

MAULDEN PARISH COUNCIL

NON-CONFIDENTIAL COMMITTEE: Highways Group

DATE: 18/06/26

REPORTED BY: Cllr Browning on behalf of Highways Group (Cllr

Phillips, Cllr Jackson, Jamie Usher, Malcolm Crawford, David Nevols)

SUBJECT:

Report for MPC meeting 27 July 2026

The Highways Working Group met on 23 July.

Present: Cllr Browning, Cllr Phillips, M Crawford & J Usher

- Cllr Browning will speak with Ward Cllr Clinch about how Millbrook were successful in installing a width restriction sign and what impact on traffic it has had. This is with a view to possibly installing a width restriction on Limbersey Lane.
- Cllr Browning will ask the police if they have ever carried out speed camera sessions in Maulden at peak traffic times. If they haven't, they will be asked to do so.
- Cllr Browning will ask the police for the reason that vehicles that are leased do not receive a letter from the police if they are provided with evidence from Speed Watch that they have been speeding.
- M Crawford will liaise with D Nevols to retrieve and share with MPC, data from the newest SIDs.

CBC Local Transport Plan

Cllr Browning recently attended a CBC briefing on their Draft Local Transport Plan 2027-2040. It is currently out for public consultation until the deadline of 20 September. To take part in the consultation please follow this link

<https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/consultations-list/local-transport-plan-2026-consultationhttps://>

It was interesting and disappointing to discover that the Universal Studios development, which will have a significant impact on transport in Central Bedfordshire, had not been taken into account during the drafting of the plan. The reason given by CBC was because the Universal Studios site is in Bedford Borough.

Parish & Town Council Road Safety Partnership

CBC has implemented a new system to enable parish and town councils to address local road safety concerns. Eligible schemes must be low cost, minor road safety improvements.

These schemes are currently limited to

- Vehicle activated signs (VAS) and posts.
- Speed indicating devices (SIDs), including maintenance.
- Fixed warning or advisory signs.
- Road markings and lining improvements.
- Bollards, edge markers, or verge protection measures.

Applications can be made annually between 1st June and 31st July – but in this first year, this has been extended to 30th September. Applications outside of this window will not be considered.

MPC would have to provide 100% of the funds up front, yet CBC would then be the owners and responsible for any maintenance required. CBC is not able/willing to share likely costs with MPC until after an application is made, but in the application, MPC would need to commit to 100% of the costs and would then have to withdraw the application if the costs were too high., which seems a very inefficient and one way 'partnership'.

30mph flashing sign on A507 on approach to A6 roundabout

Ward Cllr Clinch reported some time ago via FixMyStreet, the overgrowth on the sign almost totally obscuring it from vision, but CBC has not yet cut back the foliage.