

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

Report by Andy Martin, Helen Durrant and Sam Richardson

Date 3 November 2023

Working group did not meet this month. Barton Greenways provided an update via Teams meeting on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September with a follow-up meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> October. EWR LRG meeting attended on 11<sup>th</sup> October.

### **20 mph**

Follow-up with Daniel Nye of CCC Highways as repeaters need to be added on High Street. These have been ordered, but will be New Year before they are installed.

### **Barton Greenways**

Chloe, Deni, Helen and Andy attended the Barton Greenways meeting organized by Lisa Bloomer. This was intended as an update on plans. (See below summary of the meeting.)

1. The current plans are split into early works and those that require more detailed design and land purchase.
2. Early works include the section from the New Road/A603 junction through Barton centre to join the existing shared pavement on Comberton Road (near farm cottages opposite 9 Comberton Road). They do not include the New Road/A603 junction itself (traffic lights). This junction is part of the later scheme.
3. Early works will start after Comberton Greenways scheme is finished (centre of Comberton). This is likely to be end of 2023 start of 2024.
4. New Road will be 30 mph up to current 20 limit. Shared pavement will be widened to 3 m reducing the width of the carriageway. There will be a pedestrian and cyclist crossing next to the entrance to Burwash Manor.
5. Kingsgrove junction will have raised table. There will be radius changes at the junction. There will be signage and street furniture to make it safer for cyclists to rejoin the carriageway. There will be a pavement put in on the Burwash Manor side to the bus stop.
6. From Kings Grove to High Street there will be sinusoidal humps put in to keep traffic speed down. (Similar humps are on Storey's way, where it is possible to drive over these comfortably at 20 mph.)
7. At School Lane, High Street and New Road/Comberton Road junction, the slip road will be removed (triangle) and the triangle changed so that School Lane will join New Road directly and High Street will join Comberton Road. The 70<sup>th</sup> jubilee column will be moved, tree

- canopy adjusted, pavement widened, grass space extended and planting added to enhance the triangle. (Note that there should be more than enough additional parking on High Street where the former road is blocked off to compensate for the loss of parking on the slip road.)
8. Outside the farm cottages and opposite 9 Comberton Road, the plan is to install a build-out, similar to those on entering Grantchester and on Long Road Comberton. Priority given in one direction to traffic leaving the village. Signage will indicate cyclists crossing to rejoin the shared pavement. This will be a protection for cyclists joining the carriage way coming in to Barton with a separate route through the build-out for cyclists crossing the road to join the shared pavement.
  9. We asked about discouraging cyclists from continuing along the pavement by the pond, and also about pedestrians crossing from the Post Office to School Lane. We also asked that they link in works with CCC Highways plans to resurface the road, and also for them to speak to Cambridge Water about the state of the water mains running along New Road. (It has been repaired three times in the last few years and is likely to fail again due to the age of the concrete pipe.)
  10. The Greenways team will hold another meeting with us when plans are finalised for M11 bridge, A603/New Road junction and bridleway across to Grantchester. These works are not likely to start until September 2024 at the earliest.
  11. Other than the sinusoidal humps, there will be no additional marking on New Road from Kings Grove to the pond as cyclists will cycle along the carriageway, round the bend by the pond, and up Comberton Road, to join the shared pavement opposite 9 Comberton Road at the farm cottages.

Following on from this meeting, John Howland Jackson and Andy Martin had a separate meeting with the Greenways team on 5<sup>th</sup> October to ask the team to move the build-out slightly and to add "Keep Clear" on the road at the shared entrance to 9, 9A, Low Barn and 11 Comberton Road. This is to ensure easy access to all the driveways of these houses and to ensure that traffic on Comberton Road does not block these driveways.

When detailed approved plans are signed off by Highways safety team, we should have access to the plans and be able to show residents what is happening. We want to have a public meeting at the Village Hall before work starts and hope to do this before Christmas.

We have emails for two residents asking for additional measures to reduce speed through Barton to 20 mph. We responded to both.

[Barton Greenway \(greatercambridge.org.uk\)](http://greatercambridge.org.uk)

Contact is Lisa Bloomer for all Greenways projects. ([lisa.bloomer@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.bloomer@cambridgeshire.gov.uk))

## **EWR**

LRG meeting attended by Andy Martin on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Main topics covered were communication. EWR wants to have more engagement with 16 to 30 age group. We suggested that they engage with the schools and local colleges as well as use the parish magazines, websites, facebook and have posters in petrol stations and village shops. Apart from the usual complaints by

local action groups the only other topic covered was how trains are to be powered. EWR does not want to electrify the line for various reasons unless new technology such as Hydrogen or Battery power is no longer viable.

## Layby Cambridge Road

Your report will be assessed within 10 working days and you will receive further updates as appropriate. Alternatively, you can check the status of the report online by going to <https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk?id=00447169>.

Your report details:

**Reference:** 00447169

**Date reported:** 03/11/2023

**Fault type:** Kerb damage

**Address:** CAMBRIDGE ROAD (A603),

**Location:** Opposite layby exit at 16 Cambridge Road, Barton.

**Description of fault:** HGVs turning right out of layby churning up grass verge and knocking down bollards. (This is an ongoing problem that requires a redesign of the layby exit.)



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**Reference:** 00447171

**Date reported:** 03/11/2023

**Fault type:** Kerb damage

**Address:** CAMBRIDGE ROAD (A603),

**Location:** Layby at 16 Cambridge Road

**Description of fault:** Exit to layby has deep crater. HGV reported that they had got stuck in the hole. (Suggest that this corner be removed back to lamppost to make it easier for HGVs to turn right out of layby.)



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Your report details:

**Reference:** 00447173

**Date reported:** 03/11/2023

**Fault type:** Flooding

**Address:** LAY-BY OFF CAMBRIDGE ROAD,

**Location:** Layby at 16 Cambridge Road.

**Description of fault:** Drain blocked outside entrance to 16 Cambridge Road. Road surface badly damaged by HGVs turning right and breaking up surface. (Suggest drain be moved to side of layby and tied in to existing drain that runs parallel to property.) Layby needs resurfacing.



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Your report details:

**Reference:** 00447176

**Date reported:** 03/11/2023

**Fault type:** Pothole

**Address:** LAY-BY OFF CAMBRIDGE ROAD,

**Location:** Layby 16 Cambridge Road Barton

**Description of fault:** About 2m x 1m. Large area of layby surface broken up by HGVs. (Suggest better drainage at this spot and resurfacing.)



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Your report details:

**Reference:** 00447177

**Date reported:** 03/11/2023

**Fault type:** Footway pothole/trip hazard

**Address:** CAMBRIDGE ROAD (A603),

**Location:** 16 Cambridge Road to Wallis Garage

**Description of fault:** Pavement from layby to Garage needs resurfacing. Damage caused by water running from blocked drain in layby. (There is a drainage pipe running alongside the pavement that takes water from the drains on the layby. This need clearing.)



## **LHI**

The next round of LHI applications is not open yet. We suggest trying for 40 mph buffer from Lordsbridge to Barton with village gates at speed limit change points, extend the footpath to Trumpington Estates permissive routes, add speed cushions or chicanes on Haslingfield Road. We would need to apply first in order to have a costing for these measures. We can then put forward the plans and costs to residents to see if these are measures they are happy with.

### **Current LHI Cost Commitment**

2021/22 £16,411.59 (Bill for 2021/22 work is £12,867.89 which would leave £3543.70)

2022/23 £5000.00

## **Mailes Close street sign & School Lane signs**

Complaints by Allens Close/Mailes Close residents about HGVs trying to get to Burwash Manor were received a while ago. Some action has been taken to ensure that Google “pins” are in the right place for Burwash. We have also looked at changing the street sign.



The cost for this sign is a little over £200. However, we do not have permission from CCC Highways to buy one and instal it ourselves. We have to go through the PFHI route and obtain a quote from CCC Highways.

In addition, we received a request from a resident on School Lane for a sign to state that there is no through road to Burwash Manor. There are no signs at School Lane to show that it is a dead end. This could be rectified but maybe best to wait until work on Barton Greenways is carried out as they will need to put up new street signs.

Pending.

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

Second MVAS has been purchased and is currently on Haslingfield Road.

Old MVAS is currently on High Street at the recreation ground.

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 34 mph (towards Barton, 69 mph top speed)
- 17, Comberton Road 32 mph (towards Comberton, 59 mph top speed)
- Haslingfield Road 40 mph (top speed 72 mph)

- Wimpole Road 39 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**

The temporary pollution monitor has been taken down. A socket has been placed on the lamppost where it was installed. Councillor Martin was told that this is for a permanent monitor. We do not have data from the temporary monitor.

## **Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI)/No 18 Bus**

We continue to receive complaints about cancelled buses. The latest being affecting students from CVC travelling back to Barton. We reported this to Whippet and CPCA and received a standard response that there is a shortage of drivers and Whippet are a good company doing their best. We also discovered that Whippet will not compensate or refund taxi fares for cancelled buses. However, there is some good news. Barton has been put on the list for two RTPIs (to go on the bus stops in the village centre).

*Email: [zaneta.adamczyk@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk](mailto:zaneta.adamczyk@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk)*

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

*Mobile App: MyBusTrip*

## **Minor Road Faults**

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

## **Speed Camera**

No update.

## **Speedwatch**

We still need volunteers for Speedwatch as we have only performed a few this year.

*Councillors*

Andy Martin, Helen Durrant, 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

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

Helen Taylor (SDC): Taylor Helen <Helen.Taylor@scambs.gov.uk>

### 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)

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