

Bannold Road

23 Hour Social Media Survey – Waterbeach Babble

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Summary Recommendations

- Resurface the Residential Section of Bannold Road; Make good the damage from Developers and Agriculture activities. CCC to initiate legal action against Developers if appropriate.
- Temporary Covid-19 Traffic measure. Reduce the speed limit for the full length of Bannold Road to 20 MPH for noise, safety and Covid-19 recreational uptake. This could impact Way Lane based on comments made I would recommend adding Way Lane to the 20 MPH Zone. Way Lane includes the Primary School rear access.
- “Voluntary Code of Practice – A Good Neighbour” Write to the NFU, Agricultural Firms and Farms requesting not to use large vehicles along Bannold Road between 22:00 and 07:00. Many residents have complained about noise, within this survey and in previous posts.
- Locate the Village Speed monitoring equipment along Bannold Road to obtain data with a view if Bannold Rd/Way Lane/Cody Rd should become a 20 MPH Zone.

Outline

Bannold Road has not been resurfaced for many years. In recent years major housing developments have taken place; moving Bannold Road from a mainly rural road to a Residential-Rural mix. Cambridgeshire County Council have agreed the Road has been damaged by Developers but have failed to convince the Developers to make good the damage.

Covid-19 has seen the use of the road increase substantially by recreational users as the Road is the major link to The River Camb; Bottisham Lock, Waterbeach. Bottisham Lock is a great starting point for fantastic walks to the local National Trust sites Anglesey Abbey and Wicken Fen, short river walks and further afield to Ely and Cambridge. The Lock is also a popular site for fishing.

Bannold Road can be split into two sections ; Bannold Drove to Denny End/High Street as high residential mix and Bannold Drove to Botthisham Lock as Rural with high recreational use.

Bannold Road has always served the Fen for Agricultural needs. The farm vehicles have changed for productivity reasons. The days of a bucket seat Case International tractor are well gone; and the new breed of tractors are massive. It is well understood that the Agricultural vehicles also cause kerb damage.

The Survey

I ran a 23 hour local social media survey finishing just before 07:30; 296 People responded to the two options that ran the full 23 Hours :-

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4 People voted – Yes; The Road and Pavement surface is not adequate along Bannold Rd

296 replies in 24 hours is a sizeable feedback given the normal low numbers replying to CCC and SCDC surveys which often receive less replies in weeks of promotion. I appreciate the reach did not include people not on the local village social media site for example under 12s.

A resident added an option after 22:00 (Late night option only).

The speeding HGVs and Farm Vehicles Combined with the really poor surface of Banhold Road (guess that's a pun) give me grave safety concerns and sleepless nights – **4 Votes**.

The Comments

I asked for Polite Comments and told people only to comment if they are happy for the comments to be published. I have not included comments about Way Lane and other roads unless part of the structure.

Carly W - Living down there, it is unsafe for cyclists to use as they often have to avoid the lumps and bumps in the road and end up swerving into the road at short notice

Ben P I spoke with local council a few months back and was told the road was at the bottom of the list for any work as it wasn't even a graded road. There is also the problem that it's one road in and one road out so resurfacing it will be a problem for access for emergency vehicles etc

Maggie G - Ben P an ungraded road didn't seem to be a problem when permission was given for all the new developments. If that is the excuse for not resurfacing it, then it's about time it was upgraded.

Diane S The pavement surfaces are in an appalling state, considering this is the only safe walk for many people to exercise. The new pavement is hazardous due to a raised edge, the older side is virtually non-existent and vehicles often mount the pavement due to no edge.

Not beyond the wit of man to organise one side of the road at a time. Desk top research might show this to be a minor, ungraded road, on the ground a different matter. Sixty to seventy vehicles an hour plus increasingly huge agricultural machinery does not make an "ungraded road." SCDC was happy to grant permission for many hundreds of houses, with associated cars, now it suits to call this a low priority. It is a cart track with speeding lunatics as it is long and straight.

Michael W Just to be accurate. SCDC didn't want to grant permission - they were forced to by the inspector who held the appeal against refusal. It's now the County Council that should be blamed for not fixing the problem.

Julie C The pavement is non existent now in parts of the road, where lorries or tractors have destroyed it. You have to walk in the road at these points

Kathy G Very difficult on a mobility scooter!

Carin A Impossible in a wheelchair

Debbie H Bannold road and personally more so way lane considering the school is there and and getting extended so it's only going to get busier plus you have to keep crossing the road cos all the paths stop and starting

Ian B Speeding vehicles is the issue on Bannold Rd

Diane S; Ian B speeding vehicles compounds the problem of uneven road in Bannold Road yet, to my knowledge, we have never yet had a share of that ludicrous, shared, speed checker. At least Way Lane gets that from time to time and was resurfaced in living memory. They stopped at the Way Lane junction last time resurfacing happened. I suspect it's this unclassified road thing yet we have had to bear the burden of hundreds of houses in recent times with all the associated delivery vans, work vans, two cars per household plus the enormous farm vehicles.

Anne S It's awful.... as is Way Lane....Accidents waiting to happen I fear

Wayne L Its flipping dangerous both for walking, driving and cycling

Darren J ...honestly the roads all around waterbeach are an absolute disgrace ive only lived hear for 5 years and I've never lived anywhere like this honestly its really bad

Naomi S Bannold road is pretty awful I have to admit! My car scrapes on the floor going up the road to do my horse twice a day and that's at less than 20mph! 🚗🚗 not seen much speeding down there personally but v high use road and non avoidable for many

Natalie S Bannold road is bad

Andrew D The road is like a 3rd world country

Bob V Agree the road and path is poor in Bannold rd, but have to add the whole village is disgusting and in many places dangerous

Val B There is no pavement near the bottom half of Bannold Road. It is completely churned up. Have to resort to the road.

Sharon L It was lorries making deliveries to the new housing estate (building materials) the company should be forced to repair the damage they did.

Ben H Appalling road

Felicity B It is a busy route for pedestrians as one of the main ways to access the river paths and the pavement is very poor in parts making it unsafe for people to walk on. Let alone try to push a buggy or have someone infirm or a young child on a scooter etc.

Ivan G Trouble is as councillors and Nigel is a parish councillor too we have tried over many months to get something done to no avail. We have had meetings with the county council road officer, and still it gets worse. May be this is our only option and I thank Nigel for pushing this forward

Louise W I agree with many comments above but I do believe speeding in particular to be of huge concern. However the pavements and road surfaces aren't in a good state...

Ron R The roads in Waterbeach are a total disgrace no matter where I go I hit a hole ...

Terence P I have written to the councils and the police on Twitter about both the state of the road and the speeding farm vehicles and hgvs. We keep on reporting the state of Banhold road but nothing happens.. I am thinking of buying a large box van and parking it on Banhold road next to the post box to act as a chicane to slow the traffic as it passes the end of Park Crescent. Anything to get a good nights sleep.. it's getting ridiculous and as for those trucks around 5pm today ...

Diane S and eleven thirty tonight, lumbering over the switchback between Park Crescent and Way Lane. I've often wondered about such a chicane.



Waterbeach Babble..... What's on in Waterbeach!



Nigel Seamark created a poll.

23h · 🌐

I have written to Lucy MP today about Bannold Road with pictures from this morning ; I would like to follow up with a Poll and any polite comments you would like to share. (Please only add a comment if you are happy for them to be published)



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Added by **Terence Parsons**

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