

CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

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TRAFFIC MATTERS & ROAD SAFETY

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AGENDA ITEM No. 16.1

John Vickery

From: Durrant Edward <Edward.Durrant@scambs.gov.uk>
Sent: 09 March 2015 16:15
To:
Cc: John Vickery
Subject: RE: Pedestrian Safety Concerns

Dear Emily

Further to your e-mail to John Vickery of 2nd March. Sorry for the delay in getting back to you.

I have asked the County Council, who is the Local Highway Authority, to look into your concerns. The comments below are based on their response.

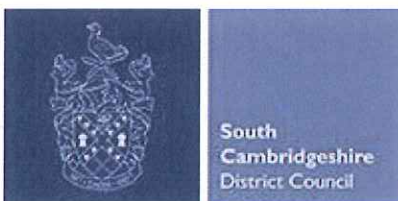
The restriction in visibility that you refer to is over private land and this would never have been taken into account when the road layout was approved and subsequently adopted by the County Council. It is recognised that the visibility has reduced as a result of the Back Lane development but this is not considered unacceptable. Given that motor vehicles approaching the roundabout from the east (i.e. Sackville Way) would (or at least should) be decelerating to manoeuvre around the roundabout, the entry speeds should be quite low, unless they are going straight on when they may travel slightly faster.

Moreover, motor vehicles approaching the roundabout before the new building was in place had a clear view to the exit they were intending to use, which would have a tendency to result in higher entry speeds and concentrating on such a manoeuvre seems to often result in drivers not seeing pedestrians crossing the road. From experience of other roundabouts reducing visibility actually increases safety as the entry speeds are lowered and driver perception is changed.

I recognise that you may still have some concerns and it may be that if there is a perception that a highway danger exists then we need some further discussions with the Parish Council and County Council about signage.

Regards

Edward Durrant | Principal Planning Officer



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From: John Vickery [<mailto:clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk>]
Sent: 02 March 2015 16:57
To: Durrant Edward
Subject: FW: Pedestrian Safety Concerns

Ed
Please see attached re visibility at the Morrisons roundabout.

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From: Emily Turner [mailto:clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk]
Sent: 02 March 2015 16:20
To: clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk
Subject: Pedestrian Safety Concerns

Hi,

As per our conversation today, I am writing to high-light my concerns about a pedestrian safety issue arising from the new shop development by Morrisons roundabout.

My daughter attends Cambourne Village College and she has brought to my attention an issue on her way home from school.
My daughter crosses the road on Back Lane from the Morrisons roundabout (the new development side) to the middle island away from Morrisons, to then reach the other side of Back Lane (the right of New Hall Lane entrance). Due to the new stone/rock wall that is being built surrounding the new shops by Morrisons entrance, the crossing points visibility is now completely restricted for any pedestrian looking right to check for traffic due to the size, position and curve of the wall.

I am extremely concerned for the safety implications of anyone using this dedicated crossing point, especially for the many school children coming home this way; it is impossible to see any traffic approaching this roundabout when looking right and an accident is now inevitable.

I would very much appreciate if someone could investigate this further as this crossing is now ineffective and no longer safe for anyone to use, considering it is a main walking route to and from the shop, I assume it will be actioned as urgent? I would be interested to know if this issue was looked into on the planning application, prior to the building work commencing?

Please can I ask to be informed of any updates relating to this issue I have high-lighted, either on my email or by telephone: 01954 710641.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Emily Turner

AGENDA ITEM No. 16. 2

John Vickery

From: James Hutchinson
Sent: 04 March 2015 11:59
To: 'clerk@cambourneparishcouncil.gov.uk'
Subject: Traffic and Parking Management on Back Lane and Lancaster Gate, Camborne

Hello there,

I was passed on your contact details by Cambridgeshire County Council, as apparently the roads in question are not adopted by them yet, which I find very hard to believe after more than a few years. I quote from the council's response earlier today;

'According to our records, and to the best of our knowledge, Back Lane is not part of the adopted Public Highway. Any improvements such as this would have to be driven by the local Parish Council.'

The issue is that at the busiest times of day, people are parking their cars on the highway, blocking the flow of traffic from leaving the village.

Additionally, on a Sunday, there are long lines of cars, placed all the way down the side of the football field, near the Sport Centre. This can be dangerous as you can't see past the end of the line of cars for oncoming traffic very easily at all.

Since moving to Upper Camborne (Brace Dein) almost 2 years ago, the parking situation has gotten far worse. It's partly down to bad planning on the house builders part, by not giving people ample parking and people having 'too many' cars, or being too lazy to use their allocated parking spaces.

I've included a map of the problem areas, which hopefully you should be familiar with. **Blue** lines are where people park at busy times of day (morning and evening rush hours) and the **red** lines indicate the Sunday usage for football and occasional outdoor activities on the cricket field opposite (where people use the other side of the road to park);

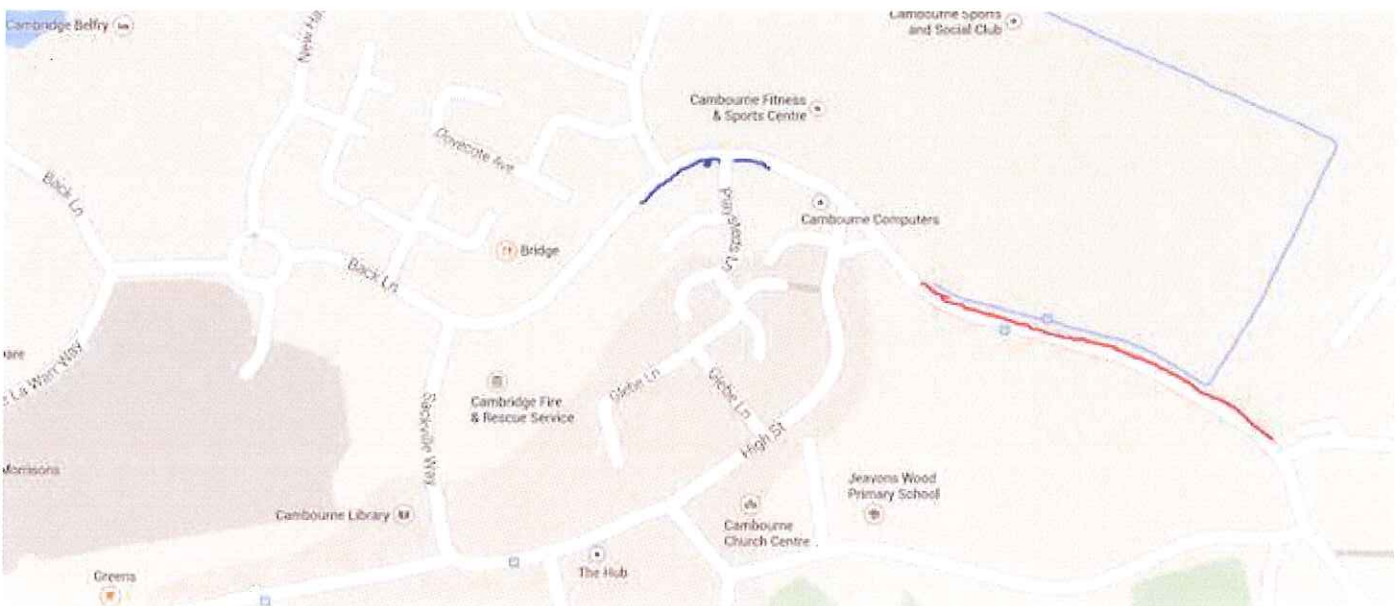


Image 1 – Back Lane

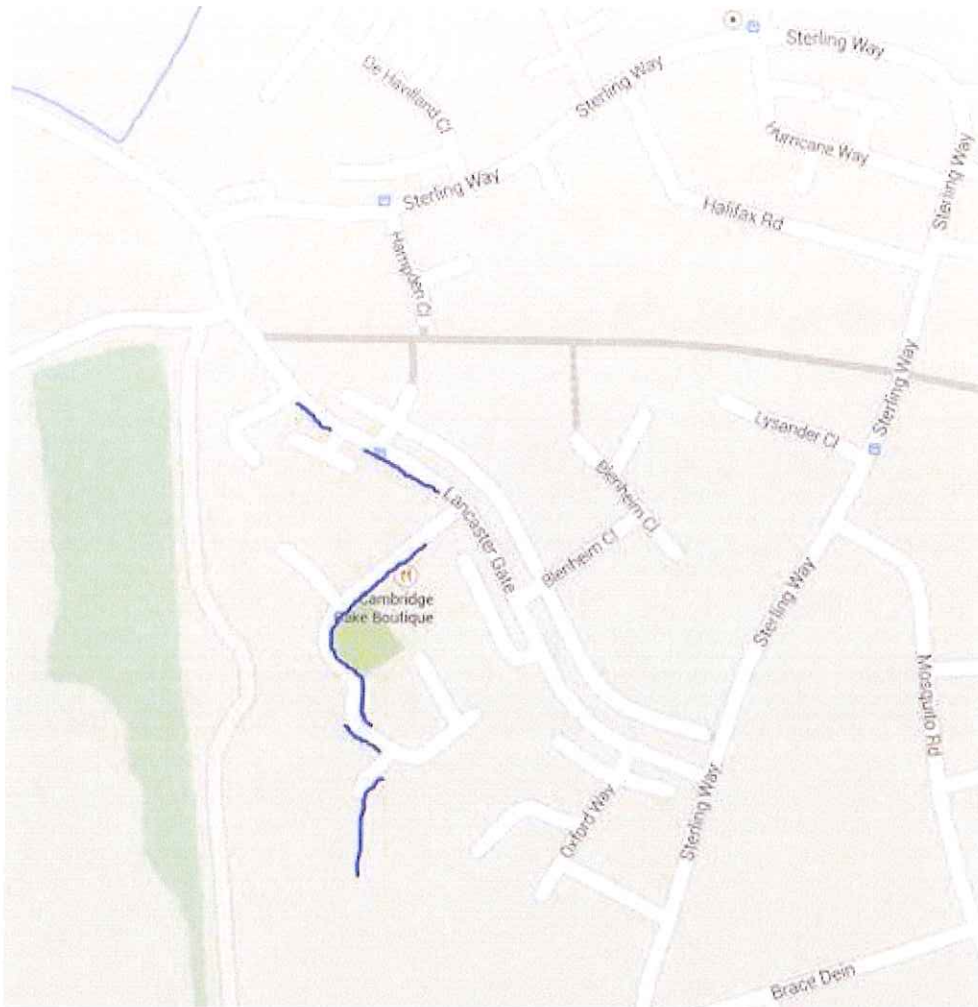


Image 2 – Leading to Brace Dein and my house (Google maps still isn't up to date yet)

Being a normal member of the public and having an issue with this, there are two sensible solutions I can see;

- Paint double yellow lines on the problem areas (will be unpopular for those living and parking their cars there I'd imagine, especially if they don't have ample parking themselves.)
- Much more favourable, but probably very expensive, is to convert many of the grass verges that line those areas into offroad parking spaces! These verges happen to be the right width to hold a car and would in my eyes be the perfect solution to this problem. I just wish it'd been done in the planning stages. Along most of those stretches in *Image 1*, there are grass verges on both sides of the road that could be used.

I look forward to hearing from someone soon and hope that this issue can be resolved before the problem gets any worse.

Regards,
James Hutchinson (Cambourne resident)

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AGENDA ITEM No. 16.3

John Vickery

From: Finney Jon <Jon.Finney@cambridgeshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 23 March 2015 11:51
To: Martyn Rodzian - TW East Anglia
Cc: John Vickery; Durrant Edward
Subject: RE: Broad Street/High Street, Cambourne, Improvement Works

Martyn,

Thank you for your Email re the above. Please accept this Email as conformation that drawing number 411/140 Rev. D is acceptable to the Highway Authority and as such the scheme now has full technical approval.

In order to progress the Section 278 Agreement I will need the following before I can instruct the councils solicitors:

- 1 The name and address of the applicant
2. The name and address of the solicitor acting on the behalf of the applicant
3. Ten copies of all the approved drawings
4. The value of the works to be carried out within the adopted public highway, 110% of this figure will represent the bond for the works.
5. An inspection fee which will be 8.5% of the value of the bond.

Once the Section 278 Agreement is in place you may book road space, details of how to do this can be found on our website at:

http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20081/roads_and_pathways/109/highways_licences_and_permits

Yours,

Jon

From: Martyn Rodzian - TW East Anglia [<mailto:Martyn.Rodzian@taylorwimpey.com>]
Sent: 23 March 2015 11:12
To: Finney Jon
Subject: Broad Street/High Street, Cambourne, Improvement Works

Jon,

Further to your letter dated 19 March 2015 and our subsequent conversation, please find attached updated Highway Construction Details showing the additional section through the island (non-tactiled area) as requested.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Martyn

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