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Having listened to the day's discussion, I am grateful to Mr Humphrey for the opportunity to contribute to this afternoon's discussion. I am speaking today as a Parish Councilor on behalf of Yoxford Parish Council, as well as an interested individual.

I have noted the discussion on Monitoring and Control Measures and in particular the definition of 'early years' at the beginning of the hearing and I take these in to account in my subsequent comments.

I support strongly the views expressed throughout the day by Mr Michael Beford QC on behalf of Suffolk County Council and all Parish and Town Councillors – Josie Bassinett; Paul Collins; Ian Galloway; Klaus Foreman; Tim Beach; Jenny Kirtley, Nigel Brown, Julian Cusack and Mrs Lavender. I also support the views expressed by Det C Supt David Cutler for the Suffolk Constabulary and the individual contributions of Regan Scott, Arthur Stansfield and the Heveningham Hall Estate.

For Yoxford Parish Council I emphasize the importance of the link road (SLR) being completed before construction begins. If this does not happen, it is ESSENTIAL that a proper community crossing is installed across the A12 in Yoxford before the project starts, in order to mitigate the community severance that will be caused by the additional HGVs and other traffic from the south in the 'early years', including buses from the Southern Park and Ride which is planned to be opened before the SLR is completed. All this traffic will pass through Yoxford on the A12 before turning up the B1122 to Sizewell. There will also be additional traffic flow and disruption caused by the building of the Yoxford roundabout, the Northern Park and Ride and the two village bypass. We were disappointed that East Suffolk District Council did not include our application for this crossing in their community impact assessment. The assertion by the applicant that they have assessed the impact of this early years traffic on the A12 and found it 'acceptable' is not credible to those who live on this road and need to cross it. Moreover the mitigation at this point offered by Scottish Power, which was mentioned in the hearing, is superficial and largely cosmetic, and does not provide a crossing of the A 12. **Afternote:** Mr Richard Bull kindly offered to meet Yoxford PCC to discuss this issue. A 'zoom' meeting has been arranged for 1600 on Tuesday 27 July but this is after Deadline 5.

I endorse Jenny Kirkley's point from TASC that the situation on the A1120 in Yoxford, highlighted in yesterday's hearing, will be complicated by additional non Sizewell HGV's from the west who will 'rat run' on the A 1120 to avoid the congestion on the A14/A12 from Ipswich but also an increase in LGV's/white vans and cars both for Sizewell and non Sizewell 'rat running' to avoid the A 12. Ms McMullan's comments about 'strategic modelling' and 'route choice' are no more credible today than yesterday.

On wider issues I support strongly Julian Cusack's points about the governance of the Transport Review Group (TRG) and the importance of transparency in its meetings. Also, as the Police LO for Yoxford PC I support strongly the arguments of the Suffolk Constabulary that they should be full members of the TRG and will require significant extra resources. The police will be crucial in managing this formidable increase of traffic, including the numerous AILs on our complex and relatively frail road infrastructure.