to LionLink slamming lack of coordination and fears for communities**

**Suffolk County Council maintains its objection to LionLink plans, with concerns for the many negative impacts on local communities and environment.**

At its meeting on last week, Cllrs approved a 23,000-word response to National Grid’s statutory consultation on LionLink, which closes on 10 March 2026.

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Amongst its objections to the current plans are:

- disappointment that onshore cable routing could not be shared with Sea Link
- the choice of Walberswick as a landing site and the long cable route to Saxmundham
- construction on a continuous basis including night-time working
- construction traffic use of the unsuitable Benhall Bridge
- private haul route which would cross the Fromus river and impact the setting of Hurts Hall
- multiple negative, highly sensitive consequences in terms of built heritage, archaeology, ecology, tourism, highways access, public rights of way, water courses and vegetation loss

Councillor Richard Rout, Suffolk County Council's Cabinet Member for Devolution, Local Government Reorganisation and NSIPs, said:

"I find National Grid's inability, or stubbornness, to fully coordinate with their own sister Sea Link scheme, frankly infuriating. We have been calling for this for years.

"Their selection of Walberswick as a landing site for the project demonstrates staggeringly bad judgement. It is a wholly inappropriate location and the construction impacts on this very special part of our Suffolk coast will be stark.

"The project, in addition to a long and complex cable corridor, would also put further strain on Saxmundham and Friston and exacerbate many of the transport concerns we have regarding the Sea Link scheme.

"The Secretary of State may still be minded to rush through an approval for LionLink, but through our consultation response, we are highlighting a host of issues. Hopefully National Grid will act on these to reduce the impacts on local residents, businesses and the environment."

National Grid's [public consultation](#) is open until 10 March, and the county council is encouraging anyone affected by the scheme to submit their views.

**Councillor Richard Rout continues:**

“We encourage all local communities to take part in the LionLink consultation. This is the last meaningful chance to help steer the project’s design, routing and purpose ahead of the application being lodged.

“We fully understand that people are feeling consultation fatigue, after being asked to respond again and again to different projects - something that better coordination between Suffolk’s major schemes might have helped to prevent.”

An application for a Development Consent Order is expected to be submitted by National Grid Ventures later in 2026.

**Joint Chief Executives recommended for appointment**

**Suffolk County Council will be asked to approve the appointment of two of its existing executive directors to new joint chief executive roles which will save the council money.**

Mark Ash, the council’s executive director of organisational change and local government reorganisation, and Andrew Cook, executive director of growth highways and infrastructure, would become Suffolk County Council’s first joint chief executives. They will be charged with leading the council through the challenges of delivering local government reorganisation, devolution, maintaining essential public services and financial sustainability in the next two years.

Specifically, Mark would be responsible for local government reorganisation, devolution, transformation and change programmes. Andrew will be responsible for delivering safe, high-quality and reliable services to residents, robust financial controls and ensuring the council meets all its statutory duties and requirements following independent inspections. The joint chief executives would each lead on their own areas of responsibility but work together to ensure focus is maintained across the council’s duties and priorities.

The decision, which will be taken formally by all county councillors when they meet on 19 March, follows a recommendation from the council’s Staff Appointments Committee which met earlier today.

The county council’s chief executive of eight years, Nicola Beach, is to leave her post at the end of March 2026, with Mark and Andrew set to take on their new roles from 1 April 2026 following a structured handover.

**Councillor Matthew Hicks, Suffolk County Council’s leader, said:**

“Mark and Andrew are very experienced and well-respected senior officers in local government, and both have a wealth of knowledge that will be invaluable to the county council and wider local government partners in Suffolk.

“I very much welcome their appointment, especially as Suffolk County Council is facing a critical time over the next two years.

“Local government reorganisation, devolution, managing spending and rising demand, and ensuring we deliver on our duties to provide quality services to the people of Suffolk, will require strong and strategic leadership. I am confident that Mark and Andrew will play critical roles.

“I have said it before, and I will say it again; Nicola Beach has been a fantastic and dedicated chief executive throughout the past eight years. Her expertise and love of Suffolk will be missed, but I am confident this new approach will build on that success.”

Tens of thousands of pounds would be saved because Mark and Andrew’s existing posts would not be recruited into. The number of the most senior staff would therefore reduce by one and save up to £92,000 a year. Recruiting internally will therefore save time, money on salaries and recruitment, and make use of existing, well-developed relationships with partner organisations and knowledge of Suffolk.

The council’s constitution requires it to have a designated head of paid service, responsible for leading the council’s employees as they deliver services to residents. Significant uncertainty in the local authority chief executive recruitment market has led to many county councils, including Leicestershire, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, Essex and Hampshire all making internal appointments in recent months, having advertised the roles externally.

### **Trial scheme to remove vehicles blocking road resurfacing work to begin**

#### **Vehicles left in roads where works are scheduled, despite advance warnings they were due to take place, cost time and money.**

Suffolk County Council is to launch a trial scheme to remove vehicles that are blocking highways resurfacing work. The move comes following repeated issues with vehicles across Suffolk that have been left in roads where works are scheduled, despite advance warnings they were due to take place.

This has led to the cancellation of entire resurfacing works or small areas being left where vehicle parking has prevented access for equipment. Offending vehicles will be either moved to a safe place in line of sight from where they were parked, or to a secure compound in Bury St Edmunds.

Any vehicle which is moved to enable works to go ahead will be subject to a £70 Fixed Penalty Charge Notice, reduced to £35 if paid within 14 days. Vehicles taken to the secure compound, due to there not being a suitable location near the works area to move the vehicle to, will also be subject to additional fees to recover their vehicle.

The trial scheme will be introduced in March and will cover the Suffolk Highways resurfacing programme up to May 2026. The first site where it will be used is scheduled to be in Allington Walk, Haverhill, where two days of works are due to start from Wednesday March 18.

**Councillor Paul West, Suffolk County Council Cabinet member for Operational Highways,** said: “Removal of vehicles will be a last resort but unfortunately there are occasions when it is necessary.

“Each time a resurfacing scheme has to be cancelled costs the Council Tax payer money, as well as the frustration of having to reschedule and notify residents again. Suffolk Highways is committed to maintaining the county’s roads and this scheme will help our workforce get on with the job.”

Each abortive visit where works are unable to take place costs in the region of £15,000.

This cost covers items such as wasted material, plant, labour and equipment hire. Abortive works also impacts future programmed work delivery.

Under the removal scheme, the process would see:

- A temporary traffic regulation order (TTRO) advertised six weeks before work starting
- Warning signs erected and letters delivered to nearby residents and businesses clearly detailing whether vehicle removal will be imposed 2 to 3 weeks prior to the works date.
- No parking cones placed in the road and any vehicles parked on the road at the time of visit will have information cards placed on the windscreen two days before works start
- On the day, a District Civil Enforcement Officer will issue PCNs, offending vehicles photographed then relocated safely with the police informed
- Offending vehicles will be either moved to a safe place in line of sight, or if this is not possible to the secure compound in Bury St Edmunds
- Contact numbers and references will be left on site for the owner to call to locate/collect vehicle

Councillor West said consideration would be given for blue-badge holders and vulnerable residents, and vehicles would be moved only to safe nearby locations or the secure compound.

“This is a measure about making sure the council does not have wasted costs through having to abort a scheme. The measure that will only be used when needed and I can assure the public that it will be implemented fairly. This is only being introduced for planned work that is notified in advance. It is not being used when potholes are filled on reactive call outs.”

### **Man pleads guilty to £9k romance scam**

**A man behind a romance fraud in which a Suffolk victim lost over £9,000 has pleaded guilty.**

Adam Mowle, 34, of Larksfield Crescent, Harwich pleaded guilty at Ipswich Magistrates Court of laundering £9,165.00 into his personal bank account from the victim of a romance fraud. The hearing took place today following an investigation launched by Suffolk Trading Standards. Mowle pleaded guilty to one count of acquiring criminal property by fraud.

The court heard of how an online relationship was formed between the victim and a person calling themselves “Jenna Smith”. Over a ten-month period, the victim paid over £9,000 to “Jenna” believing that she needed the money due to illness and financial difficulties. The victim was unaware that the money was in fact being paid to Mowle.

### **The victim, who does not want to be named, said:**

“In January 2019 I ‘matched’ with a female called Jenna Leigh Smith on a dating app and as our relationship developed, I genuinely thought that this was the start of a long-term relationship.

“I felt genuine sorrow for the problems Jenna told me she was having that included her father having cancer and her own serious health issues. Jenna told me that she was struggling financially. I felt confident I could lend her money to assist her in the short term and she would pay me back. It was not until I suspected Jenna was lying to me that I realised I had paid £9,135 into an account that I thought at the time was owned by Jenna.

“The personal impact that the relationship with Jenna and losing nearly ten thousand pounds has had on my life is significant and has destroyed my mental health. I felt the need to gamble to try and get something back, this has led to me losing £93,000 to try and recoup the money I paid into Mowle’s bank account, going into a deep state of depression and having to seek help via medication and counselling.

“The situation was so bleak that I seriously considered taking my own life.

“This crime has cost me any chance of having a relationship due to my lack of trust and has led to spiralling depression that then led to gambling, that has further ruined my life and future.”

**Graham Crisp, Head of Suffolk Trading Standards, commented after the hearing:**

“This has been a particularly complex investigation, and I am proud of the officers who worked diligently in the case to hold Adam Mowle accountable.

“Mowle has repeatedly shown no regard for his victim, using the payments he received on living expenses and the upkeep of his horse.”

**Councillor Steve Wiles, Suffolk County Council’s Cabinet Member for Public Health and Public Protection, added:**

“Romance fraud is a cruel crime which causes serious financial and emotional harm to its victims.”

“I thank the courage and the bravery of the victim in coming forward in this case and supporting with the team at Suffolk Trading Standards with the investigation.”

“I would ask anyone in an online relationship to be suspicious of any requests for money from someone you have not met in person. Speak to friends and family to get advice. Stop and think, is this person who they say they are?”

Sentencing is listed for 18 March 2026.

Anyone who suspects they or someone they know is a victim of romance fraud can report this in confidence to Suffolk Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133.

**Suffolk sustainability initiatives gain national recognition**

**Suffolk County Council has been nominated for a national award for its work on energy and sustainability.**

Just 24 UK local authorities have been shortlisted for the first [APSE Energy Awards](#), in partnership with the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero.

The Awards celebrate excellence and innovation, highlighting the vital role local authorities play in responding to the complex challenges of the energy transition, climate change and long-term sustainability.

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The “Accessing & Managing Finance” category recognises Suffolk County Council’s [Warm Homes Suffolk Loan](#) scheme (administered by Lendology CIC), together with the Suffolk Public Sector Leaders group’s [Home Energy Efficiency Assessment](#) scheme (administered by Reed In Partnership).

The loan scheme offers an interest-free loan to make energy efficient improvements, such as insulation, solar panels or heat pumps.

**Councillor Richard Rout, Suffolk County Council’s Cabinet Member for Devolution, Local Government Reorganisation and NSIPs, said:**

“The Warm Homes Suffolk Loan scheme has proved extremely popular and, nationally, one of the most successful of its kind that has been run.

“Hundreds of Suffolk homes have been upgraded, making them warmer and reducing bills.

“The project started with £3 million, and all available funds were allocated quickly. As people make their repayments, the money goes back into the pot and will become available for someone else. We hope it will be accessible to homeowners for many years to come.”

Through countywide [Sustainable Suffolk initiatives](#) the county is also up for a second award, in the “Working in Collaboration” category – which involves a range of projects a study into supporting taxi drivers to move to electric vehicles, to launching the Suffolk Sustainable Schools Network.

All Suffolk projects nominated in the APSE Energy Awards form part of the delivery of the Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan, which is creating a more sustainable Suffolk for its residents, schools, businesses and families. You can find out more on the [Sustainable Suffolk website](#).

Award winners will be announced at The BIG Energy Summit 2026, to be held on 24/25 February in Birmingham.

### **County Council statement on May 2026 local elections**

**Suffolk County Council responds to the government’s decision to reinstate local elections in Suffolk in May 2026.**

Responding to the [government’s decision to reinstate local elections in Suffolk in May 2026](#), **Councillor Matthew Hicks, Leader of Suffolk County Council**, said:

“The decision on whether or not to postpone local elections rests entirely with Government. We have been clear about that from the start.

“We have not been privy to the legal advice they reference. However, throughout this process, ministers and civil servants have consistently expressed confidence in their position. That makes the current situation all the more surprising.

“Local councils across the country are experiencing whiplash as major government decisions shift repeatedly and without warning. This uncertainty makes it almost impossible to plan effectively, deliver stability for residents, or provide clarity for our staff and partners.

“There is now a significant question mark over the government’s wider agenda for devolution and local government reorganisation. Certainly, as we previously set out in [our letter to](#)

[ministers](#), this makes delivering one new unitary council for Suffolk more difficult, and three nigh on impossible.

“Our priority in Suffolk remains to deliver reliable services, protect residents, and ensure our communities are not disadvantaged by national uncertainty.”

Other info:

**Useful information to sign up to:**

<https://www.gov.uk/get-flood-warnings> Related topics are useful to read.

<https://www.gov.uk/check-flooding>

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/about-us/news-and-media/media-centre/subscribe-to-email-alerts>

<https://suffolkprepared.co.uk/>

sign up for priority service <https://suffolkprepared.co.uk/get-prepared/prepare-yourself/>

Priority Registration Services

All utility companies run a free priority registration scheme to help anyone who is reliant on a utility or may need additional support if the supply of utilities fails during an emergency. You may be eligible to register for the scheme if you:

- Need to be supported in a particular way
- Are disabled, including having a hearing or visual impairment
- Would struggle to maintain your wellbeing if you lost your energy supply for any amount of time
- Are of pensionable age
- Have children under the age of five living with you
- Are chronically ill or have a long-term medical condition

Priority registration does not mean that you will get your utilities back sooner than anyone else if there is an outage, but it will ensure that you get additional support whilst they are off.

To register for these schemes please see the links below:

Electricity

UK Power Networks provides electricity in Suffolk. You can find details about registering as a [Priority User](#) (external website) with them to receive extra support if your household may need power more urgently than others. If you live outside Suffolk or are unsure about your electricity provider, you can check via the [PSR website here](#).

## Drinking Water

Both water companies supplying Suffolk have a priority service to help customers who require extra help. Further information is available on Essex and Suffolk Water's Priority Services or Anglian Water's Priority Service.

## Gas

Cadent Priority Registration Service is available for those who may need additional support in the event of disruption to their gas supply. If you live outside Suffolk or are unsure about your gas provider, you can check via the [PSR website here](#).

As mentioned above, the latest update regarding Sizewell C

<https://www.szcworkstracker.co.uk/latest-info/>

By SZC Community Relations | Published on 27th February 2026



See below for current and up and coming road closures and traffic management in relation to the Sizewell C project:

### **Road Closures**

#### **Darsham**

Willow Marsh Lane, Darsham, is closed until June 2026 to enable the construction of the Northern Park & Ride roundabout and site. Diversion in place via Walpole Road, A144, A12.

#### **Leiston**

Abbey Lane, Leiston, is closed until January 2027 to enable the construction of the new railway line. Diversions are in place via Harrow Lane, Hawthorn Road and Pretty Road.

A night-time closure is in place along Lovers Lane and Valley Road from the 22 October to 6 April 20:00 – 05:00. This to enable the installation of power cables, with daytime two-way traffic lights in place. The diversion is via the B1122 and King George's Avenue.

Pretty Road is fully closed from 23 March 2026. The diversion route is Moat Road and B1122.

#### **Middleton-cum-Fordley**

Littlemoor Road, Middleton, closed from 19 November 2025 and is not expected to be reopened.

#### **Yoxford**

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### **Farnham**

Hill Farm Road will be fully closed from 12 January 2026 for works associated with the two-village bypass. The diversion route is A12, Tinker Brook Lane, Station Road and Langham Road.

Further closures related to the schemes are being progressed through discussions with Suffolk County Council and will be communicated once approved.

### **Wickham Market**

The slip road from the B1078/B1116 roundabout onto the A12 Northbound will be closed at nights (8pm to 5am) from 7 April to 16 April for works associated with the Southern Park and Ride. Diversion route is the A12 Southbound, around the Melton (Woods Lane) roundabout onto A12 Northbound.

### **Traffic Management**

#### **Leiston**

Ongoing traffic signals on Lover's Lane and B1122 Abbey Road.

#### **B1122**

Traffic signals will be in place along the B1122 in March for vegetation maintenance. From 23 March to 2 April there will be traffic signals on the B1122, Yoxford Road, north of Middleton Moor for works associated with the Sizewell Link Road.

#### **The A12**

On the A12, at Friday Street, varying traffic management is in place, including lane closures and traffic signals until Summer 2026 as part of construction of the new roundabout.

Traffic lights will be in place on the A12 at Darsham from 16 February to 17 April for works associated with the Northern Park and Ride roundabout.

Nighttime traffic lights at the A12 in Yoxford between 19 January and 4 Mar for installation of tactile paving and an uncontrolled crossing.

#### **B1078 at Wickham Market**

Traffic lights will be in place on the B1078-B1116 roundabout between 26 January and 20 March for works associated with the construction of the Southern Park and Ride following Cadent signals on B1116.

#### **Speed restrictions**

**A12 between Little Glemham and Benhall:** a 30mph speed limit in place whilst works are carried out to construct the new by-pass.

**A12 Friday Street:** a 30mph speed limit in place whilst works are carried out to construct the new roundabout.

**A12 between Kelsale and Yoxford:** a 30mph speed limit in place whilst works are carried out to construct the Sizewell Link Road and roundabout.

**A12 Darsham:** a 30mph speed limit in place whilst works are carried out to construct the Northern Park & Ride roundabout.

**B1122, Lover's Lane and Sizewell Gap:** a 30mph speed limit in place.

**Buckleswood Road and Westward Ho, Leiston:** 30 mph speed limits are in place whilst works are carried out to construct the Green Rail Route.

**B1125:** 30mph and 50mph speed limits are in place associated with the speed cameras.

**Eastbridge Road:** 30mph speed restrictions are in place whilst works are carried out to construct the Sizewell Link Road.