

## CHELMSFORD CITY LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES

**13 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**at 13:00 at the Civic Centre, Chelmsford**

<b>Chairman:</b>	Councillor Dick Madden
<b>Panel Members:</b>	Chelmsford City Council – Councillors Richard Ambor and Ray Ride  Essex County Council – County Councillors John Aldridge, Jenny Chandler, Mike Mackrory
<b>Officers:</b>	Michael Adewole - Chelmsford City Council, Sonia Church - Essex Highways, David Green - Chelmsford City Council, Claire Harris – Chelmsford City Council, Laura Medhurst – Chelmsford City Council and Jon Simmons - Essex Highways
<b>Also present:</b>	County Councillor Jude Deakin and County Councillor Stephen Robinson
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Brian Mayfield - Chelmsford City Council

Item		Owner
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>  The Chairman welcomed those present.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>  Apologies for absence were received from City Councillors M W Holoway and R J Shepherd.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>  The minutes of the meeting on 20 June 2018 were agreed as a correct record.	

4.	<b>Matters Arising from Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b>	
	<p><i>LCHE181002 A1016 Westway j/w Robjohns Road</i> – Jon Simmons had discussed the provision of a box junction with Councillor Deakin. This work was carried out as part of the Britvic/Clock Tower development.</p>	
	<p><i>LCHE162060 Springfield Green, Springfield</i> – Councillor Mackrory had supplied to Jon Simmons a drawing showing the extent of the City Council's land. Essex Highways were now looking at the width of the footway on the east side to see if it could accommodate a pedestrian crossing. Design of the scheme was progressing.</p>	
	<p><i>LCHE162143 Copperfield Road j/w Dickens Place</i> – A response had been received to the Panel's request for clarification of the policy around the use of Halo crossing lights and whether they could be provided at this site. Claire Harris was asked to supply the response to Councillor Robinson. The policy focused on the provision of such lights at high risk sites where visibility was poor or there was a particular safety issue. Councillor Robinson said there were safety concerns at this site and he would wish to continue to press for a Halo crossing as a cost-effective solution.</p>	<b>CH</b>
	<p>The Highways Rangers had been asked to look at cutting back obscuring trees and vegetation as part of their normal duties.</p>	
	<p>Councillor Ride enquired about the criteria for providing anti-skid surfacing. Jon Simmons said that it was now the policy of the County Council to provide high-friction surfacing as this was more durable than anti-skid surfaces. Any proposals for the provision of such surfaces should be sent to Essex Highways for assessment and programming.</p>	
	<p><i>LCHE142019 A1245/A132 Roundabout, Rettendon</i> – Councillor Ride remained concerned about problems at the turnpike and he would discuss this with Jon Simmons.</p>	<b>JS</b>
	<p><i>LCHE162149 The Meads, Chelmsford</i> had been discussed at the Sub-group meeting and <i>LCHE162059 North Avenue, Chelmsford</i> – was being pursued as a Section 106 scheme.</p>	
	<p><i>Condition of signposts</i> – Sonia Church had been advised that grass cutting was not the primary reason for the poor condition of signposts. Some were rotting from the ground and their condition was largely attributable to age. Councillor Aldridge suggested that this was a county-wide issue which needed to be looked at. Sonia Church said that she would raise it in the appropriate place.</p>	<b>SC</b>

<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Works Programme Update 2018/19</b></p> <p>The Panel received an update on the schemes in the Approved Works Programme for 2018/19. In addition to the progress detailed in the schedule, specific reference was made at the meeting to the following schemes:</p> <p><i>LCHE162166 – Pryors Road, Galleywood</i> – Letters would be sent to local residents to advise them when the scheme would be carried out.</p> <p><i>LCHE162164 – B1008, Ford End</i> – Councillor Aldridge said that, ideally, 40mph buffers should be provided at both entrances to the village but the greater priority was the southern entrance. Jon Simmons to provide a scheme drawing to Councillor Aldridge.</p> <p>Councillor Ride referred to the fact that £300,000-400,000 remained to be spent on schemes within the 2018/19 before the end of the year. Coupled with the £200,000 worth of match-funded schemes he enquired whether there were sufficient resources at Essex Highways to complete the schemes by the end of Quarter 4.</p> <p>Sonia Church said that the schemes being funded from the original £500,000 budget would be completed in the current financial year. Additional design staff were being employed to deliver the match funding schemes, but she asked the Panel to accept that some of those may not be completed until Quarter 1 of 2019/20. The match-funding would not be lost for any schemes not completed in 2018/19.</p>	<p><b>JS</b></p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Potential Schemes List</b></p> <p>At its last meeting the Panel had established a sub-group to prioritise schemes that could be funded through additional match funding. The sub-group had since prioritised schemes on the Potential Schemes List with a total value of £200,700, which the Panel was asked to consider. If match funding was available, those schemes agreed would be added to the Approved Works Programme for 2018/19. The Panel were also reminded that the costs supplied were estimates only and a final scheme cost could change significantly, through the design and construction phases.</p> <p>The Chairman outlined the rationale that had been used by the sub-group in coming to its recommendations. This included an assessment of cost, a geographical spread of schemes, a focus on casualty reduction and which schemes provided the greatest benefit to the most people.</p> <p>Referring to Scheme 17 for improvements to the crossing outside King Edward VI grammar school, Councillor Deakin expressed the view that some of the issues associated with the crossing could be</p>	



	<p>and 278 and CIL, and whether and in what circumstances they could be used to supplement schemes in the Approved Works Programme.</p> <p><b>AGREED</b> that the Section 106 Update report be noted and that a presentation on funding from other external sources be made at the next meeting.</p>	<b>JS/CH/LM</b>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Highways Rangers and 2018/19 Revenue Spend Updates</b></p> <p>The Panel considered a summary of the Chelmsford City Highways Rangers work programme for April to June 2018 and details of the Panel's Revenue budget for 2018/19.</p> <p><b>AGREED</b> that the Highways Rangers Update report be noted.</p>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Other Business</b></p> <p>None.</p>	

The meeting closed at 14:00

Chairman