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In the early years phase of the SZC project, in advance of the link road, the A12 through Yoxford will carry all HGV traffic originating from the south (up to 300 HGVs a day, i.e. 600 passes through the village), traffic associated with construction of the Yoxford Roundabout, the Northern Park and Ride and the Link Road itself. In addition, after completion of the southern Park and Ride but before completion of the Link Road, the A12 through Yoxford will also carry about 150 southern Park and Ride bus journeys each way every day. We believe that this level and type of traffic (HGVs and busses) on top of the current A12 traffic does cause community severance that is clearly resulting directly from the Sizewell C construction. We believe that a signalled crossing on the A12 near to the Kings Head pub is a reasonable request for mitigation, it should be a formal commitment by the applicant and it ought to be provided before any construction work begins on the main development site, northern Park and Ride, Yoxford Roundabout and A12 Link Road.

We are concerned that the way measurement and modelling of traffic has been carried out misses impacts on the A1120 and A1120 / A12 junction during the summer holiday season, Easter holiday and summer half term break. Measurement was carried out during May outside all these holiday periods. Whilst some attempt has been made to understand the holiday traffic impacts on the A12 the A1120 impacts do not appear to have been understood. The A1120 is advertised and promoted as a tourist route. It has picturesque villages and other attractions along its route. Cafes, restaurants and pubs along the A1120 carry promotional maps of the road that advertise the various attractions. The route is marked with brown road signs promoting it as a tourist route. The traffic on the A1120 increases significantly during holiday periods. We believe this has not been properly understood and therefore the impact of addition Sizewell C traffic has not been properly understood. Of particular concern is the A1120 and A12 junction.