

The new suggested road route to the converter stations in Saxmundham

Traffic coming from the south via Ipswich will travel to the new SzC roundabout at Friday St. why has this traffic island been built? That's because the A12 is already the worst A road in the country and because of the massive increase in traffic that SzC will produce.

So already our rural countryside is under pressure from a massive infrastructure project.

Then instead of turning right off the A12, through Benhall, over the railway bridge that everyone knew was unsuitable due to weight restrictions, and up past Hurts Hall to the proposed Converter Station Sites.

The extra traffic will now continue north along the A12 towards Saxmundham past the proposed 800 new housing developments who's only access will be via the A12!

Then continue to the junction at Rendham Road, Saxmundham (already an accident black spot) on to the dogs leg crossing near the Poachers then on to the Kelsale junction, through to Yoxford new road to SzC via the new SzC traffic island.

Between Saxmundham and the poachers pocket junction are 2 footpaths which cross the A12. That might seem strange having a footpath crossing an A road but this is rural Suffolk, so that's normal, but no longer. these are already a concern due to increased traffic so a least one new foot bridge will be required over the A12. Plus 4 traffic islands or better still underpasses for all the junctions mentioned earlier otherwise they all will become accident black spots.

Running underneath this section of the infamous A12 runs two waterways, namely the Brook which runs through Saxmundham into the River Fromus which already has poor water quality and the Gull stream which already has terrible water quality. Both will be negatively affected by the extra toxic cocktail of chemicals which will come from the break pads and tyres from this massive increase in traffic further damaging our local river system.

The same will happen a little further along the A12 as the river Fromus itself runs under the A12 north of the Kelsale junction.

From there the traffic up on the new SzC road towards Leiston but instead of going through Leiston they are proposing a new road over the old airfield and onto the level crossing not far from Cakes and Ale caravan park. There they will need to cross a single railway track SzC level crossing so that will be a massive bottleneck or will it will need widening?- then the intention is to join the very busy Leiston to Saxmundham road and which is an extremely narrow and twisty Road. So yet again another traffic island would be required. And good luck with getting two lorries to pass each other travelling in opposite directions as they will need to stop and tentatively move forward as the road is too narrow so another catastrophe.

NG expect around 350 lorries loads a day per converter stations, so that's 700 with the round trip. That is only the Lionlink Converter Station traffic. Add to that Sealink traffic probably the same again, making 1,400 lorry trips plus massive amounts of SzC traffic.

The number of road kill such as deer, badgers etc that are killed on these section of road will be greatly increased- yet again showing why a rural idyll such as Suffolk is unsuitable for this amount of infrastructure projects.

The noise alone should rule it out, especially the empty return lorry's on the A12. The traffic on the Saxmundham to Leiston Road (I drive along it four times each week) is getting steadily more congested especially now the huge SzC buses are using it will be gridlocked, when the lorries are queuing to turn onto it from the tiny level crossing and then again as they try to manoeuvre onto the proposed converter stations sites. 1,400 extra lorry every day for years. Really it simple is far too much and NG must put these converter stations and cables offshore.

Not forgetting the above is the best route- heaven help us.

Any competent engineer would have taken one look at this area and concluded it was probably one of the most unsuitable place in the U.K. to build converter stations.

They should keep it simple and efficient- just mirror Nautilus for LionLink and then Sealink wouldn't even be needed.

And to finish a National security questions? Why would any government put 30% of our countries power into a 5 mile radius when we can see how easily it could be destroyed by such a Russia or the Iranians