

## **Traffic, Transport and Travel Working Group**

Report by Andy Martin and Sam Richardson

Date 2 January 2025 (for PC Meeting 7 January 2025)

### **20 mph**

Continue to monitor speeds using MVAS. Extension to 20 mph under Greenways (see below).

### **Barton Greenways**

The Traffic Regulation order for the Greenways works has received no objections. This includes the alteration to junctions, speed humps, zebra crossing and 20 mph extension. Work should start in April after final go-ahead by the GCP Executive.

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

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### **C2C**

Greater Cambridge Partnership have applied to the Department for Transport for a Transport and Work Act Order to build the Cambourne to Cambridge bus way and travel hub. Detailed submission documents are available on a share point which can be found through the website link

<https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/sustainable-transport-programme/public-transport-schemes/cambourne-to-cambridge/cambourne-to-cambridge-background>

Cost estimate is now £192 million.

It is still possible to object to the scheme via email with 8<sup>th</sup> January deadline. The scheme is likely to impact Barton during construction of the bus way along St Neots Road, Long Road and through Coton village in the Coton Orchard area. The travel hub might encourage bus travel into Cambridge and so reduce runs through Barton from the A428 but will have little benefit otherwise.

<https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/sustainable-transport-programme/public-transport-schemes/cambourne-to-cambridge/cambourne-to-cambridge-about>

## **EWR**

The non-statutory consultation finishes on 24 January 2025. There is an opportunity to attend a public drop in at Comberton Village Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Councillor Martin attended the meeting organized by Haslingfield PC on 26 November. They invited Bridget Smith and Stephen Kelly from South Cambridgeshire District Council. Councillor Martin sent a summary of the meeting to all Councillors on 27 November 2024 (see below). Separate documents have also been posted on the Councillor only page with minutes from Haslingfield PC and notes from Steven Kelly.

“I attended the meeting organised by Haslingfield PC last night. Bridget Smith (chair) and planning director Stephen Kelly, were there to answer questions on SCDC position and to listen to concerns. Several other Parish Councils were represented including Comberton, The Eversdens, Shelfords, Harlton, Barrington, Highfields Caldecot and Harston.

It is fair to say that most councillors present were opposed to EWR and many are concerned about the disruption should EWR go ahead on the current route. A councillor from Buckinghamshire was online and invited to share experiences with EWR construction in his.

It is clear from the meeting that SCDC are in favour of a rail link as it fits in with their planning strategy. It is also clear growth in Cambridge life sciences is a key Government objective. They want Cambridge to be leading not just in the UK but in Europe. Rapid expansion of hospitals, labs and offices in the South of Cambridge requires a substantial increase in workforce. That workforce could be housed locally in and around Cambridge or travel in from major new settlements well away from Cambridge such as Bedford, St Neots, Tempsford and Cambourne in the West or Sawston, Linton and Haverhill in the South or Northstowe and Waterbeach in the North. SCDC prefers the latter option and hence is supportive of EWR.

They will respond to the non-statutory consultation (NSC) and plan to set up a method of communication to Parish Councils so that they can fashion their response.

In the meantime, Barton PC should form a consensus on how to respond to SCDC and the NSC.”

Steve Kelley took notes and, through Haslingfield PC, asked for any additional comments to be passed on to his team. Councillor Martin responded as requested with Barton specific concerns:

“Hello Stephen,

Your email of 3 December was sent on to us by Haslingfield Parish Council clerk.

Your notes from the meeting cover most of the points that Barton PC would like to raise. However, we would like to add the following:

Banning construction traffic through Barton on the B1046 (New Road, Comberton Road).

Ideally limiting construction traffic through Barton on the A603 (Cambridge Road, Wimpole Road) to daytime and avoiding rush hour. (We do understand that it is hard to stop HGVs using a main trunk road such as A603.)

Ensuring that the 18 bus service continues to run. This service goes from Cambridge to St Neots through Barton on the B1046, Comberton, Toft and on to Cambourne. It is used by people travelling to work and to school (schools in Cambridge such as Hills, and children going to Comberton Village College (CVC)). Many elderly living in Barton also use the bus between villages during the day as well as travelling into Cambridge. Many do not drive and rely on the bus.

EWB (given that it goes ahead as planned on the southern route) would not directly impact Barton when built. So, the main concerns are around construction noise, traffic and disruption close to CVC. Barton Primary school is a feeder school to CVC.

In general, we would like to see an integrated transport system in and around Cambridge. Our focus as a Parish Council is to reduce traffic through Barton and reduce speeding. Our fear is that with massive development along the A428 corridor with no mass transport system in place, we are likely to see congestion within the village similar to pre-COVID days when we had queues from 7:00 to 9:00 (A14 construction probably had some impact). Many cut through Barton to either go into Cambridge or to the M11 and on to the medical campus. We would encourage taking the opportunity to run light rail alongside EWB with frequent stops between the main stations. Have a proper integrated transport system that benefits everyone.”

## **LHI or PFHI**

We will look again for speed control on Haslingfield Road and to reduce speed limit from 50 to 40 mph on Wimpole Road through the hamlet of houses. We have engaged with CCC Highways and are waiting for them to assign an engineer. Two options: continue with LHI bids, or privately fund projects. Engagement with costing is required before we can put forward ideas to residents in both areas. (We will follow up in Q1 2025.)

## **MVAS System (VIASIS 3003)**

New MVAS is currently in the Haslingfield 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)

## **Buses**

Nothing new to report.

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*Web: [www.cambridgeshirebus.info](http://www.cambridgeshirebus.info)*

*Mobile App: MyBusTrip*

## **Minor Road Faults**

CityFibre have been working in the village and will continue work in 2025 to install fibre to all areas including Roman Hill, Haslingfield Road and Lordsbridge hamlet of houses. They have caused damage

to some of the poor condition pavements (Mailes Close for example) and intend to rectify problems. (A site meeting was held with City Fibre on 21 November 2025.) If issues arise from future work, please continue to report these to the PC and also to CCC:

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

## **Speed Camera**

No update.

## **Speedwatch**

No update

## *Councillors*

Andy Martin, Sam Richardson

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 approved 12 May 2021.

Amanda Large (Area Coordinator)

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