

County Councillor Report – Oakington & Westwick Parish Council

Cllr Luis Navarro – September 2026

Local Government Reorganisation

The Government has announced that its Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) programme will be paused while a full review is undertaken. This pause will include Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

The Government has also confirmed that local elections scheduled for **May 2027** will proceed on existing council boundaries. While it remains committed to creating effective, sustainable and simplified local government structures, the timetable for reform is now uncertain.

This is a disappointing outcome after several years of planning and preparation by local authorities across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Nevertheless, councils will continue working collaboratively to improve services for residents. Locally, I will continue to press ahead with initiatives and investment opportunities that benefit our communities and which may otherwise have been delayed pending the outcome of LGR.

Adults & Health

Unpaid carers invited to shape future services

Cambridgeshire County Council is inviting unpaid carers, people with lived experience, and local organisations to help shape the future of Adult Carers Support Services.

A series of workshops will run between **September 2026 and March 2027**, providing opportunities to influence service priorities, design and future commissioning arrangements. Attendees do not need to participate in every session.

For further information, please contact: **Commissioning.FPTeam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk**

Have your say on the future of adult social care

The national **Big Conversation on Care**, led by **Baroness Louise Casey**, is seeking views from the public, service users, carers and professionals on the future of adult social care and proposals for a National Care Service.

The consultation will explore key issues, including eligibility for support, the role of families and communities, workforce challenges, and how care should be funded sustainably in the future. The programme will run until **April 2027**.

Further information is available at: www.caseycommission.co.uk/bigconversation

Environment

Minerals and Waste Local Plan

The consultation on the revised **Minerals and Waste Local Plan** remains open until **10 October 2026**.

This plan will help determine how Cambridgeshire manages future mineral extraction, waste processing and environmental protection, making it an important opportunity for residents and local councils to have their say.

Further details can be found at: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/mwlp-review

Highways & Transport

Rights of Way Improvement Plan

The County Council is currently reviewing its **Rights of Way Improvement Plan** and is seeking feedback on priorities for walking, cycling and horse-riding routes across the county.

Residents are encouraged to share their views before **11 October 2026** via:

yourvoice.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/place-and-sustainability/95349146/

For enquiries, please contact: Rowip2026@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

20mph Programme Review

A recent evaluation of eight 20mph schemes across Cambridgeshire found that average vehicle speeds fell by between **6% and 16%** following implementation. Early evidence also suggests a reduction in road traffic collisions, although further monitoring will be required to assess longer-term impacts.

The findings will help inform future decisions on 20mph schemes and wider road safety initiatives across the county.

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