



Traffic, Transport and Travel Working Group

Report by Andy Martin and Sam Richardson

Date 24 February 2025 (for PC Meeting 4 March 2025)

20 mph

Continue to monitor speeds using MVAS. Extension to 20 mph under Greenways (see below). Clerk attended CCC Highways 20 mph briefing 20 February 2025.

Barton Greenways

Work will start on the village portion of the Barton Greenways scheme at the beginning of April. Works have been booked in with Streetworks at CCC from 1st. Storage is required for materials and we have suggested that the best place is the recreation ground carpark rather than the green space next to the village pond. Area required is 10m square. High-bar gate access will be required.

Other Program elements:

- Full business case for Barton Greenway will go to the Exc Board in July. If approved, this will allow progress with all remaining construction works without having to obtain further approvals.
- Detailed design of the Greenway will be complete mid March and then the designs will go to National Highways for their approval. They need to approve the design over the M11 bridge and across the slip road for the M11.
- A TRO for New Road junction will be published in March with a view to commence construction after the sign off of the Full Business Case they will then complete the signals on Haggis Farm Roundabout.
- Works on Barton Road to Cambridge city will start at the end of March.

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

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Buses

Still picking up a few complaints about the 18-bus service. Seems to be reliable at the start and end of the day but subject to cancellations during the less busy times.

I sent a message to CPCA about adding a bus stop for the 75 bus on the A603 for the hamlet of houses. It is a year since we had the initial response.

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Web: www.cambridgeshirebus.info

Mobile App: MyBusTrip

C2C

A public inquiry will likely be called by DfT in 2025.

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

CityFibre

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. We asked them to respond to questions about the site of the large cabinet at the recreation ground car park and damage caused by various ground works. Below is the response:

“Sorry it has taken so long to get back to you. I know Jamie has visited all the sites and is familiar with all the issues raised.

In response to the points you raise:

- The distance from the cabinet on High Street to the three nearest properties. Can you please measure this. We assume the distance is from the wall of the houses to the edge of the cabinet. The three closest properties are 45, 74 and 84 High Street. I understand that Jamie has addressed this on site. The 3 properties are all around the 30m mark (Andy has already used some ordinance survey software to measure). The 30m is more of a recommended guideline rather than set in stone.
- Please send your team out to seal the repair across Comberton Road in front of 13 Comberton Road. It is just starting to break up at the edge and will result in potholes

developing. Remember that this road was resurfaced last year. Proper sealing is important to prevent road damage. **Jamie has sent in photos and we agree the reinstatement is beginning to fail at the edges. This will be “defected” and we will return to fix it.**

- Please arrange to have the manhole covers replaced at 13 Comberton Road (additional damaged caused by your contractor who needed access to the manhole), and the manhole cover near the end of the High Street that again was damaged. I think this is near 38 High Street. **As these manhole covers belong to Openreach we are not allowed to replace them as they are not our asset. The damage will be reported to Openreach who will schedule repair.**
- What is the status of repairing the pavements on Mailes Close? We are having to deal with further complaints. **We agree additional reinstatement is needed outside numbers 9 and 11 Mailes from our dig up to property boundary. This will be scheduled in.**

I hope this helps. When we have completed our work we will do a final walk-off to check for any defects or substandard work.

EWR

The non-statutory consultation finished on 24 January 2025. We responded on behalf of the Parish Council make the same comments as set out in our email to Stephen Kelly below:

“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 constriction 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.
- EWR (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 EWR with frequent stops between the main stations. Have a proper integrated transport system that benefits everyone.”

Haslingfield PC is planning a meeting with Pippa Heylings on 13 March 2025. I will attend on behalf of the PC.

Kings Grove

Micro resurfacing of Kings Grove is planned

LHI or PFHI Traffic Calming

We submitted two LHI bids for traffic calming measures on the A603 Wimpole Road and Haslingfield Road as outlined by CCC Highways in our unsuccessful 2024/25 bid. A Teams meeting was held on 21 February 2025 with Michael Martin and his team to discuss splitting the bid into two and merits of funding Haslingfield Road as a PFHI. Michael's team will work on this and plan to get back to me by 14th April. This will allow some time to review proposals and costs by CCC Highways so we can present options at the Annual Village meeting.

We received complaints from a resident on Haslingfield Road about speeding and the lack of attention the PC is paying to that area of Barton compared to other areas. We did point out that Haslingfield Road was part of our LHI bid in 2021 with 40 mph buffer and village gate installed and the extension of the pavement at the end of the road joining the A603. That we also submitted further bids for traffic calming on Haslingfield Road and that we continue to monitor speeds in the area and run Speedwatch in that area.

Minor Road Faults

Potholes have been reported on several roads with some being marked up for repair. Please continue to report these to CCC:

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

MVAS System (VIASIS 3003)

New MVAS is currently in the Haslingfield/Wimpole Road area. Old MVAS is currently on Comberton Road in the 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)

Speed Camera

No update.

Speedwatch

We are still looking for additional volunteers for community Speedwatch. One new resident has taken the cause and completed the indemnity forms and will attend the next session.

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 6th March 2020 approved 12 May 2021.

Amanda Large (Area Coordinator)

Speedwatch (Cambs) <speedwatch@cambs.pnn.police.uk>