

COLCHESTER LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL

Minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2019 - 10.00

GRAND JURY ROOM, TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET,
COLCHESTER, CO1 1PJ

Chairman:	County Councillor Anne Brown
Panel Members:	County Councillors John Baker, Dave Harris, John Jowers, Sue Lissimore, Anne Turrell and Julie Young Borough Councillor Dennis Willetts Parish Councillor John Gili-Ross
Officers:	Essex Highways: Sonia Church – Highways Liaison Manager, Jon Simmons – Highways Liaison Officer, Ian Henderson – Senior Road Safety Engineer Colchester Borough: Jane Thompson - Transport and Sustainability Project Officer
Secretariat:	Colchester Borough: Owen Howell – Democratic Services Officer

Item		Owner
1.	Welcome and Introductions: The Chairman welcomed Councillors and officers to the meeting and invited everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.	
2.	Apologies for Absence County Councillor Lee Scordis, Parish Cllr Roger Mannion and Borough Councillor Lyn Barton.	
3.	Minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2019 The minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2019 were confirmed as a correct record. Jon Simmons confirmed that he had circulated copies of his presentation on 20mph schemes to Panel members, as requested. It was further confirmed that a scheme requested by Councillor Barton for a new 20mph zone within Shrub End had now been added to the list of funded schemes and that the feasibility of additional flashing 20mph signs on Paxman Avenue and Walnut Tree Way was also being looked at.	

	<p>Councillor Baker confirmed that he had requested an application for an assessment to be made of the area around Friar's Grove Primary School, to assess whether a 20mph scheme was appropriate.</p> <p>Jon Simmons informed the Panel that he had met with Councillor Dave Harris, as requested, to discuss issues within Maypole Division.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting</p> <p>Sonia Church confirmed that the Highway Authority's view of the situation regarding West Quay, Wivenhoe, had been provided to Councillor Julie Young. Councillor Young highlighted the issues caused by estates being left incomplete or not up to standard, and therefore unadopted, and agreed to discuss this further with officers following the meeting. The two main issues being cycling on the footway, and the failure of the developer to build an agreed floodwall, Councillor Turrell requested clarification as to why enforcement action had not been taken, and whether enforcement would be by the County or Borough Council. Councillor Young informed the Panel that Colchester Borough Council (CBC) had pursued legal action against the developer but had been unsuccessful due to a technicality.</p> <p>Councillor Jon Baker provided an update on his action from item 9 of the minutes, explaining that concerns persisted regarding the road works on the Ipswich Road roundabout, albeit that Highways officers had worked hard to mitigate the disruption. He had yet to arrange a meeting with Councillor Kevin Bentley, Essex County Council (ECC) Cabinet Member for Resources, but would request this meeting</p> <p><i>Action – Councillor Baker to request a meeting with Councillor Kevin Bentley to discuss the ongoing Ipswich Road roundabout works.</i></p> <p>The slow responses to requests to the Highways Rangers were discussed. Sonia Church informed the Panel that she had spoken to the Rangers' manager regarding the issues noted at the previous Panel meeting but had not been able to identify the cause of the problems. Councillor Turrell notified the Panel that CBC's Cabinet had agreed the transfer of Rangers to the Borough Council and offered to check on the progress. Councillor Julie Young explained that Cabinet had approved the transfer, but this depended upon funding to be provided by ECC. The Rangers would be transferred to the Neighbourhood Teams, should this go ahead.</p> <p><i>Action – Councillor Turrell and Sonia Church to seek and provide information regarding the transfer of Highways Rangers to CBC from ECC.</i></p>	<p>JB</p> <p>AT & SC</p>

	<p>The Panel discussed the possibility of the Highways Authority prioritise a safety scheme for the Station Road / Chapel Road / Church Road / Factory Hill junction in Tiptree when seeking Section 106 contributions from proposed developments in the area. Sonia Church confirmed that she had raised this with the ECC Planning Team. Any potential solutions were at the very top end, or beyond the top end of the limit on Panel schemes. Solutions included traffic signal installation, and removal of adjoining properties to improve sight lines. Reasonableness and proximity are key considerations in such cases. Councillor John Jowers posited that the Panel should be able to recommend schemes which would be beyond its capacity. Councillor Anne Brown committed to raise this with Councillor Kevin Bentley.</p> <p><i>Action – Councillor Anne Brown to discuss with Councillor Kevin Bentley the possibility of the Panel recommending schemes which were beyond its capacity, but which were considered by the Panel to be of merit.</i></p>	AB
5.	<p>Presentation on Casualty Reduction Schemes 2020/21</p> <p>The Panel received a presentation from Ian Henderson, giving details of the work which had progressed on casualty reduction schemes, as listed under ‘Safer Roads’ schemes awaiting funding. Ian explained that the criteria to be met for such schemes to be considered had included one that a safety scheme would be considered where four collisions/incidents had occurred within a 50m stretch of road. This had, however, now been updated for rural areas, where the new criterion was for three collisions within a 250m stretch of road.</p> <p>Ian briefed the Panel on sites for which the Panel would be asked to consider safety schemes in 2020-21.</p> <p>No. 3 – Station Road, Marks Tey – LCOL201001. A fatal accident had occurred earlier in the year. A member of the public had alighted from a bus, attempted to cross the road and was struck by a vehicle. Potential remedial works have been investigated, including the removal of two parking spaces and pavement improvements, to improve motorists’ lines of sight. Further improvements to improve safety have also been suggested and Ian informed the Panel that he was due to hold a meeting the following day to discuss costings.</p> <p>Councillor Anne Brown considered that the installation of additional parking spaces had increased the danger on this stretch of road. Councillor Dennis Willetts expressed surprise that there had not been more incidents prior or since the fatal accident this year. He further noted that the future closure of the Aldham/Marks Tey bridge had the potential to cause further dangers. Ian Henderson</p>	

	<p>committed to provide the details of mitigations which were discussed.</p> <p><i>Action – Ian Henderson to provide the Panel with details of measures considered for a potential safety scheme on Station Road, Marks Tey, at a future meeting.</i></p> <p>No.4 – Packards Lane j/w B1508, Wormingford – LCOL201002. The junction occurring on a bend in the B1508 was thought to be the cause of consistent failures to give way, with motorists thinking that the B1508 continued straight on, rather than bending to the right. It would be proposed that yellow-backed, directional and triangular signage be installed. Councillor John Gili-Ross cautioned that, in his view, ‘give way’ signs were unlikely to be effective at that site. Ian confirmed that only minor incidents had been recorded there, which limited the mitigations which could be proposed.</p> <p>No.2 – A134 Jw Nayland Road – LCOL191001. An area where danger to cyclists had been identified was given as the roundabout between Wildeve Avenues, Colchester, and Nayland Road. A feasibility study was being carried out to assess collisions recorded and road use patterns at this point. Sustrans was to be consulted and asked to suggest design improvements to reduce the number of collisions.</p> <p>Councillor Julie Young suggested involving cycle groups in Colchester to gain their views. Councillor Lissimore agreed that such views should be sought, but advised caution in this, to ensure that they did not skew the design to benefit only a narrow portion of road users. Sonia Church assured the Panel that Essex Highways, held expertise in safety and highway design, but following instances of negative publicity and interaction with some cycle groups, this was being borne in mind. Sustrans would first be consulted, and their recommendations would then be consulted upon with cycle groups. Sonia stressed the importance of identifying the types of incidents occurring, and the types of cyclists involved. She gave assurance that Essex Highways was working to avoid cycle groups being allowed to over-influence the feasibility study to over-represent the views of some road users above those of others.</p> <p>Councillor Brian Jarvis asked for clarification as to whether only incidents and accidents recorded by Essex Police could be considered when assessing the need for additional safety schemes. Sonia confirmed that this was the case and stressed the importance of reporting all incidents to the Police, to ensure that problem areas could be identified as quickly as possible. Ian Henderson summarised the ways in which incidents could be reported to the Police.</p>	<p>IH</p>
--	---	-----------

<p>No.1 – Cowdray Ave Jw North Station Rd (Albert RAB) – LCOL191003. A feasibility study had been carried out, examining the traffic flows here, cycling habits, and looking to identify why some cyclists do not use the safest routes. Sustrans had been asked to consider options for small-, medium- and large-scale changes to the roundabout to address the problems reported.</p> <p>Councillor Julie Young noted the importance of working to co-ordinated timescales with the Borough Council on this area, especially given the ongoing work being carried out to develop the key link between the town centre and the train station. Sonia Church confirmed that Jane Thompson was already involved and that improvements to the cycle links would help to make the overall improvements more popular. Significant safety-related changes to the roundabout would be likely to affect other potential improvements/changes to the roundabout, which highlighted the need for future plans to be co-ordinated between the organisations involved. Jane informed the Panel that it was expected that work on ‘fixing the link’ improvements around the roundabout would commence between February and April 2020.</p> <p>Ian Henderson noted that the following scheme had now been removed from the list:</p> <p>No.5 – Nr Dog & Pheasant P/H, Nayland Road j/w Mill Road, Myland – LCOL201003</p> <p>Collisions had been reported where Southbound road users were colliding whilst turning into Mill Road. A lack of space at the junction made it difficult to implement improved safety measures. The incidents reported had been minor, and this limited the nature of action which could be taken. There was no space for the extra lane which would be required for phasing to be possible, which had been the approach used elsewhere.</p> <p>Councillor Dennis Willetts asked what data was being collected on cycling patterns and behaviours, as copious data had been recorded on vehicle movements, but he had not seen analysis of cycle movements. The need to identify routes of significant cycle use was highlighted, especially when ensuring junctions are designed. Ian and Sonia explained the methods used for recording cyclist movements, including cameras, human observers and cycle loops along routes. Sonia noted that some loops within the Borough had been in place for years and were not necessarily now in the most relevant places. She noted that it was important to record data on the different types of cyclists on routes, as well as overall numbers, and offered to approach the Essex Highways Cycle Champions to see if they held data on this which could be shared with the Panel.</p> <p><i>Action – Sonia Church to seek data regarding cycle usage from Essex Highways Cycle Champions and provide this to the Panel if possible.</i></p>	<p>SC</p>
---	------------------

<p>6.</p>	<p>Report on Funded Schemes 2019/20</p> <p>Jon Simmons presented the report providing an update on the current position on all of the schemes which the Colchester Local Highway Panel had recommended for inclusion in the 2019/20 programme. He explained that the 2019/20 Capital budget was currently fully committed.</p> <p>Funded Schemes 2018/19</p> <p>No. 1 – Brinkley Grove Road, Mill Road, Colchester – Junction Modifications LCOL 002001 – Jon Simmons confirmed that the element completed was the statutory diversion works.</p> <p>No. 2 – Footpath 70, Myland – Surface upgrade – It was explained that the Public Right of Way Team recommended a different specification of footpath surface to that recommended by the Park Rangers. It was therefore recommended that this scheme be returned to the list of Schemes Awaiting Funding to allow for this to be resolved. Councillor Turrell further requested that this be a priority scheme for 2020/21.</p> <p>Match Funded Schemes</p> <p>The following schemes were confirmed as completed:</p> <p>No. 1 – Maldon Road, Tiptree – New footway LCOL163003</p> <p>No. 2 – Berechurch Road, Britannia Mews, Colchester – TMI LCOL162036</p> <p>No. 4 – Ipswich Road near East Street, Colchester – Pedestrian Crossing Improvement LCOL162024</p> <p>No. 5 – The Heath, Castle Hill, Dedham – Signage review LCOL172003</p> <p>No. 6 – A1124, Chappel, Wakes Colne – LCOL172016</p> <p>No. 7 – Stop Name – The Street. Location – Colchester Road, Wakes Colne – Solar flag LCOL165005</p> <p>No. 9 – Flag Name – Mason Road, Location – Mason Road, near The Range, Colchester – Formalise stop LCOL165008</p> <p>No. 10 – Flag: The Cricketers, Spring Lane, Eight Ash Green – Wooden Shelter LCOL175002</p> <p>No. 14 – Flag Name - Shillito Close Location – James Carter Road, Colchester – LCOL175006</p> <p>No. 3 – Footpath 20, West Mersea – Surface upgrade LCOL168008 – It was confirmed that Councillor Roger Mannion had examined the area and advised that both stretches of footpath be upgraded at the same time. It was therefore recommended that this scheme be placed on the list of Schemes Awaiting Funding as a priority scheme for 2020/21.</p> <p>No. 8 – Togg Lane Location – A134 near Boxted Church Road, Great Horkelesley – Replacement shelter LCOL165007 – It was confirmed that the recommendation for cancellation was due to the land in question being in private ownership, and that the owner refused to transfer the land to Highways ownership. Jon Simmons</p>	
------------------	---	--



	<p>agreed to provide a written explanation to Great Horkesley Parish Council.</p> <p><i>Action – Jon Simmons to provide a written explanation to Great Horkesley Parish Council regarding the cancellation of Scheme LCOL165007.</i></p> <p>No.11 – The Walk Location - Spring Lane, Eight Ash Green – Infrastructure upgrade LCOL165011 – This scheme was now on hold pending the conclusion of a County-wide audit of bus shelters. Councillor Anne Brown requested information as to when a report could be brought to the Panel to explain the ECC/Essex Highways approach as to who maintains bus shelters. Sonia Church explained that this was under consideration by the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure at ECC and was not yet ready to be reported upon. A new central procurement process was being investigated and it was hoped that a detailed update on this could be provided to the next meeting of the Local Highways Panel, following its dissemination to County Councillors. Councillor John Jowers noted that, on occasion, Community Initiative Fund (CIF) funding had been used to install or improve bus shelters. Councillor John Gili-Ross raised the concern that, should ownership of bus shelters be returned to parish councils, the parish councils would need to be allowed time to reflect this cost within their budgets. Councillor Sue Lissimore enquired as to who would then maintain shelters in non-parished areas. Sonia explained that shelter sites in non-parished/urban areas would be prioritised under the new arrangement when known.</p> <p>No. 12 – Blue Row Location – East Mersea Road, West Mersea – Infrastructure upgrade LCOL165012 – It was confirmed that the Parish Council had agreed to a metal shelter, and to take on its maintenance.</p> <p>No. 15 – Harrison Road Location – Gurdon Road, Colchester – LCOL185004 – Jon informed the Panel that the land need for the shelter was not highway and the landowner had indicated they may require a peppercorn rent for its use. Sonia explained this shelter scheme fell outside the current Local Highways Panel process as the frequency of buses past the site was too low. Maintenance funding would need to be located from outside the Local Highways Panel scheme. Councillor Dave Harris explained the work carried out to try to resolve the ownership issue and requested that the scheme remain on the list of Match Funded Schemes. Panel approved the remaining of this item on the list. Councillor Anne Brown requested that Councillor Kevin Bentley be invited to the next Panel meeting to explain the situation.</p> <p><i>Action – An update to be provided to the next Panel on the issue around land ownership for LCOL185004.</i></p>	<p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>
--	---	-----------------------------------

Funded Schemes 2019/20

The Panel noted the following Funded Schemes:

- No.3 – Tufnell Way, Colchester - 20mph Zone LCOL172007
- No.4 – Mersea Road, Colchester – TMI LCOL173006
- No.5 – A134 Nayland Road, Great Horkesley -Signing and lining LCOL172025
- No. 6 – Normandy Avenue, Colchester – Dropped kerbs LCOL173009
- No.14 – D'Arcy Road, Colchester - Salt bin LCOL183004
- No.15 – London Road/Birch Road, Copford – Gateway LCOL182008
- No.17 – Station Road, Wivenhoe - PT LCOL185006
- No.22 – Villa Road, Stanway - 20mph LCOL182030
- No.24 – Shrub End Road, Colchester – Zebra crossing LCOL153006
- No.25 – Berechurch hall Road j/w Berechurch Road, Colchester – Footpath link LCOL163014
- No.26 – 26 Reynold’s Avenue, Drury LCOL 183009
- No.28 – Fernlea, Stonecrop, Braiswick - 20mph limit LCOL162003
- No.30 – Mersea Road Jw Napier Road, Colchester – TMI LCOL181001
- No.34 – Goring road, Greenstead LCOL 183021
- No.35 – William Harris Way LCOL183017
- No.36 – A134 Jw Nayland Rd LCOL191001
- No.38 – Cowdray Ave Jw North Station Rd (Albert RAB) LCOL191003
- No. 41 – Post construction audit for all Colchester scheme – RSA3LCOL
- No. 42 – Northern Approach Road near j/w Wallace Road, Myland – Signalled crossing LCOL162006
- No.43 – Station Road Jw Chapel Rd, Church Rd, Factory Hill, Tiptree – TMI LCOL162049
- No.44 – Birch Glen Estate, Maypole – 20mph zone LCOL142005

The following schemes were confirmed as completed:

- No.2 – Dedham Road, Dedham – Entrance signage LCOL162035
- No. 7 – Phillip Road j/w High Street, Wivenhoe – Signing LCOL172036
- No.8 – No. 7 – Phillip Road j/w High Street, Wivenhoe – Signing LCOL172036
- No.10 – Crown Street, Dedham - Bus stop kerbing LCOL185001
- No.11 – Head Street, Rowhedge - Bus cage LCOL185002
- No.12 – Villa Road, Stanway - Pedestrian railing LCOL182004
- No.13 – St. Faith Road j/w St. Monance Way, Colchester – Dropped kerb LCOL183002
- No.16 – Churchfields Avenue, Stanway – 30mph signs LCOL182010
- No. 18 – Cowdray way Avenue, Colchester – Dropped kerbs LCOL183008

<p>No.19 – St Mark Drive, FP 105, Colchester – Surface improvements LCOL188001 No.20 – Dunnock Way, Colchester – barriers LCOL183011 No.21 – Blackberry Road, Colchester Zebra Crossing improvement LCOL183012 No.32 – Kingsland Road j/w Yorick Road, Prince Albert Road, Mersea – Signing improvements LCOL162058 No.33 – High Street, High Street North, Barfield Road, West Mersea – Warning signs LCOL162013 No.39 – Colchester Road A1124 Wakes Colne LCOL181005</p> <p>It was explained that the implementation phase of the following scheme would be brought to the Panel in March for a decision as to whether it be agreed for implementation in 2020-21: No.1 – The Commons, Colchester – Zebra crossing LCOL163004</p> <p>It was noted that the following scheme was a combination of two previously listed schemes, and Councillor Anne Brown queried whether this had actually been completed, as was listed: No.9 – Langham Road, Runkins Corner, Boxted – Signing LCOL172054</p> <p><i>Action – Jon Simmons to investigate and seek clarification for the Panel as to this scheme’s ‘completed’ status.</i></p> <p>The following scheme was noted, and it was confirmed that new salt bins could be requested by the Panel, subject to restrictions regarding gritting routes and proximity of other salt bins: No.23 – Waterside Lane, Abbey – Salt Bin LCOL183015</p> <p>The Panel further requested that all Panel members be sent links to the online guidance relating to salt bins and winter maintenance, and for members to be given an opportunity to raise any queries they might have with officers. Sonia Church agreed to enact this, and to ask communications officers from ECC and Essex Highways to send all relevant guidance and information to the Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC) so that this could be provided to their members.</p> <p><i>Action – Sonia Church to provide links to online guidance for members, which includes guidance on salt bins and winter maintenance. Sonia to also ask communications officers to provide the relevant guidance and information to EALC, for distribution to their members.</i></p> <p>The cancellation of the following scheme was noted, and Jon Simmons explained that it was not possible to install repeater signs in this situation as the site had a 30mph speed limit by virtue of street lighting: No. 27 School Road / London Road, Copford – LCOL182026</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>SC</p>
--	-----------------------------------

	<p>It was explained that the following scheme was complicated and had now gone to be costed. The Capital Fund for 2019/20 was fully committed and it was recommended that the scheme be postponed until after remedial work in the area was carried out by CBC: No. 29 High Street (near Bill’s restaurant), Colchester – Step railings LCOL173004</p> <p>In response to questions, Councillor Anne Brown confirmed that this had been noted as a pedestrian accident black spot. Sonia Church provided additional detail in that there were proposed remedial works to the High Street, and that the scope of these works was being agreed between Councillor Kevin Bentley and the Leader of CBC, Councillor Mark Cory. It was noted that agreement between Councillor Bentley and Councillor Cory would be needed on the remedial works to the High Street before the LHP scheme could proceed. This was expected by late February 2020, when a clearer picture of High Street works and improvements was expected to be known. Sonia confirmed that, if the scheme were to be postponed, the allocated funding could be transferred to fund scheme No. 37 - B1026 Layer Rd Jw Boadicea Way LCOL191002.</p> <p>Councillor Anne Brown confirmed that it would be possible to reallocate funding back to this scheme from other schemes in the next round of funding. This would avoid leaving the currently-assigned funding unused. The Panel discussed the requirements of scheme No. 29 High Street (near Bill’s restaurant), Colchester – Step railings LCOL173004, including a realignment of the footway. Sonia committed to enquire as to whether hazard tape could be used as a short-term measure to highlight the area of risk. The Panel resolved that the scheme be placed on the list of Schemes Awaiting Funding as a priority for 2020/21. Jon Simmons informed the Panel that this list would be amended to include a column in which to mark priority schemes.</p> <p><i>Action – Sonia Church to source information as to whether hazard tape can be used in the short-term to mark the area of concern for pedestrians. Jon Simmons to amend the ‘Schemes Awaiting Funding’ to allow for the marking of priority schemes.</i></p> <p>It was noted that the following scheme was now expected for completion within 2019/20: No. 31 Berechurch Road, Britannia Mews, Colchester – TMI LCOL 162036</p> <p>The Panel confirmed approval for additional funding for the following scheme to be reallocated from scheme No.29 LCOL173004: No. 37 - B1026 Layer Rd Jw Boadicea Way LCOL191002</p> <p>Jon Simmons informed the Panel that, with regard to the following scheme, engagement with the allotment owners had commenced.</p>	<p>SC & JS</p>
--	---	-------------------------------

	<p>No. 40 - Monkwick Cycleway Improvements, Maypole- Cycle Route LCOL164001</p> <p>Councillor Dave Harris informed the Panel that he had encountered confusion about the scheme from local residents, especially in relation to the existing fences alongside the school. Sonia Church committed to work with Councillor Harris to progress the scheme and explained that the Panel may have to approve funding for clearance work before the scheme could progress. Land from the allotments would also be required if a cycleway was to be installed. Sonia explained that designs were not yet completed, and that legal fees would likely need to be paid in this financial year. The designers have already conducted a site visit with solicitors and were now working to complete the design work which should be ready for the next panel meeting.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>Report on Schemes Awaiting Funding</p> <p>Jon presented the report providing details of Schemes Awaiting Funding, identifying all the scheme requests which had been received for the Panel's consideration. Jon explained the planned addition of a 'priority scheme' column for the March 2020 meeting and, in answer to questions, confirmed that the first five schemes on the list (those in the 'Safer Roads' category) would be marked as priority schemes.</p> <p>Traffic Management</p> <p>The Panel approved the following scheme and noted that the estimated cost should be £40k, rather than £95k: No.2 – Brinkley Grove Road, Mill Road, Colchester – Junction modifications LCOL002001</p> <p>The Panel were informed that the designs from the following scheme would need to be provided to Councillor Lee Scordis for comment, prior to a Panel decision being made in March 2020 as to whether to approve a scheme for new signage: No.6 – Trinity Street, Colchester – LCOL172005</p> <p>The Panel were informed that, relating to the following scheme, the 40mph buffer feasibility study would cost £6.5k. Cllr Jowers intimated that his Maldon neighbour may like this extended further along Maldon Road, Tiptree, closest to Great Totham: No12. – Maldon Road, Tiptree – LCOL182018</p> <p><i>Action – Sonia Church to ascertain whether a 40mph buffer could be considered at the Southern part of Maldon Road, Tiptree</i></p> <p>The Panel agreed to put the following scheme on hold until completion of a nearby current Major Project: No.22 – Ipswich Road near East Street, Colchester – Ped Crossing Improvement LCOL162024</p>	<p>SC</p>

	<p>Regarding the following scheme, Sonia explained that this would only cover East Mersea, but West Mersea could also be considered, giving an amalgamated, unified signage after stakeholder consultation, should the Panel so wish: No.17 – Mersea Tourism Signage – LCOL182037</p> <p>The Panel agreed that the following scheme be noted as being a priority for funding: No.24 – A1124, Chappel, Wakes Colne – Signage Review</p> <p>It was noted that the electrical connections required for the following scheme necessitated this being given to the appropriate contractor for completion, rather than to the directly-employed delivery gang: No.25 – Roosevelt Way, Colchester – Give way LCOL172028</p> <p>It was confirmed that third-party funding for the following scheme had been confirmed from local companies, with no funding required from the Local Highways Panel: No.27 – Smeaton Close, Colchester – LCOL182043</p> <p>The local Parish Council was consulting residents in regard to the following scheme, and it was considered likely that speed cushions would not be required, and thusly that the cost would be less than the £62,500 estimated cost. The Panel approved the following scheme: No.32 – Rowhedge Village – LCOL182047</p> <p>Councillor John Jowers informed the Panel that, in regard to the following scheme, the Police had communicated that there was no safe location for speed-watch activities to be carried out in response to the speeding of certain visitors to the area: No.35 – East Road, East Mersea – LCOL172030</p> <p>Walking</p> <p>The Panel agreed to defer its consideration of the following scheme: No.2 – Peartree Road, Stanway – LCOL183003</p> <p>It was noted that the estimated cost given for the following scheme was purely for design costs, and that Langham Parish Council considered that a developer contribution to the total estimated cost should be sought from an expected future nearby development: No.6 – Park Lane, Langham – New footway LCOL163011</p> <p>It was confirmed that the estimated cost of the following scheme included costs of both land acquisition and work completion, and Councillor John Jowers recommended that the Panel support it, given the expectation of new developments in the area: No.7 – Maldon Road, Tiptree – New Footway LCOL163003</p>	
--	--	--

<p>Sonia Church explained the detail and background of scheme LCOL163003, and the Panel discussed the possibility as to whether design elements could be changed, with new crossings added. Councillor John Jowers questioned whether a signal crossing could be paid for from Section 106 contributions from developments in the area. Sonia explained that this may be possible, but there was limited demand for crossings, rather than linking the existing footways, and recommended that both parts of the scheme be approved (land acquisition and completion of the scheme works) to avoid potentially leaving part of the budget unallocated and unused, but also a delay in approving this scheme until outcomes of expected local planning applications were known.</p> <p>Councillor John Gili-Ross opined that the scheme could be implemented over the next two years, and that it was better to carry it out. Sonia emphasised the importance of communicating with residents, given the necessity of land dedications, removal of existing boundary features and compensation to allow landowners to replace these along the proposed new boundaries. Should one landowner refuse to dedicate land to this scheme, then delay and costs will be incurred through the necessity of utilising compulsory purchase orders.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to put scheme LCOL163003 on hold and directed that it be suggested as a major scheme to the ECC Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Councillor Kevin Bentley. The Panel recommended that the potential for gaining developer commitments vis Section 106 contributions be investigated and suggested.</p> <p><i>Action – Sonia Church to present the scheme to Councillor Kevin Bentley, ECC Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, that scheme LCOL163003 be taken on by the County Council as a major scheme.</i></p> <p>Councillor Dennis Willetts voiced caution that, whilst the focus of the Panel was to be on smaller schemes which benefit their areas, some schemes were being proposed which were estimated to almost reach the upper cost limit of £250k for Local Highway Panel schemes.</p> <p>It was clarified that the implementation cost of £144k for the following scheme was in addition to the initial estimated design cost of £36k, and it was noted that the description be amended to show this footway would be on the verge, in front of the tree line: No.8 – Tyburn Hill, Wakes Colne – New Footway – LCOL163007</p> <p><i>Action – Jon Simmons to amend the description to note the actual proposed position of the proposed footway, on the verge and not behind the tree line.</i></p>	<p>SC</p> <p>JS</p>
---	-----------------------------------

	<p>Cycling The Panel agreed the following scheme: No.1 – Creffield Road, Colchester – LCOL194001</p> <p>Passenger Transport The Panel agreed the following scheme: No.4 – Salcott Crossroads, Colchester Road – LCOL185010</p> <p>Public Rights of Way Regarding the following scheme, Sonia Church confirmed that the Ministry of Defence was selling adjacent land for development, and that a developer may carry out this work themselves, or a Section 106 contribution may be required by the Planning Authority for this. An update on this scheme will be provided in March 2020: No.1 – Footpath 185, Artillery Barracks Folley – LCOL178001</p> <p>Councillor Sue Lissimore explained the dangers caused by tree roots mentioned in the following scheme, and that Councillor Kevin Bentley was considering potential options for a new type of surfacing, with CBC involved to trim overgrown areas: No.3 – Cambridge Road FP198 – LCOL198002</p> <p><i>Action – Jon Simmons to amend the Comments section of LCOL198002 to reflect the comments made by the Panel and bring the scheme back to the Panel, with costs and comments amended and updated</i></p>	<p>JS</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Councillor John Jowers asked as to who to approach regarding requests for junction protection schemes. Sonia Church informed the Panel that these requests were best directed to the North Essex Parking Partnership.</p> <p>Jon Simmons confirmed that a number of minor schemes which had been received from Councillor Dave Harris would come before the Panel at a future meeting.</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting of the Local Highway Panel would take place on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 17 March 2020, 10:00am Grand Jury Room, Town Hall, High Street CO1 1PJ 	