

Highways Working Group meeting

In attendance 1030 11th July 2025 at The George.

Cllr P Phillips, Cllr S Browning, D Nevols, M Crawford
Observer & occasional contributor M Browning.
Apologies received from J Usher.

Thank you for attending today's meeting and for all your contributions.

Issues discussed

Universal Studios

Potential impact of Universal Studios development on local roads, especially if there are road closures on M1 or A421. Cllr Clinch has already produced and submitted a joint response following a meeting of local councils held recently, so there is probably no additional value in MPC submitting their own.

Agreed - there needs to be a clearly defined Plan B in place should there be problems on major roads.

SIDS

There is ongoing frustration regarding CBC's inaction following MPC's request for upgrading the SIDs on Flitwick Road and Clophill Road (Badger Hill).

Agreed - D Nevols will contact EVOLIS to express our interest in their devices and to acquire cost of installation to existing posts and new sites.

Cllr Browning will put on agenda for next MPC meeting for decision on whether to purchase our own SIDS and maintain them ourselves.

The possibility of siting a SID on Limbersey Lane was also discussed.

Cllr Browning thanked D Nevols for maintaining the current SIDs for as long as he had.

HGVs

Cllr Browning thanked M Crawford and the Speed Watch team for highlighting the issue of Kane HGVs accessing the Houghton Conquest development via Maulden. Cllr Clinch followed up on the information and they are now using the correct route.

There was a brief mention and clarification of why the haulage yard on Limbersey Lane had been raised at the last MPC meeting.

Parking

Cllr Crawford raised the issue of vehicles being parked on the double yellow lines at the junction of Moor Lane and Ampthill Road. It was suggested that MPC create a polite notice, copies of which could be given to Street Watch to put on windscreens of any vehicles parked illegally that they come across on their patrols.

Pedestrian Crossings

CBC is yet to publish their report following a road safety survey.

White Lines

There are several areas where white lines have faded and need repainting, especially where a STOP is required, e.g. bottom of The Brache. Cllr Browning will make request to CBC.

A507/A6 roundabout

Cllr Phillips will ask CBC for the final safety report and whether the expected improvements have been achieved.

Ampthill Road right of way

Parked cars on the right carriageway heading along Ampthill Road approaching Flitwick Road means that although they have right of way, they meet vehicles head on turning left out of Flitwick Road.

Suggested - double yellow lines on a section of Ampthill Road to allow enough room for vehicles to continue on their journey along Ampthill Road without having to pull out around vehicles, and allow enough room for vehicles to turn left out of Flitwick Road without meeting a vehicle head on.

Other areas of similar concerns were raised about vehicles turning left out of The Brache into Ampthill Road and parked cars narrowing the road and reducing visibility outside Liquid Designs.