

**Notes of the Highways and Sustainable Transport Advisory Group Meeting – 1 June 2026,
7.00 pm**

Attendance: Gerald Sansom (GS), David Gregory (DG), Mark Williams (MW), Caroline Underwood (CU), Simon Leggate (SL) and Emily Lankfer (EL).

Apologies: None.

Group Administration

- **Terms of Reference:** Approved updated operational plan targets; added walking routes alongside cycling routes in scope.
- **Membership:** All current members confirmed continuation; CU nominated GS as Chair and all members approved

1) Actions from March meeting

Issue	Action and any update
HDC CIL bids update CU/SL	No action CU to check if CIL Bids will be offered by HDC ACTION CU to ask HDC about CIL bids
The fact that bus stops when returning from St Neots are not well placed for access to all parts of the village.	Nothing to report ACTION DG to follow up re bus stop
It was noted that reporting overgrowth on the Mill Road footpath and the Buckden Brampton footpath might assist in getting the paths cleared	ACTION CU to report overgrowth Mill Road
MVAS Units	New units record traffic data in both directions; training completed with Elan City
Subway/Walkway North update	Subway walkways south mirror reinstalled with four bolts after vandalism; now functioning correctly

2) Meetings with CCC re Highways issues

A meeting has been scheduled for 12 June, with confirmation still required on whether the Cambridgeshire County Council lead will attend. SL offered to carry out a pre-meeting village survey to document issues in advance of the site walk.

Issues to raise: Mill Road speed reduction, Perry Road speed reduction, and Hardwick Lane road surface and overgrowth issues.

Several outstanding issues are being supported by County Councillor Liam Beckett (LB). GS will email him regarding these matters.

ACTION GS to contact CCC about attendance at 12th June meeting

ACTION GS to email LB about MVAS unit relocation, Mill Road cutback, Hardwick Lane and Perry Road issues; copy group members

ACTION SL carry out pre-meeting survey

3) MVAS units Data

Lucks Lane Awaiting data reports from contractor on new MVAS units; EF unable to commit to analysis currently. GS to ask Clerk to contact Elan City to clarify MVAS data format and reporting capabilities. SL also offered to look at data.

ACTION GS to send data to SL for review

GS to ask Clerk about reports from Elan City

SL to look at data and create data summary if possible

Mill Road MVAS Unit Orientation: Unit at village exit shows speeds to departing traffic rather than incoming; cannot be swivelled due to mounting design; relocation would require County Council permission and additional cost. GS to contact Liam Beckett CCC about the possibility of re-siting it and cost might be covered by next round of LHI Bids.

ACTION GS to include re-siting MVAS unit in communication to LB and meeting on 12th

4) Mill Road update

Mill Road path improvement plan has been submitted by Gerald and shared with County Councillor. No further news on this.

ACTION GS to include request for update on Mill Road in communication to LB and meeting on 12th

5) Hardwick Lane

Liam Beckett County Councillor had emailed SL and GS about contacting landowners about reseeding verge and put boulders in place to protect verge edges.

ACTION GS to add request for update on Hardwick Lane in email to LB and meeting on 12th

6) Perry Road

Need to check progress on complaint received about speeding and subsequent meeting.

ACTION GS to add request for update on Perry Road traffic calming to email to LB and meeting on 12th

7) Subway/Walkway North update

Lighting issues on Roundabout and southern subway

Report graffiti in northern subway to highways

ACTION GS contact AT re lighting on roundabout and south bound underpass

ACTION CU to report graffiti in northern underpass to National Highways

8) CCH Bids for 20mph update

Application submitted. CCC asked for a map. This has been provided and receipt acknowledged

9) LHI and PFI updates

All approved projects completed (Lucks Lane MVAS unit, Manor Gardens dropped curbs); awaiting invoicing from County Council. CU to check with Clerk on next Local Highway Initiative application window. All to think about other possible items for bids in future.

ACTION CU ask Clerk about LHI PFI bid dates

10) Brampton Cross now named North Huntingdon Cumulative Impact Group.

Peter Clark attended last meeting has not reported any actions. Mark Williams offered to attend if required in the future.

11) Speed Watch the future

The group noted that the Speed Watch scheme had delivered limited practical benefit beyond raising awareness. One enquiry was received about the coordinator role, but no further response followed. It was agreed to suspend the programme unless a volunteer coordinator comes forward; the equipment continues to incur a monthly charge, and ownership remains unclear.

12) National Highways updates

Alan Trill omitted Martin Hassell, District Councillor, from the distribution of the meeting minutes, following which Martin raised the matter formally with senior management. Alan has requested that future meetings revert to parish council governance rather than being organised by National Highways, although he will continue to attend if required. The group noted that this change may affect communication on works, notifications and ongoing coordination.

The group recorded its concern that this intervention by the District Councillor may have a negative impact on the working relationship with local National Highways representatives.

David Gregory raised issue of poor kerb on footpath. He will send picture to GS who will raise it with National Highways.

ACTION DG and GS to follow up on footpath issue from Bloor estate on to A1

13) A1 incidents/issues

A number of issues including lack of notice re road closures.

14) Complaints Clerk has received

None reported

15) AOB

A1 Petition Initiative

The full Parish Council will vote next week on whether to launch a petition for A1 upgrades between the Buckden and Southoe sections. The target is 100,000 signatures across North Huntingdon parishes. MP Ben Obese-Jecty is supporting the proposal, with a focus on junction infrastructure originally designed to accommodate future A1 improvements.

Lucks Lane Closure Impact: June 1-26 closure will force traffic via Stirtloe Lane; significant overgrowth on both sides creates safety concerns with limited passing places. CU will contact landowner regarding Stirtloe Lane hedge overgrowth on right-hand side.

ACTION CU to discuss cut back of overgrowth with landowner

Infrastructure Concerns Raised

- **Stirtloe Lane Safety:** Narrow road with only two passing places, severe hedge overgrowth on left side creates hazardous conditions when vehicles turn off A1 southbound
 - **Footpath Condition:** Path from building centre to Buckton Towers entrance requires attention; very bumpy surface.
 - **Double Yellow Lines:** Request for parking restrictions at blind corners on Lucks Lane near Church Street/Silver Street junction; potential Local Highway Initiative for future funding round
- **Next meeting:** Monday, 7 September, 7.00pm at 55 High Street.

NOTE possible LHI/PFHI bids

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1.1 Action Log

- **CU:** Ask HDC whether CIL bids will be offered.
- **DG:** Follow up on bus stop access concerns for services returning from St Neots.
- **CU:** Report overgrowth on the Mill Road footpath.
- **GS:** Contact Cambridgeshire County Council to confirm attendance at the 12 June meeting.
- **GS:** Email Liam Beckett about MVAS unit relocation, Mill Road cutback, Hardwick Lane, and Perry Road issues, and copy group members.
- **SL:** Carry out the pre-meeting village survey.
- **GS:** Send MVAS data to SL for review.
- **GS:** Ask the Clerk about reports from Elan City.
- **SL:** Review the MVAS data and prepare a summary if possible.
- **GS:** Include MVAS re-siting in communication with Liam Beckett and at the 12 June meeting.
- **GS:** Request updates on Mill Road, Hardwick Lane, and Perry Road traffic calming in communication with Liam Beckett and at the 12 June meeting.
- **GS:** Contact Alan Trill regarding lighting on the roundabout and southbound underpass.
- **CU:** Report graffiti in the northern underpass to National Highways.
- **CU:** Ask the Clerk about LHI/PFI bid dates.
- **DG and GS:** Follow up on the footpath issue from the Bloor estate to the A1.
- **CU:** Discuss the Stirtloe Lane overgrowth cutback with the landowner.