County Councillor Update – November 2026

Cllr Luis Navarro, County Councillor for Oakington & Westwick

Community Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour

Addressing anti-social behaviour (ASB) remains a priority. I have been working closely with our MP, District Councillors, and partner agencies to coordinate a robust response to concerns raised by residents. This has resulted in increased police activity, targeted patrols, and enhanced monitoring in affected areas.

A related development has been the early demolition of the former building on the site earmarked for the new Lidl store in Northstowe. Bringing forward these works has helped remove a location that had become vulnerable to trespassing and other forms of ASB. We will continue to monitor the situation and press for further action where required.

County Council Updates

At a recent Full Council meeting, councillors approved additional investment to reduce delays in Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) assessments for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

The Council has also secured further funding for its nationally recognised High Impact Use Service, which provides intensive support to residents with complex needs while helping to reduce pressure on local accident and emergency departments.

Highway Maintenance and Resurfacing

I am pleased to confirm that Octavius Infrastructure has been awarded the contract for the Arcadia Gardens to Cambridge Road, including Water Lane, carriageway resurfacing scheme.

Cambridgeshire County Council is now working with Octavius and the Street Works team to finalise the delivery programme. Works across this package are expected to commence from December 2026, with most schemes scheduled for delivery between January and April 2027. Specific dates will be confirmed once road space bookings and permits have been agreed.

Cambridge Road Bridge Silt Clearance

The silt clearance scheme for Cambridge Road Bridge has now been priced by M Group (the contractor). Unfortunately, progress has been delayed as the Scheme Delivery Manager from M Group responsible for the project has been absent due to an accident at home.

I appreciate the frustration this delay is causing, particularly given residents' concerns about winter rainfall and flood risk. I have continued to press for an update and will share details with the Parish Council as soon as a programme for the works has been confirmed.

Bar Hill to Longstanton Shared Use Path

Progress continues on Phase 3 of the Bar Hill to Longstanton Shared Use Facility, which will connect Phase 2 of the route with the existing shared-use path at Home Farm Road. The project continues to move forward positively and remains on course to secure delivery.

Local Issues Raised

Since the last meeting, I have also followed up a number of parish concerns, including:

- The condition of the pavement adjacent to Stokes Green and options for addressing the impact of tree roots while protecting the mature tree.
- Damage to Mansell Wood Bridge. Contractors visited the site last week and repair schedule is expected shortly.
- The collapsed embankment near 20 Cambridge Road.
- Fly-tipping and unauthorised access issues along the A1307/A14 corridor.

I will continue to update the Parish Council as responses are received.

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