

Traffic, Transport and Travel Working Group

Report by Andy Martin and Sam Richardson

Date 31 October 2024 (for PC Meeting 5 November 2024)

20 mph

Monitoring with MVAS continues. Extension of 20 mph zone to edge of the housing on Comberton Road is now part of Barton Greenways scheme so was not approved under the CCC Highways plans in October 2024.

Barton Greenways

Plans were approved at the last Greater Cambridge Partnerships Executive meeting in October 2024.

Cycling along the shared pavement in Comberton (before Lond Road) was raised as a concern by a Barton resident. They are cycling with one of their children to Comberton Village College for the first time and feel that it is dangerous to use the pavement. We consulted with both Comberton PC and Greenways about this stretch of pavement. Plans are in place to purchase a strip of the field running alongside the road (other side of the ditch) as part of the Comberton Greenways scheme. This is likely to take a year for the land purchase and further time required for designs and work scheduling.

<https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/sustainable-transport-programme/active-travel-projects/greater-cambridge-greenways/barton-greenway>

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EWR

EWR is back on the agenda after the recent budget announcements. A non-statutory consultation will now be held between 14 November 2024 and 24 January 2025. The nearest public drop in will be at Comberton Village Hall on 10th January 2024. This means that the statutory consultation will be delayed further. It was planned for this summer (2024).

LHI

Our bid for a 40 mph buffer on Wimpole Road and traffic calming on Haslingfield Road failed at this round of the LHI process. We came eighth in the ranking for South Cambridgeshire and only the top four projects received funding. The option now is to either reapply for a grant in the 2025/26 round or fund the project ourselves through a Privately Funded Highway Initiative (PFHI). We propose to engage with the residents on Wimpole Road and Haslingfield Road for their views on a PFHI. Estimated costs for the whole scheme were about £40k. This could be split over two years and two phases.

Current LHI Cost Commitment

2021/22 Paid £12,867.89

2022/23 Came in well under budget at £885 instead of £5000.

Mailes Close Street sign & School Lane signs

No action taken yet on signs. School Lane needs to wait until Barton Greenways work is finished.

MVAS System (VIASIS 3003)

New MVAS is currently in the Wimpole Road area. Old MVAS is currently on Comberton Road in 20 mph.

V85 is the key number that Highways is interested in. So far, we have V85 data showing:

- Comberton Road (40 mph section) 45 mph (top speed 97 mph)
- Foxcotes, Comberton Road 35 mph (towards Barton, 70 mph top speed)
- 17, Comberton Road 32 mph (towards Comberton, 59 mph top speed)
- Haslingfield Road 40 mph (top speed 72 mph)
- Wimpole Road 44 mph traffic leaving Barton (top speed 90 mph)
- Wimpole Road 48 mph traffic entering Barton (top speed 96 mph)
- New Road 38 mph (40 mph limit)
- New Road 28 mph (30 mph limit) in front of the school
- New Road 34 mph (30 mph limit) corner 50 m from Kings Grove (top speed 68 mph)
- New Road 32 mph (20 mph limit) corner 50 m from Kings Grove (top speed 76 mph)
- High Street 29 mph (top speed 68 mph)

Pollution Monitor

A report has been written on the pollution levels in Barton. Levels are well below thresholds.

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/media/u1fdkgpz/barton-zephyr-report-june-2024-1.pdf>

Buses

Councillor Martin attended a Bus Franchise presentation at Duxford on 10 October 2024. In summary the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority are consulting on a new business model for running bus services in the county. They are in favour of a Franchise model similar to Greater Manchester where groups of bus routes are run by award with bus fares going back to the authority. In that way unprofitable services are automatically subsidised by profitable routes as the bus operator is being paid for running buses on all routes whether or not they are profitable.

Bus franchising consultation:

<https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/>

We received feedback from Whippet on the 18 bus service following recent complaints about cancellations.

“Overall, the vast majority of journeys have been running – since 2 September when the enhanced timetable started, nearly 97% have operated. We have had a small number of issues with vehicles which has led to some of the cancellations, and also a small number of short-notice driver absences.

We continue to work on driver recruitment and training, with an additional two drivers joining us today and another due to start with us next week. We are also busy working on a fleet improvement plan which should see further, and newer buses added to our fleet.”

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Web: www.cambridgeshirebus.info

Mobile App: MyBusTrip

Minor Road Faults

Please continue to report faults including flooding, blocked drains, potholes, road markings, signage, vegetation to:

<https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>

Speed Camera

No update.

Speedwatch

We still need volunteers for Speedwatch. Speedwatch conducted on Wimpole Road 12 September and on Haslingfield Road 16 October 2024. As an observation, the number of vehicles counted in one hour on Wimpole Road has increased by 100 since our previous Speedwatch (300/hr to 400/hr). Speeding is still an issue on both roads.

Councillors

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MVAS Locations and Licenses

Column number	Postcode	Road	License
L4PCL	CB23 7BA	9 Comberton Road	CCC12513877
L9PCK	CB23 7BG	Barton Rec	CCC12513877
L5PCH	CB23 7AG	Haslingfield Road	CCC12513877
L4PCS	CB23 7AY	New Road	CCC12513877
L13PCS	CB23 7AY	New Road	CCC12513877
L12PCS	CB23 7AY	33 New Road	CCC391670356
L15PCS	CB23 7AY	New Road (school)	CCC180987655
L10PCL	CB23 7BA	17 Comberton Road	CCC180987655
L13PCL	CB23 7BA	Foxcote Fencing	CCC180987655
Dedicated Pole	CB23 7AX	Cambridge Road (Roman Hill)	
Dedicated Pole	CB23 7BA	Comberton Road (new 40 mph zone)	
SC25	CB23 7AW	94 Wimpole Road	CCC12513877

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Technical Specifications for licenses

MVAS VIASIS 3003 Dimensions and weight (reference manual) page 82

4-02536 20SM0240 (replacement 9 December 2020)

5-06565 23SM0388 (new 26 September 2023)

640 x 548 x 185 (mm)

Unit weight 12 kg

Battery weight ~6 kg

Combined weight ~20 kg

Speed Watch Locations

Site No	Road Name/Route	Town/Village	Speed Limit
35SC143	New Road	Barton	30
35SC144	7 Comberton Road	Barton	30
35SC269	13/17 Comberton Road)	Barton	30
35SC269	Foxcote Comberton Road	Barton	30
35SC146	14 Haslingfield Road	Barton	30
35SC283	94 Wimpole Road (outbound)	Barton	30
35SC284	84 Wimpole Road (inbound)	Barton	30
35SC285	Cambridge Road	Barton	40
35SC206	Mailes Close/High Street	Barton	30

Additional sites surveyed by Andy Boylett (area coordinator) on 6th March 2020 approved 12 May 2021.

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