

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Council Meeting 3rd October 2023

Traffic Matters and Road Safety

Correspondence

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15.1 Traffic in Villages

Dear Dr. Johnson,

I hope this finds you in good health. I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the persistently unreliable public transport services provided by Whippet, a company that serves as a vital mode of transport for many people, including college students and key workers.

Over the past two months, the reliability of Whippet's bus services has deteriorated significantly, causing widespread disruptions and hardships for passengers who depend on these services for their daily commute. The consequences of these service deficiencies have been particularly severe, with students missing crucial lessons and essential workers struggling to reach their workplaces on time.

To provide you with a clear picture of the situation, I would like to draw your attention to the GoWhippet X account, formerly known as Twitter, where detailed records of late and cancelled buses are available. Additionally, the comments from the affected community members, including students and workers, reflect the extent of the issue and the adverse impact it has on their lives.

It is with great disappointment that I must emphasize that these delays and cancellations are wholly unacceptable. As an essential service provider, Whippet bears responsibility to ensure the punctuality and reliability of its services, especially for those who rely on them for their daily routines.

I kindly request that you take immediate action to address these issues and restore the reliability of Whippet's bus services. The well-being and productivity of our community members, particularly students and key workers, depend on a dependable public transport system. I trust that you will investigate this matter thoroughly and take corrective measures to prevent further disruptions.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon and to witnessing an improvement in the services provided by Whippet.

Sincerely,

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15.2 PR0951 Proposed 20mph Speed Limit Zone - Various Roads, Cambourne

Dear all,

In July 2023, the County Council published a proposal to introduce a 20mph speed limit zone covering the built-up area of Cambourne and a 30mph speed limit on Cambourne Road (between the A428 and the town).

The Council received objections to the proposals, so the matter had to be formally determined by senior officers in consultation with the local County Councillor. The decision was to go ahead with the 20mph speed limit zone covering the town. However, in respect of Cambourne Road, after careful consideration of the characteristics of the road and taking into account comments received, including from Cambridgeshire Police, the decision was taken that a more suitable speed limit for Cambourne Road would be 40mph.

You can find more information, including a report and the formal decision record on our [Delegated Decision Meeting 11-09-23 page](#).

The purpose of this e-mail is to inform you of the change to the original proposal in respect of the Cambourne Road speed limit. If you have any comments to make, please let me know by Friday 6th October 2023.

Regards

Gary Baldwin

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15.3 Cambourne 20mph zone

John

We're engaging with our contractors (Milestone) to put together a delivery programme. There are several other locations which are at a similar stage in the decision process and should be confirmed within the next month, so to take advantage of economies of scale we purchase materials and plan a sequenced approach to the installations. Once I have the planned start dates for installations I will update you.

Best regards

Simon

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