

Sizewell C and the High Lodge Development

At a meeting with Darsham Parish Council, Westleton PC, Blythborough and Hinton PC and ourselves, it was announced that Sizewell C had bought land at High Lodge, Hinton with the intention of putting 140 lodges to house workers for the Sizewell development. Whilst Sizewell C had consulted with Darsham PC alone, Darsham PC felt it was only fair to involve all of the councils who would be affected by the development. It was decided that each council would table two questions at the Sizewell C Northern transport forum held in August.

As Bramfield and Thorington will be directly affected by the development at High Lodge it was agreed that we would ask questions regarding the junction of the A12 and the A144, the A144 through Bramfield and the junction of the A12 and Hinton Road.

It is intended to house 680 workers at High Lodge with parking for 400 cars. The questions asked by Bramfield and Thorington PC looked at the proposed mitigations by Sizewell C at each of these junctions. Both junctions are notorious for accidents and the proposed increase in vehicles for the workers, ancillary staff needed to operate the site and delivery vehicles into Hinton will increase existing problems. The workers will need to use the facilities offered by Halesworth (supermarkets, take-aways, pharmacies etc) and therefore even more traffic will be using the A144 through Bramfield.

It was pointed out to Sizewell C that their intended alterations to the junction of the A144 and the A12 (designed before the purchase of High Lodge) were insufficient and that the PC was not happy with the current plans.

Bramfield and Thorington PC were offered a private meeting with Sizewell C at the end of August that Councillor Hughes attended. This provided an opportunity to outline our concerns and hopefully those concerns will be addressed by Sizewell C, Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk District Council.