

MAULDEN PARISH COUNCIL

NON-CONFIDENTIAL COMMITTEE: Highways Group

DATE: 13/05/26 REPORTED BY: Cllr Browning on behalf of Highways Group (Cllr Phillips, Cllr Jackson, Jamie Usher, Malcolm Crawford, David Nevols)

SUBJECT: Report for MPC meeting 18 May 2026

Limbersey Lane

Cllr Clinch and J Usher met on 17 April to discuss the best way forward for addressing the Limbersey Lane issues with CBC. Cllr Browning sent apologies.

J Usher produced a summary of the meeting, which included suggestions for width restrictions to deter very large vehicles from using the lane as a cut through between A6 and A507 through Maulden, whilst maintaining a essential farm and business access for residents on the lane. Also proposed were extensions of the 30 and 40 mph speed limits to improve safety at Bolebec Farm access, the hidden dips and the footpath crossing.

It was considered prudent to not request CBC for everything required at once, but to wait and see what impact the potential developments of Kings Farm, the dog field and the solar farm may have on requirements from developers for changes to the highway.

Cllr Clinch will approach Kyle Stewart, Head of Traffic Management for a meeting to discuss the ideas.

CBC Forum 13 May

Cllr Aston and Cllr Browning attended the CBC Forum for Parish Councils on the subjects of CBC's Local Plan and Highways.

Regarding highways, CBC will be trialling a new system for handling small requests that they get inundated with, e.g. roadside planters, road signs, etc. They only have three members of staff handling all highways requests and it will attempt to manage the requests more efficiently and effectively.

We were informed that CBC always has an annual list of planned works that are budgeted for and completed, but when Cllr Browning raised the example of Limbersey Lane lining and signing works that were planned and budgeted for and didn't happen last year, Cllr Baker indicated that it was because our Ward Cllrs did not act enough on our behalf. I responded that I trust our ward cllrs and know that they have been trying to address this. A Clophill Cllr said that they had a similar issue and Cllr Baker just moved on without responding. We found Cllr Baker unprepared and unhelpful.

Requests for CBC highways issues have to be made between 1 June and 31 July.