

Traffic, Transport and Travel Working Group

Annual Parish Meeting by Andy Martin, Helen Durrant and Sam Richardson

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General

Focus for the Parish Council and working group continues to be on local transport strategies, traffic through the village, Barton Greenways, and EWR impact. In addition, this year has seen an increase in consultations from Combined Authority, Greenways and Greater Cambridge Partnership that also impact our community and our surrounding parishes.

There have been many road, drainage and signage issues this year. These are reported on CC Highways interactive “Minor Repairs” map. Potholes have been a big problem as have several blocked drains. The 30 mph sign was down for a long time on Wimpole Road and the bollards at the new pavement on Haslingfield Road also had to be replaced. Road markings at Lordsbridge Hamlet were changed back to what they should have been following resurfacing work.

The state of the pavement on Wimpole Road as been reported and awaiting repair.

Please continue to use CCC Highways reporting system or inform the PC. [Report a highways fault - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

20 mph

We were successful in our LHI bid to implement a 20 mph zone in Barton. This has been combined with Barton Greenways project to ensure cohesion between CCC Highways and Greenways.

Barton Greenways

Plans for Barton Greenways were presented at a drop-in meeting in November 2022. Feedback from the meeting and subsequent consultation has been presented to the GCP in February. The summary and “Your Said, We Did” can be found on the Greenways website [Barton Greenway \(greatercambridge.org.uk\)](http://greatercambridge.org.uk).

EWR

The working group is a member of the Local Liaison Group and we have attended all the meetings so far. EWR have held local drop-in meetings and we visited the one in Cambridge and the one at Haslingfield in September 2022. The Government announce continued support for EWR in the Autumn budget and recently announced commitment to build Cambridge South station. (There are

two local EWR drop-in meetings later this month in Eversden 22nd and Hartson 26th following EWR recent announcement of route updates.)

Speed Monitoring

We ran only six Speedwatch sessions last year as we are short of volunteers. Thanks go to Patrick De Backer and Sarah Pitchford for helping on all.

We continue to monitor traffic speed with our MVAS system. We left it on Wimpole Road while the 30 mph sign was down and only recently moved it to Comberton Road. We have applied for an LHI grant to purchase a second MVAS unit.

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 38 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)
- High Street 29 mph (top speed 68 mph)

Buses

18 bus service is now run by Whippet. There have been some scheduling issues and cancelled services. This has improved with more frequent buses and less cancellations but still needs improvement. We did ask for Real Time Passenger Information to be made available at least in the village centre but were told there was no funding available but we could purchase our own for about £4500. Since we have lobbied the Combined Authority (Nic Johnson our Mayor) as they are keen to triple the number of buses and link the “congestion charge” to subsidise the buses.