



## **Lakenheath Parish Council**

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## **MINUTES**

### **of the LAKENHEATH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING METHODIST CHAPEL, BACK STREET, LAKENHEATH HELD ON MONDAY 6th November 2023 at 7pm**

Present:

Cllr J Hastings (Vice Chairman)

Cllr P Gyte

Cllr A Gyte

Cllr J Cahill

Cllr I Frost

Cllr D Smith

Cllr M Rowntree

Cllr N Smith

In attendance: N Glading, Parish Clerk, C. Shimmon RFO, Mr G Tolmie, Eriswell Parish Council SID Team

*Mr Garth Tolmie has been assisting the clerk by producing the Lakenheath Parish Council Reports from the new solar Speed Indicator Device.*

*Generally, people should be on the left hand side of the graphs, but there are more on the right hand side. The graphs show traffic for every day of the week, plus a 'heat map', showing the most likely time and numbers of transgressors. The highest areas of concern are depicted in red.*

*Mr Tolmie has produced a report for Cllr Kelly showing results for 50+mph. The Police speeding enforcement team seem to operate during office hours.*

*Looking at the Station Road solar device, because the sun is lower at this time of year, Mr Tolmie recommends that the post is moved to the area a little further up at Woodlands, this would also mean that it is safer to change the battery.*

*Cllr Kelly thanked Mr Tolmie, LPC are very grateful to Mr Tolmie for his help and interest*

*Cllr Kelly commented that the ANPR scheme run by Suffolk County Council is nothing more than a Speedwatch, results are only followed through if the Police have the resources.*

*The Westcotec ANPR speed cameras are not approved by Suffolk County Council or Police.*

*The officer who runs the ANPR scheme has written a paper to say there is not much difference to a SID. However, there is some good news in that the Mildenhall Area Superintendent agreed that more mobile speeding units will be sent out to our area.*

Mr Tolmie left the meeting

2023/110 **Chairman's welcome and confirmation of recording**

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and confirmed that the meeting will be recorded by the clerk for the purposes of minute taking only.

2023/111 **Apologies for Absence** had been received from Sqn Ldr S Geary, Cllr W Overy, C/Cllr C Noble, (belated) Cllr M Hugo

2023/112 **Public Participation: Representations from Members of the Public**

There were no members of the public present

2023/113 **Reports & Questions**

a. Update from Sqn Leader S Geary: not present

b. Update from West Suffolk District Councillor

D/Cllr T Whitehand was not present at the meeting. D/Cllr G Kelly reported that the Persimmon site (Eriswell Road) has been given the go ahead at a recent West Suffolk Council meeting. In 2013, Elveden Farms were given 'concept to develop' permission. Part of the site is on flood zone 3, and there remains the issue of noise levels from aircraft so close to the Base. This housing is envisaged as starter homes, nevertheless, the MoD are sticking with the 2012 noise profile.

In terms of traffic, all of the developments got mixed up; we are already exceeding the projections. LPC needs to make sure Persimmon built to their specifications.

Street lighting LED Grant- Expressions of interest to be submitted prior to the end of January 2024. The RFO will have prior invoice which we can claim. The grant will cover all potential costs.

There may be other schemes in the pipeline that target conservation. Cllr Frost has a meeting with Lacey from Pearce and Kemp.

West Suffolk Council do not specify who carries out the work, as long as it is done professionally and properly. Only Suffolk County Council can offer Tele cells.

There are additional conservation schemes available to home owners.

c. Update from Suffolk County Councillor: not present

2023/114 **Confirmation of accuracy of the Minutes of the LPC Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 (PAPER A)**

The Councillors **AGREED** unanimously that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd October 2023 were an accurate record. The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes.

2023/115 **Confirmation of accuracy of the Minutes of the Extraordinary LPC Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (PAPER B)**

The Councillors **AGREED** unanimously that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 were an accurate record. The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes.

#### 2023/116 **Payment of Accounts** (Appendix A)

- a. The Accounts for Oct/ Nov were unanimously **AGREED**
- b. The Bank Reconciliation dated 30th September 2023 was **NOTED**
- c. The Quarterly Out-turn Report was **NOTED**
- d. The Councillors were asked to commence the review of LPC budget 2024-5
  1. Front of Cemetery £2,000 ballpark
  2. Memorial garden £6,000 ballpark
  3. BT site £1,000
  4. Keep Streetlights in reserve as there will still will be cost for columns/ LED won't show clearly until year after next
  5. Tree work: to be advised
  6. Playpark improvement- wet pour surface
- e. The Councillors were asked to commence the consideration of LPC Reserves 2024-2025, ready for the December meeting

#### 2023/117 **Parish Report**

- a. New School update: still progressing despite the hole in SCC budget. A footpath is being considered; Cllr Kelly will take this forward. The new school due to open in 2025.
- b. Old school building Cllr Kelly reported that there has been no recent movement. LPC should view as an opportunity e.g., community building, dentists, bank hub, small museum.
- c. Lakenheath Times editor The clerk to ask the present editor to continue on the same basis. The magazine is not paying for itself but it is not costing as much as it was. LPC are not looking for layout artist, that is undertaken by the printers. Cllr Gyte wants a 'letters' page and a 'for sale' noticeboard.  
The RFO will bring figures to next meeting.  
Cllr P Gyte, Cllr Overy and clerk to look at getting someone local.
- d. Village sign cleaning: in hand
- e. ANPR purchase dealt with previously (Mr G Tolmie)
- f. Lakenheath Post Office: now only open from 10am to 12pm, hence there are long queues: it is no longer a sorting office. Some residents find it difficult to stand continuously for at least half an hour. Clerk to draft letter of concern from parish council and distribute to councillors.
- g. Abandoned dog at 22 Arrowhead Road: Cllr Hastings explained that a dog has been barking all night: she was told by the Base that someone is living at the address. There has been little attempt by the Base to rectify the matter. Cllr Kelly feels this is

unacceptable, the Base are fully aware that this is unacceptable and LPC will allow 7 days, then we will contact the landlords

- h. LPC Representative Village Hall Management Committee Cllr Hastings feels that she has too many commitments to continue as Village Hall representative and resigned the position. Clerk to write to VPMC and ask that the Minutes of the meetings are copied to the clerk.

#### 2023/118 Report from the Planning Sub Committee of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (Appendix B)

The October 2023 notes from the LPC planning subcommittee meeting were **NOTED**

#### 2023/119 Lakenheath Parish Councillor/ Officer Reports

##### To receive reports from

- A. Business forum (Cllr W Overy): not present
- B. Environmental update (Cllr J Cahill): On going work
- C. Mobile network infrastructure: Cllr Frost reported that there is a timeframe for street level masts, but no other dates are available. There is a shared level network scheme across the industry. E reception is particularly terrible. Working with Cllr Kelly and C Cllr Noble, who will help keep the pressure on. Broadband is being upgraded in the village.
- D. Lakenheath Streetlights Cllr I Frost: Deferred
- E. The SID Report was **RECEIVED** (Appendix C)
- F. Speedwatch team: Cllr P Gyte told the meeting that Cllr Rountree is now a member. Three members are poorly out of a total of seven members. Cllr Kelly has recently sent figures to the Police.
- G. Tree maintenance project update (Cllr Hugo) Deferred
- H. Telephone box outside Library: it is nearly Remembrance Day and the telephone box has not been cleaned and redecorated. Clerk to contact Wendy Barnes a second time.
- I. Fence outside the allotments on High Street Cllr P Gyte will chase this
- J. Streetlights: Cllr Rowntree has reported more than 20 lights that are out. Cllr Frost had already reported 13 units, 9 units have been repaired, however some have UKPN G39 issues, these may only be worked on by UKPN.  
It was explained that many streetlights are not owned, and therefore maintained, by Lakenheath Parish Council. Suffolk County Council own the units along the High Street, some are owned by West Suffolk Council and some by a Housing Association.

#### 2023/120 Matters relating to Lakenheath Cemetery/ Yard

- a. Cemetery Committee Report  
There are two Sunken graves

Grass seed has been planted to try and address Chafer damage  
There is no soap in the toilets  
More volunteers are required

2023/121 **Grant Requests**

- a. Lakenheath Playing Field Association application **DEFERRED**

2023/122 **Items for Future Meetings**

None

2023/123 **Such other business which, in the opinion of the Chairman,** should be considered as a matter of urgency: none

2023/124 **Information**

2023/125 **To consider excluding the public due to the confidential/ sensitive nature** of the next agenda subjects

*No public were present*

Meeting closed 9.15 pm

## Appendix A

Date		Payee	Description of Supply	Amount
<b>Payments Received</b>				
September			Interest Payments	£657.38
29.09.2023	Debit Card	Amazon	Refund incorrectly listed as expenditure 29.09.23	£24.99
October			Cemetery Fees	£270.00
23.10.2023	Debit Card	Poundland	Credited in error - to be refunded to clerk	£10.00

Date	Transaction Type	Payee	Description of Supply	Amount
<b>Payments Made</b>				
06.10.2023	Direct Debit	British Gas	Electricity - Public Toilets	£37.85
09.10.2023	Debit Card	Tesco	Rubbish Sacks	£4.00
10.10.2023	Debit Card	Amazon	Cemetery grass seed	£29.99
16.10.2023	Direct Debit	EDF Energy	Electricity - Cemetery Chapel	£23.00
16.10.2023	Debit Card	Amazon	Warning Tape & Key Tags	£13.98
19.10.2023	Debit Card	Amazon	5 reams paper- PC office	£21.99
23.10.2023	Debit Card	Poundland	Lakenheath Times Deliverers Christmas Thank You	£27.50
24.10.2023	Debit Card	Amazon	Edging Knife	£23.56
25.10.2023	Online	Staff	Salary Payments - October	£3,182.10
30.10.2023	Debit Card	Co-op	Stamps	£5.00
31.10.2023	Debit Card	Land Registry	Land Search	£3.00
02.11.2023	Direct Debit	British Gas	Electricity - Public Toilets	£36.58
	Online	BT Payment Services	Parish Office Telephone & Broadband	
10.11.2023	Online	BT Payment Services	Parish Mobile	£52.50
10.11.2023	Online	Cllr J Cahill (reimbursement)	Bulbs, Litter Pickers, Hi-Viz Vests & Refreshments for Volunteers	£216.11
10.11.2023	Online	Cllr J Hastings (reimbursement)	Christmas Decorations	£220.02
10.11.2023	Online	Cllr G Kelly (reimbursement)	Voice Recorder	£33.49
10.11.2023	Online	Michael Murfet	Mole Catcher - Lakenheath Cemetery Open & Closing Public Toilets - October (inc sickness cover)	£65.00 £281.34

10.11.2023	Online	S Evans	Mileage	£48.60
10.11.2023	Online	Pearce & Kemp Ltd	Street Lighting Repairs - LED Lanterns x 6	£2,125.80
10.11.2023	Online	bright.motif;	Email Hosting - Annual Cost	£289.90
10.11.2023	Online	Community Action Suffolk	Website Hosting - Annual Cost	£60.00
10.11.2023	Online	Clyde & Co	Insurance - VAT Element To Be Reclaimed	£55.00

**Bank  
Reconciliation  
30th  
September  
2023**

Balance at 31.08.2023	<b>£347,178.05</b>
Uncleared payments from previous period	£908.58
	<b>£346,269.47</b>
Income	£1,463.76
	<b>£347,733.23</b>
Less Expenditure (Chqs, Online Pmts + D/Ds)	£10,870.00
	<b>£336,863.23</b>

Represented by:

Balance in Current Account	£8,440.29
Balance in Lloyds Bank Deposit Account	£81,347.94
Balance in Unity Trust Bank Deposit Account	£77,559.14
Balance in Nationwide Deposit Account	£84,946.63
Balance in Cambridge Building Society	£80,714.17
Balance in Lloyds Bank Deposit Account - Speedwatch	£643.50
Balance in Lloyds Bank Deposit Account - NP	£0.00
Balance in Lloyds Bank Deposit Account - Lakenheath Times	£3,986.36
	<b>£337,638.03</b>
Less Payments not Presented	
Cheque 003979	£36.00
HMRC	£738.80
	<b>£774.80</b>

**£336,863.23**

<b>LAKENHEATH PARISH COUNCIL 2023/2024</b>											
<b>QUARTER 2</b>											
	Revised Budget	Total	Variance	Cummulative YTD Variance	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Total	Quarterly		Variance Explanation
	YTD 2023/24	YTD	YTD	£100/15%	31/7/2023	31/8/2023	30/9/2023	for Q2	Budget	Variance	£100 / 15%
<b>Receipts</b>											
Precept / LCSG	£88,900.00	#####	£88,900.00	Precept is one annual receipt	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£44,450.00	-£44,450.00	Precept is one annual receipt
Cemetery	£2,500.00	£3,305.00	£805.00	More burials than anticipated	£460.00	£1,100.00	£635.00	£2,195.00	£1,250.00	£945.00	Lower than anticipated burials
Other (Inc Interest & VAT)	£8,750.00	£21,465.40	£12,715.40	VAT is one annual receipt	£296.85	£675.40	£828.76	£1,801.01	£4,375.00	-£2,573.99	VAT is one annual receipt
<b>Total</b>	<b>£100,150.00</b>	<b>#####</b>	<b>#####</b>	<b>Precept &amp; VAT Receipts</b>	<b>£756.85</b>	<b>£1,775.40</b>	<b>£1,463.76</b>	<b>£3,996.01</b>	<b>£50,075.00</b>	<b>-£46,078.99</b>	<b>Precept &amp; VAT Receipts</b>
<b>Payments</b>											
Staff	£30,000.00	£24,596.39	-£5,403.61	Sick Pay	£4,024.23	£4,449.97	£3,929.69	£12,403.89	£14,305.00	-£1,901.11	Sick Pay
Cottage/Chapel	£5,000.00	£7,641.10	£2,641.10	New Boiler	£4,989.60	£128.00	£2,274.50	£7,392.10	£1,250.00	£6,142.10	New Boiler
Cemetery	£3,000.00	£2,734.95	-£265.05	Lower expenses than anticipated	£97.48	£1,850.87	£157.24	£2,105.59	£1,250.00	£855.59	Includes new garage door
Machinery Capital Exp	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	No expenditure planned / Revised Budget
Machinery Expenditure	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	No expenditure planned / Revised Budget
Street Lighting	£26,500.00	£9,910.36	-£16,589.64	Street Lighting Energy Paid Q4	£0.00	£1819.00	£0.00	£1,819.00	£13,250.00	-£11,431.00	Street Lighting Energy Paid Q4
Admin	£1,750.00	£2,878.58	£1,128.58	election costs & chain of office	£341.52	£776.69	£901.20	£2,019.41	£875.00	£1,144.41	Includes new burial books, election costs & chain of office to be paid by Chairman
Insurance	£2,000.00	£1,169.48	-£830.52	Annual Premiums Paid	£1,169.48	£0.00	£0.00	£1,169.48	£1,000.00	£169.48	Annual Premiums Paid
Subscriptions	£600.00	£1,104.61	£504.61	Annual Subs Paid	£0.00	£0.00	£36.00	£36.00	£300.00	-£264.00	Annual subs paid in Q1
Training	£500.00	£60.00	-£440.00	Training open to all	£0.00	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	£500.00	-£440.00	Training open to all
Newsletter	£2,500.00	£6,720.00	£4,220.00	Includes invoices from 2022/23	£0.00	£0.00	£1,962.00	£1,962.00	£1,500.00	£462.00	Revenue from advertising
Section 137	£1,000.00	£450.00	-£550.00	Applications welcome	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	-£500.00	Applications welcome
Section 19	£5,000.00	£0.00	-£5,000.00	Due in H2	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,500.00	-£2,500.00	Due in H2
Playground	£12,500.00	£400.00	-£12,100.00	No major expenditure YTD	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6,250.00	-£6,250.00	No major expenditure YTD
Village Facilities	£6,000.00	£10,933.91	£4,933.91	Includes contractor costs & SID	£4,479.70	£770.48	£1,137.44	£6,387.32	£3,000.00	£3,387.32	Includes contractor costs & SID
St Mary's	£5,000.00	£320.00	-£4,680.00	Lower costs than anticipated	£0.00	£0.00	£320.00	£320.00	£2,500.00	-£2,180.00	Lower costs than anticipated
VAT	£21,250.00	£4,640.66	-£16,609.34	Lower Expenditure = Lower VAT	£1,938.12	£663.80	£152.23	£2,754.15	£10,625.00	-£7,870.85	Lower Expenditure = Lower VAT
Professional Fees	£2,500.00	£0.00	-£2,500.00	Invoice due in H2	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,250.00	-£1,250.00	Invoice due in H2
Neighbourhood Plan	£4,500.00	£1,732.26	-£2,767.74	Invoices due in H2	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,250.00	-£2,250.00	Invoices due in H2
Green Spaces	£500.00	£0.00	-£500.00	Invoices due in H2	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£250.00	-£250.00	Invoices due in H2
<b>Total</b>	<b>£129,600.00</b>	<b>£75,292.30</b>	<b>-£54,307.70</b>	<b>Enditure including street lighting</b>	<b>£17,040.15</b>	<b>£10,518.81</b>	<b>£10,870.00</b>	<b>£38,428.94</b>	<b>£65,105.00</b>	<b>-£26,676.06</b>	<b>Larger expenditure including street lighting due in H2</b>

## Appendix B

### Lakenheath Parish Council Planning Sub Committee

**Notes from the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023 at 9.30 am.**

Location: Parish Office, Peace Memorial Hall, Lakenheath

***Members of the press and public are welcome to attend***

In Attendance: Cllr W Overy, Cllr A Gyte, Cllr N Smith, Cllr M Hugo.

The members of the Planning Committee are Cllr W Overy, Cllr A Gyte, Cllr N Smith, Cllr M Hugo and the LPC Chairman, Cllr G Kelly.



**SOURCE: CONSULTEE PORTAL ON 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

1. Apologies: Cllr G Kelly and Declarations of Interest: None
2. Members of the public may speak about an item on the agenda (3 minutes limit) No members of the public were present
3. The following requests for consultation were considered:

**A. Planning application DC/23/1044/FUL**

- a. one dwelling with off-street parking;
- b. extension to former garden centre (class e) with service yard, car park and associated works

Location 18 Garden Centre High Street Lakenheath Suffolk IP27 9JS

Applicant Brian Rutterford, Brian Rutterford and Partners

(Extension to reply granted by Planning Officer James Morriss)

- Submitted 18/10/2023 via Consultee portal by parish clerk

**Thank you for allowing an extension for DC/23/1044/FUL**

**The Lakenheath Parish Council Planning sub Committee, met on 18th October to consider.  
Decision**

**a. OBJECTION**

- (i) Access is through the car park of the class e building, which could prove dangerous in terms of customers using the restaurant car park especially during busy times.
- (ii) Parking density at the residential building- we cannot see that there is adequate space for the number of cars envisaged.
- (iii) WSC should insist that the building materials are in keeping with the surrounding houses
- (iv) The Cherry Tree should remain - the application is within a conservation area

**b. OBJECTION**

- (i) We understand that this is a retrospective application. This is in a conservation area and plastic panels are not in keeping with the area, which consists to a large extent of flint buildings.
- (ii) We have concerns around vehicles moving in and out of the car park as the B1112 is a busy road and the restaurant is very close to a blind bend. We expect provision to be made to increase visibility. We would concur with the views of SCC Highways engineer James Stevens

**B.**

Proposal Householder **planning application DC/23/1498/HH**

Annexe attached to existing dwelling Location 6 Mayfields Lakenheath Suffolk IP27 9TA

Applicant Mr John Thompson

Extension applied for - Planning Officer James Morriss

- Submitted 18/10/2023 via Consultee portal by parish clerk

**The Lakenheath Parish Council Planning sub Committee met on 18th October 2023 to consider the application**

**Decision:**

## **SUPPORT**

c. [Planning application - variation of conditions 2, 5, 6, 13, 17 and 18 of DC/22/1678/FUL to enable use of amended plans for a. conversion of existing outbuilding to create one dwelling, b. single storey link extension to existing cart lodge, c. single storey side extension](#)

Planning Application

The Yews 49 High Street Lakenheath Suffolk IP27 9DS

Ref. No: DC/23/1596/VAR | Received: Wed 27 Sep 2023

- Submitted via Consultation portal 18/10/2023 by parish clerk

The Lakenheath Parish Council Planning sub Committee met on 18th October 2023 to consider the application

Decision:

**NO COMMENT**

D [Planning application - a. replacement entrance steps b. replacement roof tiles](#)

Planning Application DC/23/1599/FUL 65A High Street Lakenheath Suffolk IP27 9DS

Requests for consultation

- Submitted via Consultation portal 18/10/2023 by parish clerk

The Lakenheath Parish Council Planning sub Committee met on 18th October 2023 to consider the application

Decision:

**SUPPORT**

E DC/23/1556/HH

Consultation Expiry: 7 November 2023

Proposal Householder planning application - single storey rear extension

Location 18 Roughlands Lakenheath Brandon Suffolk IP27 9HA

Applicant Ms Lynn Gray

<https://planning.westsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S18GLHPD0C50>

- Submitted via Consultation portal 18/10/2023 by parish clerk

The Lakenheath Parish Council Planning sub Committee met on 18th October 2023 to consider the application

Decision:

**SUPPORT**

E

**SCC/0041/23FH/FL**

The letter sent on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 to SCC and WSC was **NOTED (see appendix A)**

## **Appendix**

16<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## **SCC/0041/23FH/FUL**

### **Construction of a new 420-place Primary School and 30-place Pre-School including new access off new road from Station Road and associated development.**

Lakenheath Parish Council (LPC) was surprised to learn very recently of this application through conversations, rather than through the formal consultation process. While the Council have joined with and supported the Primary School in development discussions there has been no opportunity to properly consider the application as part of a formal consultation. This is therefore a position statement rather than anything else.

#### **Background**

The original application for a new school was part of a conflated scheme of developments in the village, supported by Forest Heath District Council primarily to address a major problem with Land Supply issues. The history of this scheme is well known and it would serve little purpose to rehearse detail, but in essence the regular conflation and unpicking have created less than robust consideration of each element of the scheme. This has resulted in developments which are at best suboptimal and at worst entirely inappropriate. That said, SCC have taken every opportunity to engage with West Suffolk Council (not Mid Suffolk as in the application), LPC, Governors, Staff, Parents from the school and residents.

#### **Finance**

SCC have recently announced a £22M funding gap, which raises concerns regarding both the current situation and the future in relation to the school. Current plans must be considered at risk of a damaging watering-down given SCC's need to reduce expenditure.

#### **Traffic**

The B1112 single road through Lakenheath carries all forms of traffic including heavy agricultural and commercial vehicles; this road continues to be extremely poorly maintained. The projections in the AECOM traffic study for the multiple developments in the conflated scheme are already exceeded by around 30%. This is hardly surprising with 96% car ownership, which is driven by a lack of local employment, shopping and leisure facilities, with data showing 2.3 cars per working household in the village. It can be assumed that a very high proportion of the permitted and proposed development will be sold to working families, and there is an additional planned 1000 USAF personnel who, while not living in Lakenheath will be using the B1112; this will put an additional 2000 vehicles on the B1112 - at least.

The proposals for dealing with additional traffic arising from the AECOM report do not include any measures north of the Eriswell Rd / Broom Road junction, some 2km from the school. The Parish has provided data on time, volume and speed from the Speed Indicator Display (SID) on Station Rd to both SCC Highways and Education. This regularly shows an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of just under 35mph. Attempts to get an additional SID to monitor northbound traffic, or better still an ANPR camera have been fraught.

SCC Highways are apparently reluctant to consider physical traffic calming measures due to the mix of traffic on the road, and unlike the very lightly used other junctions on Station Rd,

the school entrance will be heavily used at the start and end of the school day. (The survey conducted by the school among current parents indicated a 150% increase in the number of parents who will use their cars to get children to school).

No provision has been made to allow for the large numbers turning right across traffic either into or out of the school entrance, and Lakenheath Parish Council regard this as a major failure.

Walking /cycling arrangements are still in the early stages of development. LPC is committed to helping arrive at practical routes for those from the East and South of the village.

While it appears that there is now provision for cars to turn round once on the service road, LPC believes there has been a serious underestimation of the requirement for drop off / pick up parking. Parents, particularly of the youngest children, simply will not drop off children and expect them to find their own way into school.

Similarly at the end of the day neither the parents nor the school will countenance a queue of children waiting on the pavement. The probable solution for most will be to park on the roads to the south of Station Rd, none of which are designed or capable of safely accommodating large numbers of parked cars. As the Rabbit Hill and Station Rd developments come on stream there may be some opportunities for temporary parking, although it is difficult to see – particularly with Rabbit Hill – how this might work. LPC are committed to providing manpower to assist with traffic management for the first days of the school's opening, but that it is a very short-term expedient.

The school's proposal to have, or at least share, electrically powered minibuses could alleviate many of these issues and LPC will continue to work the school on this; but for this proposal to work at least two of the EV chargers at the school should be capable of charging at least 22kW.

## **Noise**

From the outset LPC have had concerns about the school's location under the flightpath for RAF Lakenheath and the impact of noise on the children's ability to learn. It is good to see that a properly conducted survey has basically confirmed that the arrangements for the buildings themselves appear adequate. There are however concerns that the monitoring period did not appear to include "unrestricted take-offs" where aircraft use afterburners and climb vertically. In these circumstances car alarms are triggered across the village and residents describe the effect as painful. While not an everyday occurrence, these events are more frequent than expected, and the impact not clearly understood. The UKHSA have been asked to consider (specifically military) aircraft noise in the context of noise as a wider determinant of health. Following the number of complaints from residents, the local surgery has also been asked to monitor the nature and extent of reported physical and mental health issues reported as attributable to aircraft noise.

Fundamentally, LPC must insist that the issues around traffic and parking are addressed by the Authority, otherwise we envisage short and long term problems.

Cllr W Overy, Chairman, Lakenheath Planning Sub Committee and Cllr G Kelly, Chairman LPC

## Appendix C

On 15 June 2023 at 10:00 the new SID was installed on the B1112 on the pole located on Station Road. The SID was positioned to monitor traffic coming into Lakenheath from Wangford. Traffic speed and counts were measured up until 13:00 of 01 November 2023. The measurement point is 450m past the point where the 30MPH zone starts.

Due to low sunlight conditions and tree cover, the solar panel was not as effective as in the summer months. 9 days of measurements were lost due to the battery going below the operating threshold of 11.8V.

There are between 2900 and 3600 vehicles per weekday passing this point heading into Lakenheath.

There are between 2100 and 2500 vehicles per day over the weekend heading into Lakenheath.

The busiest times during the week are 07:30-08:30 (Avg. 216 cars p/h) and 16:15-17:15 (Avg. 304 cars p/h).

The 85<sup>th</sup> Percentile Speed (most people) travel at or below 34.9 MPH past his point.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Percentile Speed (half the traffic) travel at or below 29.1 MPH past his point.

The fastest speed recorded was 90MPH (x3). There were also 438 vehicles exceeding 55MPH.

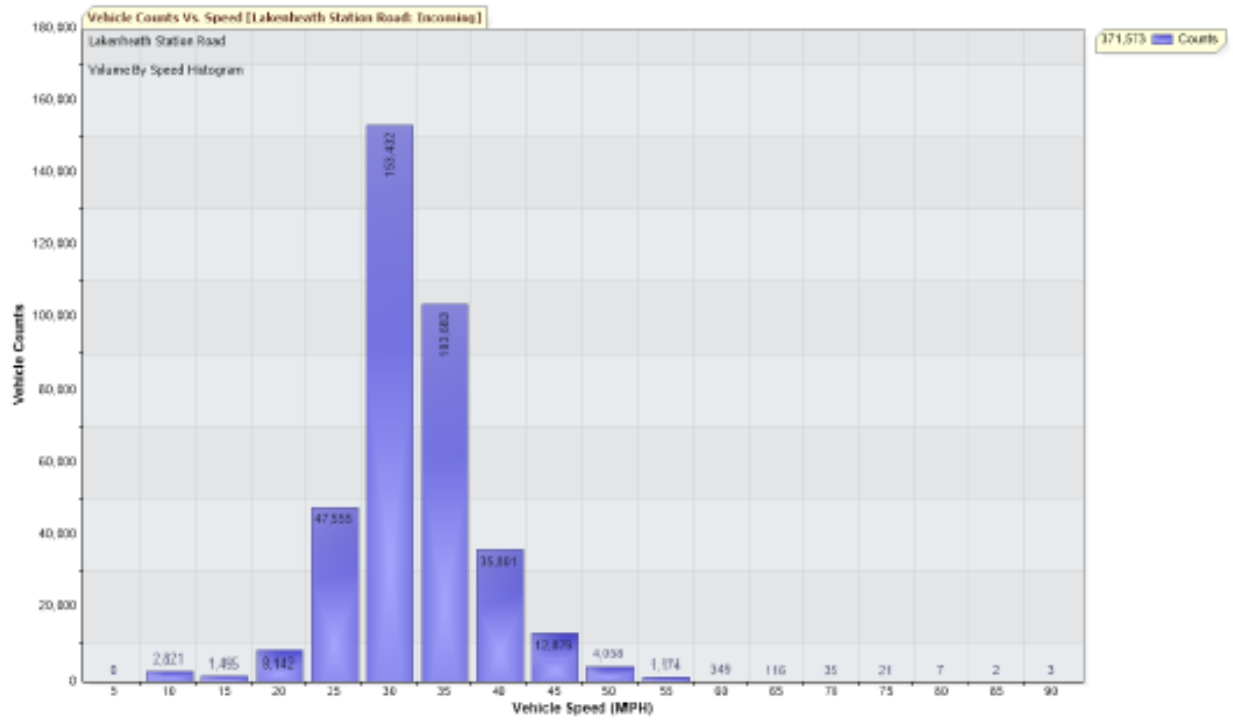
The next pages show:

- Stopping Distances vs Speed
- Speed vs vehicle counts at the point listed above.
- Average hourly volumes passing this point
- Typical daily volumes passing this point.
- Speed exceedances of 35MPH for this period

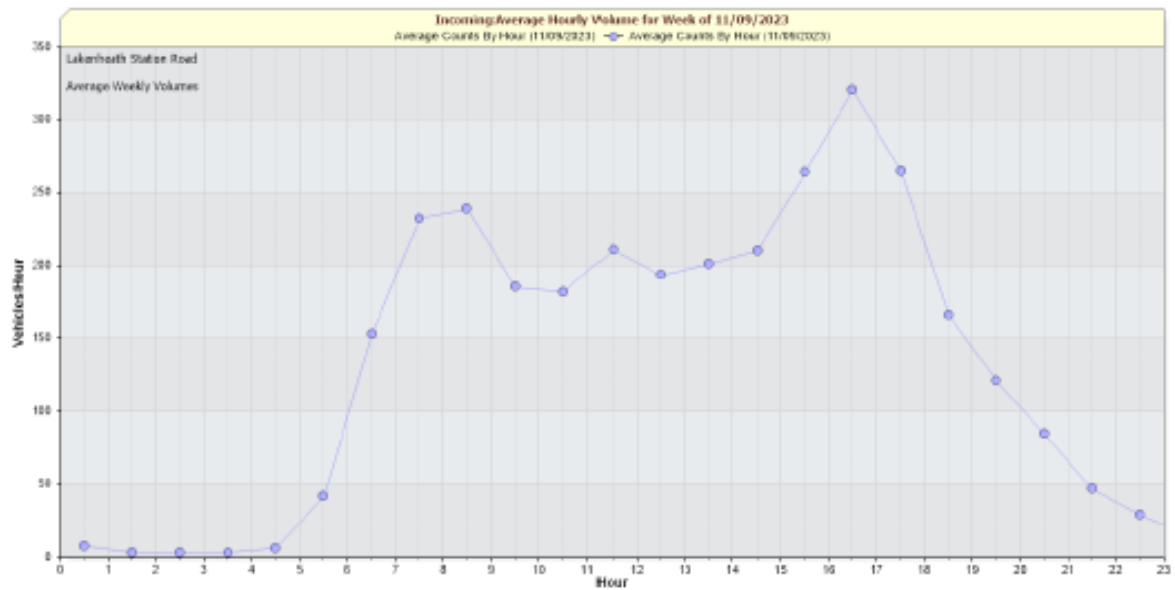
The solar panel has kept this SID charged throughout this entire period. Battery voltage at time of last measurement was 12.2V.



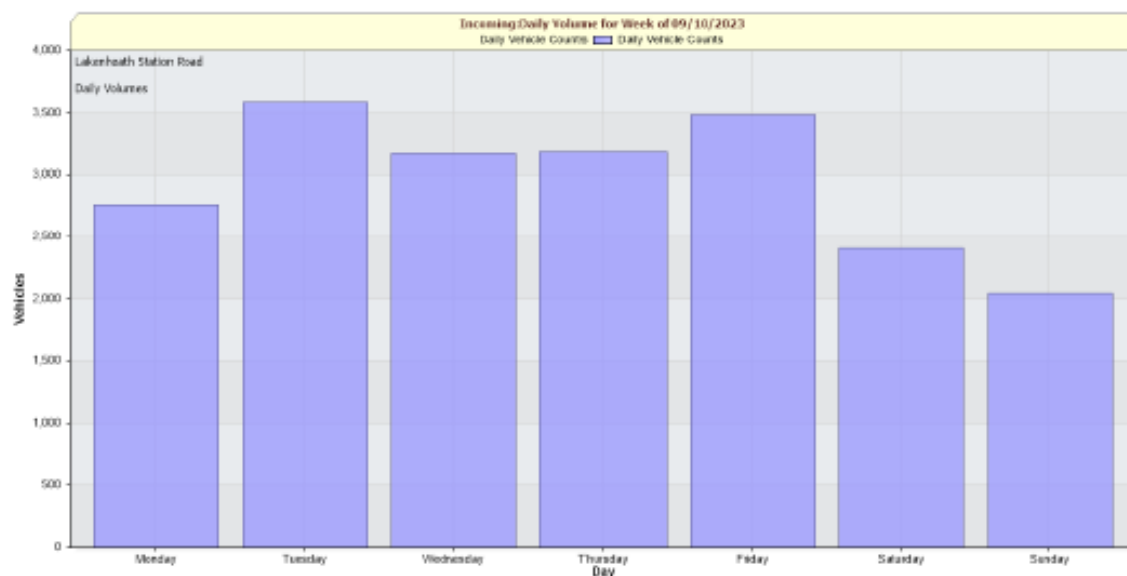
**It takes 3 times the distance to stop at 60MPH as it does to stop at 30 MPH**



**15/06/2023 to 01/011/2023 on Station Road – Traffic from Wangford**



**Average hourly volumes heading into Lakenheath from Wangford**



**Typical daily volumes heading into Lakenheath from Wangford**

Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
0 - 1	12	11	6	8	17	20	31
1 - 2	5	10	6	0	5	12	10
2 - 3	4	5	1	6	3	4	11
3 - 4	5	2	2	2	6	3	4
4 - 5	10	9	11	2	9	4	2
5 - 6	39	38	35	26	37	23	9
6 - 7	99	93	98	88	96	38	27
7 - 8	108	122	84	80	103	68	34
8 - 9	98	92	75	78	75	75	54
9 - 10	83	65	51	68	66	106	83
10 - 11	67	80	60	48	67	66	79
11 - 12	82	72	64	58	74	99	71
12 - 13	81	85	65	102	104	107	113
13 - 14	89	89	90	96	99	101	131
14 - 15	84	87	99	103	96	118	124
15 - 16	98	118	75	122	118	148	131
16 - 17	146	112	90	126	132	122	149
17 - 18	120	115	94	112	109	139	147
18 - 19	67	80	59	79	78	91	84
19 - 20	73	62	34	67	50	122	85
20 - 21	47	50	30	35	56	66	46
21 - 22	54	38	31	46	50	44	41
22 - 23	20	29	17	29	53	39	28
23 - 24	21	22	12	21	14	31	17
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1512</b>	<b>1486</b>	<b>1189</b>	<b>1402</b>	<b>1517</b>	<b>1646</b>	<b>1511</b>

**Exceeding Speed of 35MPH - October**