

Report of County Councillor Matthew Morgan to

Great Wilbraham Parish Council in the Fulbourn Division, July 2025

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Great Wilbraham Specific and Related

Lorry Signage

I understand this has been a contentious issue in the village, especially those living on the affected roads.

1. Unfortunately, signs that were different than requested were put up by the County Council.

2. They stated "7.5t weight limit", a mandatory road sign which cannot be ignored.

-> However, there is no legal justification for being allowed to put up these limit signs. If we left them up we would be contravening the law.

3. They should have stated "Unsuitable for HGVs" an advisory sign, which can be ignored by lorries if they choose. The correct signs have now been installed.

4. This is still part of an attempt to improve lorry traffic through Little Wilbraham and discourage some Lorries from Mill Road.

5. Further projects, such as the Mill Road Triangle Junction are also being progressed. As of 08/07/2025 The funding has been agreed and CCC and CPCA are now agreeing the format into how CCC draw down on the funds, or whether CPCA run the project in house with their own design team.

Unfortunately, it is very difficult to totally exclude lorries from a road, as the law says they are valid users of the road. The legal steps to do this are very significant.

Drainage Scheme

At the Quarterly Highways meeting Stuart Rusby relayed that the drainage scheme for Great Wilbraham is ongoing, aiming to be complete in November. Construction to be in 26/27 budget year (May 26 / May27).

LHI Bid

I watched but could not vote on the Complex LHI bid for the Zebra Crossing at the School. Well done on team Great Wilbraham for a genuinely Great presentation. Mood music appeared very hopeful. A guestimate is 3rd or 4th [Micheal Martin stated there were likely to be around 6 projects funded]. The winning schemes should be known in October.

MVAS Training

It is now necessary to get a training course in order to fit MVAS units to lampposts! This teaches volunteers how to assess lampposts. For example to assess when they are at risk of collapse or overloading and preventing electrocutions. I have sent out a link to a recommended training course from Alan Hitch to Emily. I am exploring with Alan and Micheal how it might be possible to bring the cost of these new courses down, for example bulk ordering or volunteers for multiple villages.

County Council Wide:

Match My Project

Cambridge County Council has joined Match My Project. Parish Councils can use <https://matchmyproject.org/> to apply for help and support from major council contractors free of charge. The example given was a wooden outdoor shelter for a community organisation fixed by Kier. This might be a useful portal to attempt to get a small project completed cost free.

Consultation on Local Government Reorganisation (Formation of Unitary Councils)

The County council is running a consultation on local government reorganisation. The consultation survey is open to all residents. It closes on the 19th of July.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/have-your-say-on-plans-for-the-future-of-local-councils>

Survey on Highways:

The National Highways and Transport (NHT) Public Satisfaction survey is open. It is a representative survey of 3300 residents to gain feedback on perceptions on Highways and Transport across the country. If you or a friend is asked to complete it, please encourage them to complete it.

Useful links for the County Council

List of Funding Available

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities/funding> Outlines many of the local and national grants available

Information on Planned and Emergency Road Closures

<https://one.network/> Is an excellent resource with all upcoming planned closures and hopefully most emergency closures. You can recommend it to parishioners.

Reporting Tools for Highways Maintenance Issues

<https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/> Can be used to report all highways and right of way faults.

<https://www.stantheapp.com/> can be used to report potholes