

Coddenham Parish Council
Highways Working Group
September 2022 Report

Our thanks to Colin Hardy for attending the 'Rural Transport Conversation' which was organised by SCC. We will follow up on his report.

We have enquired about the function of the camera installed by SCC, after the bridge was repaired. We understand it is to monitor any further incidents on the bridge and record those who are responsible for any further damage.

The outcome of the overdue Lorry Route Plan (LRP) review is very disappointing for this Parish. No changes are recommended. Our thanks to John Peacock for continuing the pressure on SCC Highways to make public their deliberations and how they came to their decisions.

We have requested a meeting with SCC Highways, through Mathew Hicks, to discuss our short, medium and long term plans set out below. We expect this meeting to be in October. Mathew Hicks intends to also invite SCC Lorry Watch to the meeting. The incidents and jams in the High Street need to be formally recorded and submitted in future.

These plans may have to be amended by our Working Group to incorporate the views expressed in the recent Coddenham Village Survey. We intend to request SCC to commit funding for the upgrade of Rectory Road, and Sandy Lane, Hemingstone.

Short Term Plan

Need to limit vehicles to 3.5 ton max **and prevent trailers and caravans** (except emergency vehicles) driving through the village on the B1078 School Road & High Street.

Weight Limit signs at A140 - B1078 junction and the B1078 – **C441 Main Road, Hemingstone (road to Henley)** junction.

Reforming the B1078 Action Group.

Seeking a meeting with Suffolk Highways to discuss points generally.

Medium Term Plan

Creation of chicanes **on the B1078** at both ends of the village to prioritize vehicles leaving the village.

One to the west of the “Three **Cocked Hat**” junction (to stop the bridge being hit at speed) the other **on High Street and Rectory Road junction.**

We are aware that Hemingstone Lower Road starts east of Rectory Road, Hemingstone.

In addition, we believe chicanes have to be within 30 mph zones.

Investigate the use of sleeping policemen / speed cushions / speed bumps for the High Street and Church Road.

Meeting with other Suffolk villages with similar traffic congestion.

Seeking SCC Annual Roads Plans.

Seeking political and influential support.

Long Term Plan

Provision of off-street parking for High Street properties.

Intelligent IT speed monitoring.

Protection of Listed Buildings.