

**BASILDON LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES – 10th July 2017,
2pm**

Committee Room 5, County Hall.

Chairman:	Councillor Richard Moore
Panel Members:	Councillor Stephen Hillier, Councillor Kerry Smith, Councillor Malcolm Buckley, Councillor Jeff Henry, Councillor Tony Ball (from 2.45pm)
Officers:	Will Price (Highways Liaison Officer), David Gollop (Design Manager)
Secretariat:	Chloe Wood (Intern)

Item		Owner
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions:</p> <p>Councillor Moore gave Councillor Ball's apologies for late arrival. It was also noted that Councillor Reid may have been on holiday. Councillor Buckley raised the issue of future meeting dates and asked that they be confirmed. The next meeting was set as 25th September with further dates to be circulated via email.</p>	
2.	<p>Declarations of interest:</p> <p>Councillor Buckley noted there was a potential scheme on the road where he resides.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of meeting held on 21st March 2017 to be agreed as correct record:</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as a correct record.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes of the previous meeting:</p> <p>N/A</p>	
5.	<p>Approved Works Programme Update 2017/18:</p> <p>WP outlined the budgetary situation as summarised on page 7 of the report before moving on to discuss the approved works programme.</p> <p>Councillor Smith began by querying how current and future schemes would be affected by the new 20mph guidance. WP confirmed that existing schemes were still all going ahead, with some slight changes planned to the form of restriction as outlined later in the papers. There was a discussion around the use of</p>	

	<p>85th percentile speeds before WP and DG confirmed that the suitability of 20mph restrictions was assessed by mean speeds not the 85th percentile (contrary to the content of the previous report). WP explained that the new guidance on 20mph restrictions would target 20 limits on roads with mean speeds slightly over 20mph (specifically in the 24-29mph bracket). In other cases, 20's plenty, variable 20, and 20 zones may be appropriate, but that would vary from site to site.</p> <p>LBAS161011 - Noak Hill Road junction with Wash Road – WP sought approval for a budgetary increase whilst also making the Panel aware of local objections to the scheme. WP advised the Panel that the scheme had previously been unanimously approved and that there had been 13 recorded accidents in 10 years including 1 fatality. He reminded old and informed new Members that the possibility of a roundabout and traffic lights had been assessed and it had been determined that neither were feasible as both would have a detrimental impact on traffic on the A176. Councillor Buckley challenged the proposed initiative of implementing a right turn prohibition from Wash Road on to Noak Hill Road only. He suggested that the need for a right turn prohibition from Noak Hill Rd – Wash Rd would be more beneficial. WP reminded Cllr Buckley that all possible measures had been assessed by road safety and traffic modelled by engineers, and that the right turn prohibition from Wash Rd – Noak Hill Road had been identified as the only means of preventing accidents without compromising traffic levels. Panel Members agreed that this matter needed to be considered in more detail before approval for the budgetary increase and the subsequent delivery of works was granted. The Chairman asked that a sub-meeting be arranged (particularly for new Members) to look at the issue in more detail. WP to arrange.</p> <p>LBAS172021 (Northlands School) and LBAS172014 (Merrylands School) – scope change to 20's plenty schemes in light of new guidance passed unanimously by the Panel. It was also suggested that we undertake follow up surveys post-delivery to assess the impact of the scheme.</p> <p>LBAS173002 – Luncies Road underpass - Councillor Hillier was informed of the presence of this scheme by fellow Members, some of whom were not entirely convinced of its merits. Councillor Hillier said he would have a look at the site.</p> <p>LBAS512014 – Twinstead, Wickford - Councillor Buckley intimated that he was not supportive of this scheme. He queried why the road was adopted if the speed humps did not meet design standards. WP to investigate and feed back to the Panel.</p>	<p>WP</p> <p>Cllr Hillier</p> <p>WP</p>
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<p>6.</p>	<p>Potential Schemes List for consideration of Panel in 2017/18:</p> <p>LBAS172015 – Church Rd Ramsden Bellhouse - Councillor Buckley asked if we could expedite this scheme. The Panel were all supportive of integrating the scheme into the existing programme if possible. WP to explore and provide feedback.</p> <p>LBAS172033 – Trafford House, Station Way, Basildon – Councillor Smith and WP discussed the land ownership issues associated with this site and agreed to arrange a site visit.</p>	<p>WP</p> <p>WP/Cllr Smith</p>

	<p>LBAS182003 – Mountnessing Road, Billericay – The Panel asked that we obtain costs for the removal of the redundant VAS sign.</p> <p>LBAS 182012 (Oak Lane junction with A127) and LBAS 182014 (West Mayne) – Councillor Henry queried the progress of these scheme requests. WP advised that they were in validation and awaiting assessment. WP said he would aim to have proposals by the time of the next meeting.</p> <p>LBAS182010 – Codenham Straight – Councillor Smith agreed that the merits of this proposed scheme were questionable, and therefore agreed to remove it from the potential schemes list.</p>	WP
7.	<p>Appendix</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Highways Rangers <p>Members expressed their unhappiness at the service provided and questioned why so many tasks were deemed unsuitable for the rangers. The possibility of Basildon Borough Council taking responsibility for the rangers was also discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 106 Schemes <p>Councillor Hillier raised a historical scheme which appeared to have been lost over the years. Councillor Hillier to send details to WP who in turn would investigate.</p>	Cllr Hillier
8.	AOB	
9.	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>September 25th 2017, 2pm, Committee Room 4</p>	