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MINUTES

of the ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on February 24th 2026

THE READING ROOM ERISWELL

Present:
Cllr G Tolmie (Chairman)
Cllr J Foster (Vice Chairman)
Cllr A Bibbey
Cllr B Foster
Cllr A James
In attendance: Nicola Glading (parish clerk), PC Scott Cameron and one member of the public

2026/ 87	**CHAIRMANS WELCOME and RECORDING OF MEETING**
	Mr Roger Crane: Councillors offered their condolences to the former clerk, Mary Crane, on her recent sad loss. Clerk to record the meeting for minutes only
2026/88	**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
	a) Apologies for absence had been received from D/Cllr Kelly, Cllr T Harrington, Mr J Tillotson (MoD) and Mr A Blenkiron (MD Elveden Farms) b) The councillors consented to accept the apologies received
2026/89	**CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**
	a) Co-option of a Parish Councillor: The chairman announced that Mr D Horsford has expressed an interest in becoming a councillor. **Next meeting.**
2026/90	**DECLARATIONS of INTEREST**
	To receive Members' declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests: none
2026/91	**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD in January 2026**
	a) The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in January 2026 were **unanimously AGREED** as an accurate record, and the chairman was authorised to sign the minutes.
	b) Business remaining from the meeting not on this agenda: none
2026/92	**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
	a) Members of the public may speak about specific items on this agenda or suggest future items: none
2026/93	**UPDATES FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**
a.	Update from the RAF representative was **RECEIVED**: See report at ***Appendix A***
b.	Update from C/Cllr Colin Noble: Council tax bills will arrive at your houses shortly: County Council element is 4.99%. C/Cllr Noble thinks that this is wrong, however the Labour government has insisted on a 4.99% increase. Of the total £850 million total is the total County Council budget, only about one third is made up of council tax, the rest is made up of grants etc.

	Around 75% goes on Adult Services, i.e. caring for vulnerable people. What people see is the terrible state of the roads, we are repairing as quickly as we can- 5% of the budget goes on highway repairs. New initiative to consider issues/ give heads up to our military neighbours at Beck Row is an evening with refreshments and invited USAF personnel. Base Commander coming to first one, which he believes is coming up soon. Eriswell PC are the first to hear this from me. I wanted to tell you that this will be my last meeting as a district councillor. As the elections are now going ahead, on 7th May 2026, April will be the purdah period. I was not selected for the Rows and have been asked to stand for two divisions over in Hartismere. These elections will be for two years as county councillor and one year as the decommissioning councillor. Nest year there will be elections to the new shadow council, either one or three. I have been on the ballot box for over 20 years but all good things come to an end. I wanted to stand for Row Heath again but I was not selected. If I am elected for Hartismere, which is two divisions over, I will be a strong voice, Mayor elections are scheduled for May 2028 UKPN Radcliffe lights: the feed comes from other side of the fence, UKPN have applied for access to go on base. This is slow progress since it involves security passes I suggest that when the new county councillor is in place, you inform them about the issue. C/Cllr Noble told the meeting that he will be in purdah during April. C/Cllr C Noble left the meeting
c.	<u>Update from West Suffolk D/Cllr Gerald Kelly and /or D/Cllr Tracy Whitehead</u> D/Cllr Kelly had given apologies. The councillors noted that D/Cllr Whitehand has only attended one Eriswell Parish Council meeting, which was directly after she was elected. Direct emails to her District Council email address are never answered.
d.	<u>Update from Police Officer Scott Cameron</u> In the last three months there have been several commercial burglaries in the area. I have a meeting on base with the big chiefs, to look at supporting ways of good driving. Cllr Tolmie gave a summary of the Speed Indicator Device report. The report shows clear evidence that there many speeders on Saturdays between 10am and 2pm at the Volvo Garage B1112. Clerk to send report to PC Cameron. PC Cameron can engage with the Base about tinted windows etc., he cannot deal with drink drivers and speeding Vehicles are speeding at Sparkes Farm. Any vehicles with no insurance are seized. PC Cameron suggested the setup of a Community Speedwatch Team, which has been moted before- there were not enough volunteers. He has spoken to Steve who manages the speeding and asked him to focus on these specific areas. Cllr Tolmie reminded PC Cameron of the current scam at Lords Walk- USAF personnel are targeted by `gardeners` who take payment for a six-month service charge and are never seen again. PC Cameron will report this to the Base Commander via an imminent meeting with Sqn Ldr Eaton soon. Fire in Lakenheath: the injured person remains severely injured at Addenbrookes. The UKPN emergency number is 105, to be added to the LPC Emergency Plan.

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<tr><td>e.</td><td>To receive an update from Mr A Blenkiron, MD Elveden Farms: not present</td></tr>
<tr><td>f.</td><td>Report from Active Lakenheath Community Connectors see Appendix B</td></tr>
<tr><td>2026/94</td><td>MATTERS RELATING TO PLANNING</td></tr>
<tr><td>a.</td><td>None</td></tr>
<tr><td>2026/95</td><td>FINANCE/ AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS/ DONATIONS/OTHER EXPENDITURE</td></tr>
<tr><td>a.</td><td>The expenditure for February 2026 was unanimously AGREED. The approved councillors were authorised to sign off
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<tr><th>Date</th><th>Payee</th><th>Subject</th><th>Amount</th></tr>
<tr><td>13.02.2026</td><td>N Glading</td><td>Land registry search</td><td>£7.00</td></tr>
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<tr><td>a.</td><td>Report from Cllr G Tolmie, manager of SID device Appendix C</td></tr>
<tr><td>2026/97</td><td>GOVERNANCE
To adopt/ review
a) The Eriswell PC Asset Register was APPROVED Appendix D
b) Eriswell Emergency Plan: fire in Lakenheath- consider implications, covered at 2026/93 d)</td></tr>
<tr><td>2026/98</td><td>CHAIRMANS and OTHER REPORTS</td></tr>
<tr><td>a.</td><td><u>Chairmans</u> report (on the night)
a) PIPP: The joint Letter from the Chairmen of Lakenheath and Eriswell at Appendix E was RECEIVED and thought to be an excellent way of moving forward with PIPP projects.
b) Radcliffe streetlights: Covered at 2026/93 b)
copy of email received 17/09/2024 from
Richard Webster, SCC Street Lighting Services Manager
Dear Nicky, Thank you for your email.
Adrian has been to site and identified a number of columns (6-7) that require complete replacement; some of these are slightly in Private gardens so we will need to liaise with the residents accordingly. I believe Adrian is visiting site later this week again as we will be looking to replace the lanterns with new as well.
Works will then commence as soon as possible.
Kind Regards,
Richard
Richard Webster MBA PGDMS Street Lighting Services Manager
Suffolk Streetlighting
c) RECEIVED: 2026 Summary of Meeting dates
d) RECEIVED Information on planning reform Appendix F
e) RECEIVED SALC training for councillors: Apologies for absence and disqualification.</td></tr>
<tr><td>b.</td><td><u>Councillors</u>’ reports (on the night)
Requested by Cllr Bibbey:
a) EPC noticeboards –the board at Sparkes Corner could be moved as in its current position it is splashed by passing vehicles and it has become</td></tr>
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	unsecure. It was **AGREED** that the redundant noticeboard at the Earlsfield Shopping Centre should be removed. b) The effect to EPC of the structural change that is coming ref unitary authority; are there preparations we should make to be ready? - the councillors thought not, need to wait and see what happens. c) Litter picking event is scheduled for 21st March 2026. Meet at the Earlsfield shops 10 am. Clerk and Chairman to organise. Cllr Foster will litter pick around Sparkes Corner, on a different date which is convenient for them. It was agreed that it is too dangerous to litter pick the winding part of the B1112 as it comes off the A1065.
c.	Reports from other groups a) Eriswell Recreation Ground Committee (Cllr Tolmie) The Service Level Agreement from West Suffolk Council has been received: inspections will be every third month. b) Reading Room Committee Cllr Bibbey has had a visit from Tony Good to check on the replacement windows. c) Poor's Charity Cllr B Foster reported that the land has been rented out to local person. d) Eriswell Footpaths Warden Report from Cllr G Tolmie reported that he has held an impromptu inspection- Footpaths 2 and 10 are in good condition.
2026/99	**CORRESPONDENCE/ EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION:** Information may be shared (with the permission of the Chairman) a) West Suffolk Public Space Protection Order Review 2026 (sent to cllrs 11/02/2026) b) Ministry of HC &LG letter about re-instated elections 2026 c) Conversation with Nick Timothy: do people want a public meeting Annual meeting?

Meeting closed 9.00

Appendix A

RAF Lakenheath report to Eriswell Parish Council February 2026.

- The Wing Chaplain, Lt Col Stahl, attended the Welcome and Enthronement of the new Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich on the 24th January in Bury St. Edmunds.

- Exercise Point Blank is running from 26 Jan – 6 Feb. This is a significant joint exercise with NATO partners and there may be additional flying activity.

- The Civic Leaders Tour is tentatively scheduled for 2nd September.
    - A full list of 'Save the Dates' has been sent separately to the council.

- Attachment: full response from 48 FW Public Affairs in response to recent press interest in flying activity.

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"Our mission is enabled through the incredible relationships we hold throughout our East Anglia communities. Respect for our local community is paramount.

High levels of readiness are essential to deterring adversarial aggression in Europe. As always, we appreciate the community's patience and support as we conduct the essential training necessary to maintain the highest levels of readiness for our collective defence.

The 48th Fighter Wing works closely with the MOD to optimize the use of Military Air Training Zones (MATZ) across the United Kingdom. The North Sea training area remains one of our preferred premium training locations to mitigate impacts to local communities. However, with three flying wings across the US Air Force and Royal Air Force using this space, we cannot execute the entirety of our flying syllabus there due to training congestion in this airspace, which is impacted by the limits of its current size and scope. Additionally, it's important to note that flying units are generally unable to use the North Sea MATZ when winter storm

conditions in the North Sea create prohibitively unsafe conditions to the survivability of pilots should they face an emergency ejection.

When possible, and as permitted by UK controllers, the 48 FW also prioritizes ranges across North Wales in efforts to reduce the amount of flying activity in the local area. However, the North Wales MATZ is limited by UK controller availability. And so, when the North Sea and North Wales MATZs are unavailable, and with military air space restricted to the south and west of England due to civil airspace, our flying program is often executed within the two published overland MATZs in East Anglia as approved by UK authorities.

With four flying squadrons and more than 100 combat-coded fighter aircraft, RAF Lakenheath represents the largest US combat airpower location in Europe. The 48 FW executes the largest flying hours program in the USAF; this reality reflects the calibre of its readiness standards and the scope of our security commitments across Europe and as needed beyond. While we strive for perfection in every flight activity, over time we see some errors.

When inadvertent sonic booms occur, it is often the difference of 2-3 seconds of the pilot adjusting his or her speed. The rate of these errors tends to decrease the more our pilots train and season in experience. Every incident is reported through operational channels, even if they are unnoticed by the community. These incidents are always debriefed and deeply studied by aircrew to accelerate learning and improve airmanship. Flying more than 100 sorties on most days, errors like inadvertent supersonic flight occur very infrequently and yet are treated with the utmost seriousness – flight safety and aircrew flight discipline form the foundation of military aviation training. Flying complaints within the local MATZs, which are passed directly to the base, are an extremely small percentage of sorties flown.

Periodically, the training syllabus requires flying operations during the period of darkness as well as training associated with surge operations, or the ability to rapidly generate large amounts of airpower. We strive to communicate these periods proactively with the community. Additionally, while we often see at least one squadron deployed away from RAF Lakenheath in support of operational requirements, on occasion all four squadrons are present at RAF Lakenheath which may increase the perceived amount of local flight activity.

More broadly, the US Visiting Forces work closely with the MOD to responsibly balance our readiness requirements with upholding our desire to be considerate neighbours in our communities through many pragmatic steps to reduce noise impacts. In addition to observing quiet hours between 11pm-6am (with rare exceptions), we also include self-imposed speed buffers below the supersonic level, self-imposed height avoidance over communities directly around the installation, additional limitations over population centers, mandated ILS approach during dark hours, and no-fly days on UK Bank Holidays and between the period spanning Christmas and New Year. We also maintain strong links with Parish Councils and ensure that they are aware of significant changes to flying activity.

We cherish the unshakable special relationship we hold with our closest Ally. We will continue to strive to be thoughtful stewards of the relationships we share across the East Anglia community, which is so deeply rooted in our collective airpower history."

Appendix B

Community Connectors Reports

J Chambers:

The Cooking group began a month ago and we have hosted 4 weeks of cooking classes at the Peace Memorial side of The Old Legion. Active Lakenheath has funded this, and purchased cooking items which can be used again and again for other events – mobile cooking hobs, knives, chopping boards, whisks – just basic equipment most people would have in their homes, even if they live on a budget. So far, we have made cottage pie, french onion soup, chicken and noodles, spam! And meatballs

and pasta. The last few weeks are to be toad in the hole and chilli. All of these are set up in mind with budget friendly alternatives to help ease the strain on people's pockets and bulk the meal with lots of healthy options like vegetables. Jo also comes up with fab ideas on how to make your food go further with cheap garlic bread or fancying up your soup with croutons for pennies. It has been a terrific group and the attendees have used words like ' this group has been a real blessing to me – I have made some new friends here and my sons are eating more veg!' and 'I love this group – it gets me out of the house' and 'Can we carry on….maybe make desserts?!!??' The active part of the cooking group has been rewarding too – with all the group (6 of which are retirees and varying mobility and 3 of which are of working age) all participating in the various active games I have put on – from stacking cups to boccia, cornhole and kurling. Rich is going to bring the mini golf set to the last cooking group so it has been a great success.

The Menopause group to be hosted at the library had to be put on hold due to lack of numbers signed up. I will think about changing the time and day and readvertise once the Cooking group is finished in a few weeks.

Rich and I have also been very active ourselves at the Beavers, Scouts, Cubs and Squirrels groups in the village, providing the a session for each group (2 for Cubs) with fantastic fun activities like mini golf, stacking cups, kurling, boccia, juggling, weights and agility ladders. The children loved it and also gave us some fantastic feedback on what they would like to see happen in the village in the months and years to come.

Rich and I were really keen to get a walking group going up at the Warren but the January date was very icy and the decision was made due to health and safety risks of ice that that needed to be postponed. It was then decided that Rich and I should undergo some first aid training as ours had lapsed so my training is in 2 weeks time and Rich's shortly after that and so we hope that 1st March will be our first walk.

We had a meeting with Heidi from the RSPB Lakenheath Fen recently and have organised a special day for villagers to have a talk and guided walk around the Fen – at a reduced cost, subsidised by Active Lakenheath. We are so glad to have made the link with Heidi and hope to get posters up and around the village in the next week or so advertising this – just waiting on their template to be sent to me so I can get the details on there – it is due to take place in April for around 30 people.

We are also looking into clearing walking footpaths, visiting care homes with fun activities, restarting the menopause group and making links with the surgery to provide Stop smoking support. That should keep us busy!

R Keeble:

Thank you all for your ongoing support to Jo and I as we continue to connect with the various groups in our village, gather the views of local people, and run meaningful events to encourage opportunities for the community to become more active. Jo has kindly covered some of the key activities from her update but I wanted to add a few words about the all-age carpet bowls and mini golf session we ran in partnership with the Indoor Bowls Club and EPIC Dad on Sunday 25th January.

This was a truly wonderful and encouraging afternoon for all ages bringing together 55 local people, including parents, carers, and children of all ages, for fun activities, refreshments, and social

interaction. Many said this was the first time they had visited the Bowls Club and were amazed by such a great asset we have in our community with many referring to it as a ‘hidden gem’. Also, some people expressed their interest in attending the bowls club for some of their regular groups and potentially becoming members of the club.

Attendees completed event feedback surveys

Appendix C

SID Report Jan 2026

On 08 May 2024 at 18:00 the SID was installed on the B1112 on the pole positioned opposite the Volvo dealership, The Street, in the village of Eriswell. The SID was positioned to monitor traffic coming from the direction Lakenheath heading South towards Eriswell Village.

Traffic speed and volumes were measured from 00:00AM 31st December 2025 up until 23:59PM on 31 st January 2026. There was between 2700 and 3200 vehicles on weekdays passing this point.

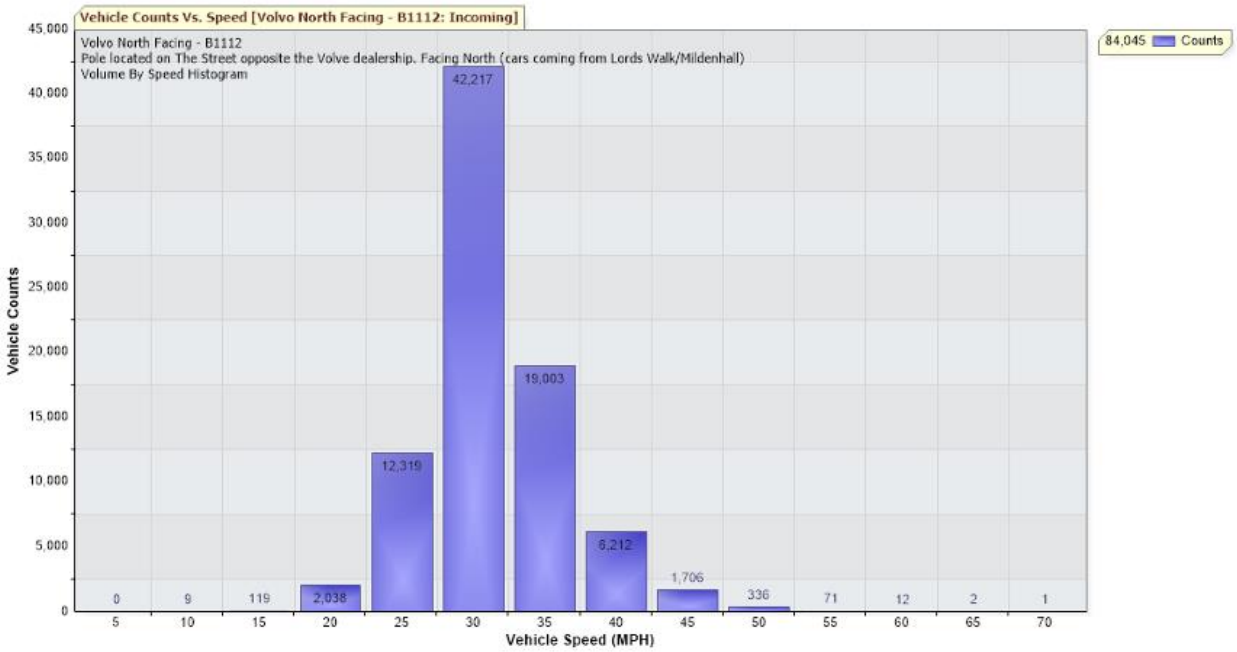
There was between 2000 and 2700 vehicles per day over the weekend heading towards the village.

The busiest times during the week was 07:45 -08:45 (Avg. 218 cars p/h) and 16:00-17:00 (Avg. 234 cars p/h).

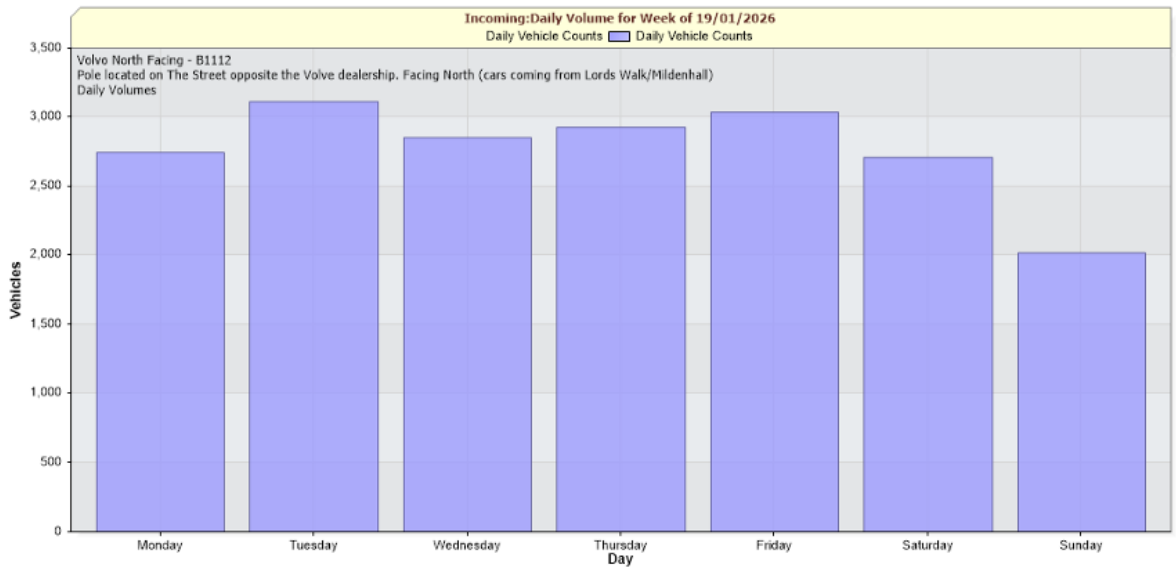
The 85th Percentile Speed (most people) travel at or below 33.9 MPH past his point. The 50th Percentile Speed (half the traffic) travel at or below 28.3 MPH past his point.

The fastest speeds recorded during this period was 70MPH (x1) and 65MPH (x2). The SID is positioned 670m past where the 30MPH zone starts (460m past the T-junction).

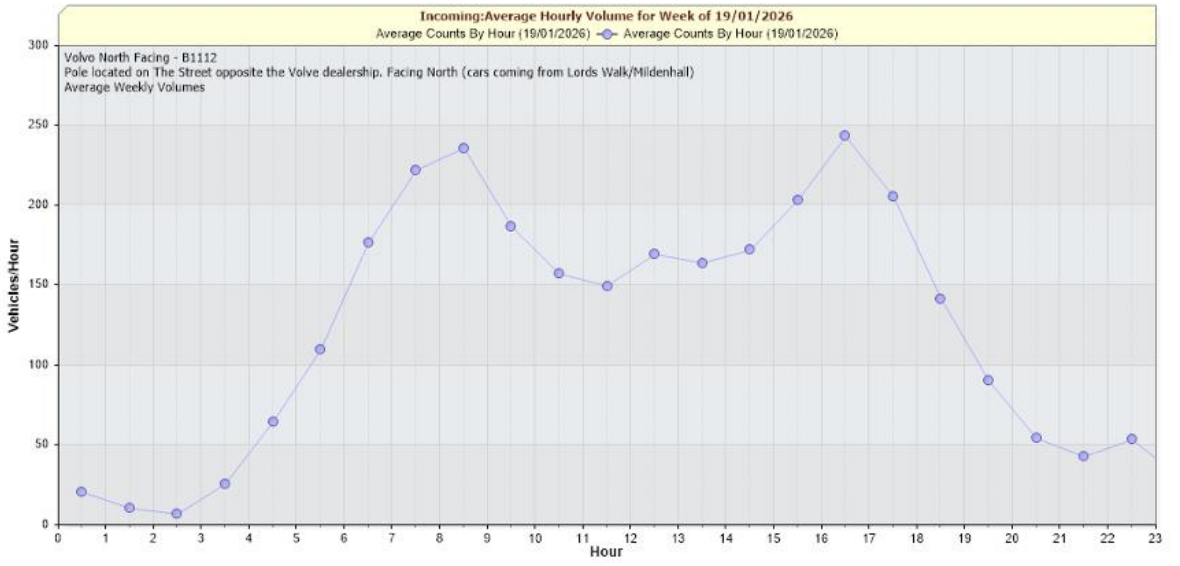
The next pages show: - Speed vs vehicle counts at the point listed above. - Typical hourly volumes (weekdays) passing this point - Community Speed Watch Team Limit (35MPH) exceedances table - SID Location aerial diagram



31/12/2025 to 31/01/2026 into Eriswell village – Traffic from Mildenhall/Lords Walk



Typical weekday volumes heading from Mildenhall/Lords Walk on B1112 into Eriswell village



Typical weekday volumes/hour heading from Mildenhall/Lords Walk on B1112 into Eriswell village

Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
0 - 1	11	17	11	19	13	22	24
2 - 2	12	6	4	10	13	16	20
2 - 3	10	10	10	9	16	17	9
3 - 4	19	15	23	27	35	20	17
4 - 5	62	73	70	79	75	51	44
5 - 6	55	54	56	58	75	39	28
6 - 7	46	53	41	67	55	39	20
7 - 8	44	39	49	52	47	49	17
8 - 9	49	54	54	62	54	66	34
9 - 10	39	38	58	58	59	70	43
10 - 11	34	37	51	52	48	99	61
11 - 12	55	50	53	78	81	119	76
12 - 13	54	51	37	69	77	107	79
13 - 14	55	51	47	63	82	122	72
14 - 15	57	57	81	63	89	112	87
15 - 16	84	57	65	87	96	96	67
16 - 17	61	65	73	68	82	95	66
17 - 18	51	58	54	77	71	79	55
18 - 19	38	42	45	42	50	63	51
19 - 20	18	32	39	39	46	58	39
20 - 21	24	18	38	34	45	59	24
21 - 22	13	28	20	36	38	46	17
22 - 23	42	51	45	48	40	51	17
23 - 24	15	18	24	22	28	34	25
Totals	948	974	1048	1219	1315	1529	992

Exceeding Community Speed Watch Team Limit of 35MPH – January 2026



SID Location vs Start of 30MPH zone

Appendix D Asset Register

	ITEM	PURCHASE VALUE	PURCHASE DATE	LISTED VALUE
DISPOSALS				0
ASSETS				
	Westcotec Speed Indicator Device	£4,330	19/11/2021	£4,330
	Greenbarnes Noticeboards x 3 IEP	£2,274	29/06/2021	£2,274
	Litter pick equipment	£230	06/04/2021	£230
	Noticeboard at Earlsfield shops	£1,080.00	04/06/2020	£1,080.00
	Bins at Earlsfield x 3 IEP	£749	01/04/2020	£749
	War memorial	nk		£26,923.00
	Junior Multiplay- Ice storm	nk		£14,121.27
	Toddler multiplay- Dragon	nk		£5,115.23
	Flat seat/ cradle swing	nk		£3,745.43
	Spring wobble board	nk		£1,117.81
	Metal seat springy	nk		£1,184.58
	Springy elephant	nk		£970.28
	Chain bridge	nk		£607.37
	Parallel Bars	nk		£352.14
	Balance beams	nk		£246.61
	Playground furniture	nk		£2,692.23
	Bus shelters x2			£6,000.00
	Total assets			**£71,738.95**

Appendix E

29th January 2026

Dear Councillors,

As you all know, there is a great deal happening at the moment. Local Government Reform, the Parish Governance Review, Active Lakenheath and the Lakenheath Pride in Place programme are all moving forward at the same time, and it can feel like a lot to take in.

Both Active Lakenheath (run by Sport England) and Pride in Place (run by Central Government) include Lords Walk within their project areas. This has understandably caused some confusion. The main reason is that ONS Census data doesn't follow parish boundaries, and the smallest dataset for Lakenheath happens to include Lords Walk. Things become even more complicated when we consider that over 85% of Eriswell's residents live on Lords Walk.

We also recognise that our two parishes share many of the same challenges — the B1112, the base, limited infrastructure, and of course our shared County and District Councillors and Parish Clerk. With so much in common, and with two major long-term projects underway, we felt this was the right moment to look at how we might work more closely together. With that in mind, we met with the West Suffolk officer leading the current Parish Governance Review to understand what options are available. After a long and detailed discussion about legislation, finance and practical implications, four possibilities emerged:

1. **Merger** — one council, one precept, one set of assets.

We felt this wasn't right for us because:

- There is no appetite for it among residents (or among us), and
- The numbers suggest it would feel more like a takeover than a merger.

2. **Grouping** — one Parish Council, but with each parish still holding its own meetings.

While there are some practical advantages, we felt that:

- It would be very complex to move to from where we are now,
- The risks and complications probably outweigh the benefits, and
- It would require a major effort to explain and gain support from

residents at a time when so much else is happening.

3. **Do nothing** — simply continue as we are.
We felt this was the least helpful option because:
- Scale is already an issue,
- We often duplicate effort, and
- Some long-standing issues are unlikely to be resolved without change.

Those are the three formal options.

The fourth option — the one we feel is most appropriate right now — is simply **"other":** finding ways to work more closely together without making any formal structural changes at this stage.

The purpose of this letter is twofold.
First, we wanted to let you know that we have been thinking carefully about the future and exploring what might be possible.
Second, at our next Parish Council meetings, we would like us all to discuss holding a series of joint Lakenheath/Eriswell meetings — what they could achieve, and how we might organise them.

We know you will have plenty of thoughts, questions and ideas, and we look forward to talking them through together.

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Appendix F

PLANNING REFORM AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

The Government is reforming the planning process to speed up the development process and to make it easier to build and deliver housing and major infrastructure. Three areas of change will impact local councils:

- **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

  Decisions on planning applications must follow national policy. National policy is set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and related guidance.

  The Government is consulting about a major overhaul of the NPPF. The new Framework will, for the first time, include policies for determining planning applications. Up until now it has been for local planning councils to set out these policies.

In addition, the Government in the future will restrict what can be considered by committee and instead more planning applications will be decided by officers in accordance with the NPPF and local plans.

- **LOCAL PLANS**

Later this year new regulations will require local plans to be prepared more quickly. Currently the process is slow, typically taking seven years and Government has set a target of 30 months for plan preparation. This will be achieved by reducing the content of the plans (as planning application policies will be in the new NPPF) and cutting down on supporting evidence each Council must prepare.

In addition, there will be a requirement for a new level of plan known as a Spatial Development Strategy (SDS). The Strategy will be prepared at regional, or county level and will set out broad locations for growth.

- **National Strategic Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) (e.g. reservoirs, solar farms and energy pylons)**

The changes include removing or reducing the amount of consultation, especially before a planning application is prepared. National guidance will also be reviewed and updated every 5 years and the opportunity for legal challenge will be limited.

- **SUPPORT**

All Parish and Town Councils will be affected by these changes. SALC aims to arrange online briefings with expert planners so that all our members are equipped to engage effectively.

Please look out for the invitations to attend the briefings and consider any questions you may have.