

# CHELMSFORD CITY LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES

## 17 DECEMBER 2020

### at 13:00 via Remote Meeting

<b>Chairman:</b>	County Councillor Bob Massey
<b>Panel Members:</b>	Chelmsford City Council – Councillors Jeremy Lager, Jennie Lardge, Chris Shaw and Mike Steel  Essex County Council – County Councillors John Aldridge, Jenny Chandler, Jude Deakin, Ian Grundy, Mike Mackrory, Dick Madden and Stephen Robinson
<b>Officers:</b>	Michael Adewole - Chelmsford City Council, Jon Simmons and Sonia Church - Essex Highways
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Brian Mayfield - Chelmsford City Council

Item		Owner
1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>  The Chairman welcomed those present.	
2.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>  Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor John Spence and David Green, Chelmsford City Council.	
3.	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>  The minutes of the meeting on 17 September 2020 were agreed as a correct record.	
4.	<b>Matters Arising from Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b>  <i>LCHE152057, Old Moulsham 20mph zone</i> –The second tranche of government funding for the creation of Safer, Greener, Healthier Routes had been released and a steering group was co-ordinating measures for three schemes. Public consultation on	

	<p>them would begin in the New Year with a view to the schemes being agreed by May 2021.</p> <p><i>LCHE192070, Doctor's Surgery, Lordship Road, Writtle</i> – The possibility of Section 106 being available for this scheme would be checked.</p> <p><i>LCHE172027, Chatham Green, Little Waltham</i> – The Parish Council's views on this scheme were not yet known; further work or decisions on this would therefore be held in abeyance.</p> <p><i>LCHE152126, Stump Lane, Chelmsford</i> – This had been identified as a scheme that could be funded from Section 106 monies. The amount of funding available would be checked but there was likely to be sufficient for this to proceed.</p> <p><i>LCHE182051, B1008, Northern approach to Ford End</i> – The survey had been completed</p> <p><i>LCHE182071, Daffy Wood/Neil Way, Copperfield Road, Chelmsford</i> – Funding was agreed at September 2020 Panel to make this a total scheme in 2020/21. Delivery planned for February 2021</p> <p><i>LCHE162143 – Copperfield Road nr Dickens Place – Zebra crossing improvements</i> - The Panel was referred to its decision in March 2020 to approve this scheme in the area in preference to LCHE192023 Copperfield Road/Chignal Road – SID on rotation. Councillor Robinson pointed out that the Copperfield Road scheme was on the list for action and that the Vehicle Activated Signs related to a stretch of Chignal Road further south, near the junction with Wicklow Avenue. Jon Simmons said that that LCHE192023 would be brought to a future meeting as part of the Schemes Awaiting Funding list.</p> <p><i>LCHE154007, Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford</i> – Section 106 funding may be available for this scheme and this would be confirmed at the March 2021 Panel.</p> <p>The Panel was informed that a Strategic Funding Engineer from Essex Highways would attend its next meeting to give a presentation on schemes associated with the Local Plan.</p>	<b>JS</b>
5.	<p><b>Funded Schemes 2020/21</b></p> <p>The Panel received an update on the schemes in the Funded Schemes Programme for 2020/21. The total cost of the current year's programme, including Safer Roads and Commissioned Schemes, was £652,500.</p> <p>Comments were made and updates given on the following schemes:</p>	

	<p><i>LCHE152115, Admirals Park Estate</i> – The speed/volume data from the recent automatic traffic counts was with the design team and an update would be given at the March meeting.</p> <p><i>LCHE182054, Central Chelmsford Signage</i> – The transfer of funding for this scheme has been agreed.</p> <p><i>LCHE182071, Daffy Wood/Neil Way, Copperfield Way</i> – Work on this scheme was scheduled to begin on 4 February 2021.</p> <p><i>LCHE192028, Ford End Average Speed Cameras</i> – The Parish Council was due to consider match funding for this scheme on 21 December, although it was unlikely to be approved. Councillor Steel to provide an update following the Parish Council meeting.</p> <p><i>LCHE201004, A130 Howe Green Interchange</i> – This scheme was associated with surveys of the A12 south bound and north bound off slip roads at this junction for which the Highways Agency was responsible. An overall scheme to improve signage would help to reduce driver confusion over lane choice on the approach to the Howe Green interchange, and from it on to the A12, and reduce the risk of accidents.</p> <p><i>LCHE172026, Writtle Road j/w A1060 Westway</i> – This scheme was likely to be carried out in quarter 4 but there was no implementation date at present.</p> <p>In addition to the above schemes, the Panel was told that funding from the Chelmsford Growth Package Fund for the cycle route along Patching Hall Lane might not fully cover this scheme and it may need to be funded from the Local Highways Panel budget if it was to proceed. Jon Simmons would discuss this with the Transport Strategy and Engagement Team and update Councillors Aldridge and Robinson before reporting to the next meeting. He would also check on whether the money in the Chelmsford Growth Package, including that for the Essex Regiment Way Pegasus crossing, was likely to be spent by the end of March.</p> <p><b>AGREED</b> that the update on Funded Schemes 2020/21 be noted.</p>	<p><b>MS</b></p> <p><b>JS</b></p>
6.	<p><b>Schemes Awaiting Funding</b></p> <p>The Panel received details of the latest version of the list of Schemes Awaiting Funding, which contained schemes with a total estimated cost of £1,193,500. It was expected that the capital budget for 2021/22 to fund schemes recommended by the Panel would again be £500,000.</p>	

	<p>The sub-group appointed at the last meeting had produced an indicative list of priority Traffic Management schemes with a total cost of £188,000 and these were highlighted in the Schemes List, together with those the group felt should not be a priority or should be removed from the list. The schemes had been prioritised on the basis of those that would improve safety to the greatest number of people. Costings for the Safer Roads schemes would be available at the March meeting.</p> <p>The Panel supported the recommendations of the sub-group, but had comments on the following schemes:</p> <p><i>LCHE172027, Chatham Green 30mph</i> – The reasons for removing this scheme should be put in writing so that the decision could be explained to the Parish Council and others who had supported it.</p> <p><i>LCHE152124, Highwood Road Edney Common to Loves Green</i> – This scheme should be removed from the list but revisited if the traffic calming scheme was not effective or there was an increase in accidents.</p> <p><i>LCHE163005, Penny Royal Road/Mayes Lane to Woodhill Road, Danbury</i> – It was possible that £30,000 may be available from Section 106 monies for this scheme and an update would be provided for the March 2021 Panel meeting.</p> <p><i>LCHE203003, O/s Writtle Infants School, Lodge Road, Writtle</i> – It was requested that the validation of this scheme be expedited.</p> <p><i>Public Rights of Way Schemes</i> – It was agreed that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Councillor Aldridge would be sent details of the schemes for LCHE158006 - Great Leighs Footpath 41 and LCHE158007 - Little Waltham Footpath 28;</li> <li>2. information should be sought on the level of usage of the six PRow on the list; and</li> <li>3. the Panel should consider at its next meeting whether the schemes should be retained, removed or carried out as a phased programme over several years.</li> </ol> <p><b>AGREED</b> that the recommendations of the sub-group on those schemes on the List of Schemes Awaiting Funding that should be prioritised or removed be approved.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>
7.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>None.</p>	

8.	<b>Dates of Next Meeting</b>  <b>AGREED</b> as 18 March 2021.	
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The meeting closed at 14:20

Chairman