

Traffic, Transport and Travel Working Group

Report by Andy Martin and Sam Richardson

Date 1 May 2025 (for PC Meeting 6 May 2025)

20 mph

Continue to monitor speeds using MVAS. Haslingfield Road residents asked if 20 mph was an option for them.

Barton Greenways

Work has started on the village section of the project causing major business disruption and a lot of ill-feeling in the village. Originally road closures were only supposed to be overnight. However, CCC Streetworks in conjunction with contractors decided that by closing New Road a safe pedestrian and cycle path could be created on one side of the road allowing a more efficient work space on the shared pavement side. Barton PC was not consulted on the traffic management scheme and have also not been allowed to sit in on subsequent discussions on other phases of the scheme. Other options have been proposed to GCP for New Road works including suspending that phase of the work until a more appropriate way of working could be found.

Barton PC has been pro-active in trying to engage with the Greenways team and a meeting was held on Thursday 1 May. Discussions included current work on New Road, impact of schedule changes forced by a legal challenge (resulting in project extension by two weeks); next phases of the work around Kings Grove junction (phase 2), School Lane/High Street junction (phase 3); planning application for Greenways between A603 and Grantchester; and residents concerns over the New Road/A603 traffic lights.

Current schedule is for New Road works to be completed by 21st May. We have asked if they can be speeded up by adding more crews and working over weekends. Awaiting feedback. We have also challenged the layout of the diversion route and asked for better signage to say that businesses are open. We asked for the GCP to issue a press release to state that businesses are open. We asked if parking restrictions on High Street could be imposed to reduce congestion. We asked that they

communicate directly with the school over pickup and drop off during works within the village. We asked that they revisit planned High Street closure during phase 3 of the project. We asked that they present future work plans at a public meeting. We asked for more detail on the A603 to Grantchester plans. We asked concerns over traffic lights at New Road/A603 to be addressed and when those works are likely to start.

Other elements of the project are not been managed efficiently but blame should not be passed on to the work-force. Unfortunately they have suffered abuse resulting in addition of CCTV cameras and body-worn cameras. Also the enforced rescheduling of work means that the whole project will take long impact the village for longer than necessary.

Greenways Planning Application

A planning application has been put in for the Barton to Grantchester section of the project. Given our experience with the first phase, as a working group, we recommend objecting to the planning application. We need to know how this works are going to be carried out. Where is the access point for example. Will the route remain open or closed during construction. Which trees and hedging will be removed to gain access to the proposed cyclepath in the field behind Cambridge Road. What security measures will be implemented to protect the back of properties on Cambridge Road. Will there be a fence and hedge alongside the new cyclepath. Will there be additional trees planted at the Cambridge Road end of the new cyclepath to screen housing. How will pedestrians, horses and cyclists navigate the junctions between Bridleway and cyclepath.

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

Buses

Report of RTPI not showing cancelled buses. Seems to be working correctly and maybe a temporary communication hitch caused the problem. But reported to Whippet and they are checking with the contractor responsible for all the RTPIs in Cambridgeshire.

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. No response.

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Web: www.cambridgeshirebus.info

Mobile App: MyBusTrip

C2C

A public inquiry has been called by DfT for September 2025. Over 230 objections to funding the project submitted, so we don't need to participate further. CCC in behalf of the GCP have responded in a large detailed document challenging all the objections.

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

CityFibre

Still waiting for an update from CityFibre on remedial work although they did say that a team was in Barton week of 28th April 2025 to review defects and formulate a plan of action.

EWR

Councillor Martin attended the Haslingfield PC is planning a meeting with Pippa Heylings on 13 March 2025. Minutes of the meeting are posted.

Interpreting Pippa's responses to direct questions results in the conclusion that she is in favour of EWR and that she supports the Southern route.

Statutory consultation is planned for later in the year. We are not currently represented on the Local Representative Group as EWR will not run through Barton Parish. However, we will try to be reinstated as the M11-A603 is ear-marked for construction traffic.

Kings Grove

Micro resurfacing of Kings Grove is complete. Complaints about poor street lighting coming from a resident. All bulbs have been changed by Balfour Beatty and a complaint passed to them. Still waiting for comments.

LHI or PFHI Traffic Calming

Met with Matthew Larter of CCC Highways to review the LHI bids for Haslingfield Road and Wimpole Road. Matthew is supportive of both schemes and his costing and study is attached in two documents. The Haslingfield Road scheme was discussed with residents at a meeting at Birds Farm 30 April 2025. They are happy with the proposals.

As a working group, we suggest that we let the LHI process run and see if we obtain a grant for both schemes (that is if we are allowed to forward two schemes). We propose that we privately fund the Haslingfield Road scheme if we don't receive an LHI grant.

Haslingfield Road £34.4 k (£28 k plus £6.4 k contingency)

Wimpole Road £27 k (£22 k plus £5 k contingency)

We put in £10 k for each bid.

Win both bids: £20 k for Barton PC contribution

PFHI for Haslingfield Road £34.4 k including contingency

Minor Road Faults

Major pothole on A603 has caused several blown tyres and complaint to Barton PC. The pothole was reported but elevating the issue resulted in an emergency fix.

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 High Street 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 conducted a Speedwatch on Wimpole Road with new volunteer Tom Chen. Traffic volumes have increased 33% since last year.

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

?? (CCC): street.lighting@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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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>