

COLCHESTER LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 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, Sue Lissimore, Lee Scordis and Julie Young Borough Councillors Lyn Barton and Dennis Willetts Parish Councillor Roger Mannion (substituting for John Gili-Ross)
Officers:	Essex Highways, Sonia Church – Highways Liaison Manager, Jon Simmons – Highway Liaison Officer and Bradley Taylor – Highway Liaison Apprentice Colchester Borough, Jane Thompson - Transport and Sustainability Project Officer
Secretariat:	Colchester Borough, Amanda Chidgey – 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 Anne Turrell and Borough Councillor Brian Jarvis	
3.	Minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2019 The minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2019 were confirmed as a correct record.	
4.	Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting None.	

	<p><i>Action – Jon to consider results of the speed survey when completed and the need for sources of funding, as appropriate.</i></p> <p>Councillor Baker explained that he had been approached by residents on many occasions seeking the introduction of a 20mph scheme on Upland Drive. The road was a through route and was subject to increased traffic and was the location of a local school.</p> <p>Sonia advised Councillor Baker to submit an application for an assessment to be made for the area around the local school and she considered, in all likelihood, it should be possible to introduce one of the 20mph scheme options available.</p> <p><i>Action – Councillor Baker to submit an application for a speed assessment for Upland Drive for consideration.</i></p>	<p>JB</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Report on Funded Schemes 2019/20 Jon 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 No. 3 – Nelson’s Road, Trafalgar Road, Colchester – Dropped kerbs LCOL 163016 completed and reported to Councillor Lissimore.</p> <p>Match Funded Schemes No. 3 – Footpath 20, West Mersea – Surface upgrade LCOL 168008 – The Panel agreed to defer a decision on the method of funding of an increased budget to its next meeting.</p> <p>The following schemes were confirmed as completed: No. 4 – Kingsland Road, j/w Yorick Road and Prince Albert Road, Mersea – Signing improvements LCOL162058 No. 5 – High Street, High Street North, Barfield Road, West Mersea – Warning signs LCOL162013 No. 9 – Roosevelt Way, Colchester – Give way LCOL 172028</p> <p>No 8 – A1124, Chappel, Wakes Colne LCOL 172016 – design completed and implementation awaiting funding list</p> <p>No 18 – Flag name Harrison road, location Gurdon Road, Colchester – it was explained that, since the report had been written, the land owner had been identified as Colchester Borough Homes who, it was understood, had indicated were willing to assist with the scheme in principle. A further update would be provided to the Panel at its next meeting.</p>	

Funded Schemes 2019/20

The Panel noted the following Funded Schemes:

- No.4 - Tufnell Way, Colchester - 20mph Zone LCOL172007
- No.5 - Mersea Road, Colchester – TMI LCOL173006
- No. 6 - A134 Nayland Road, Great Horkesley -Signing and lining LCOL172025
- No. 7 - Normandy Avenue, Colchester – Dropped kerbs LCOL173009
- No. 8 - Phillip Road j/w High Street, Wivenhoe – Signing LCOL172036
- No. 9 - Cherry Tree Lane, Colchester – Kerbing and footway improvements LCOL173013
- No. 10 - Langham Road, Runkins Corner, Boxted - Signing LCOL172054
- No. 11 - Crown Street, Dedham - Bus stop kerbing LCOL185001
- No. 12 - Head Street, Rowhedge- Bus cage LCOL185002
- No. 14 - St. Faith Road j/w St. Monance Way, Colchester – Dropped kerb LCOL183002
- No. 16 - London Road/Birch Road, Copford – Gateway LCOL182008
- No. 18 - Cowdray way Avenue, Colchester – Dropped kerbs LCOL183008
- No. 21 – Blackberry Road, Colchester Zebra Crossing improvement LCOL183012
- No. 22 - Villa Road, Stanway -20mph LCOL182030
- No. 24 Shrub End Road, Colchester – Pedestrian crossing LCOL 153006
- No. 25 – Berechurch hall Road j/w Berechurch Road, Colchester – Footpath link LCOL 163014
- No. 26 Reynold’s Avenue, Drury LCOL 183009
- No. 27 School Road / London Road, Copford LCOL 182026
- No. 28 - Fernlea, Stonecrop, Braiswick - 20mph limit LCOL162003
- No. 29 High Street (near Bill’s restaurant), Colchester – Step railings LCOL173004
- No. 30 - Mersea Road Jw Napier Road, Colchester – TMI LCOL181001
- No. 32 Kingsland Road j/w Yorick Road, Prince Albert Road, Mersea – Signing improvements LCOL 162058
- No. 33 High Street, High Street North, Barfield Road, West Mersea – Warning signs LCOL162013
- No 34 Goring road, Greenstead LCOL 183021
- No 35 Willaim Harris Way LCOL 183017
- No. 36 - A134 Jw Nayland Rd LCOL191001
- No. 37 - B1026 Layer Rd Jw Boadicea Way LCOL191002
- No. 38 - Cowdray Ave Jw North Station Rd (Albert RAB) LCOL191003
- No. 39 - Colchester Road A1124 Wakes Colne LCOL181005
- No. 40 - Monkwick Cycleway Improvements, Maypole- Cycle Route LCOL164001
- No. 41 - Post construction audit for all Colchester scheme RSA3LCOL

	<p>No. 42 Northern Approach Road near j/w Wallace Road, Myland – Signalled crossing LCOL 162006.</p> <p>The following schemes were confirmed as completed: No. 1 - High Street, Colchester – Step railings LCOL173004, No. 3 - Dedham Road, Dedham - Entrance signage LCOL162035, No 17 Churchfields Avenue, Stanway – 30mph signs LCOL 182010.</p> <p>The following scheme was noted as funded but the reference to Prettygate Road in the description needed to be changed to Plume Avenue: No. 2 – The Commons, Colchester – Zebra crossing LCOL163004.</p> <p>The following scheme was awaiting feedback: No. 13 - Villa Road, Stanway - Pedestrian railing LCOL182004.</p> <p>The following scheme was subject to the outcome of discussions with the local resident, as landowner: No. 15 - D'Arcy Road, Colchester - Salt bin LCOL183004.</p> <p>The reference numbers in this section of the report after number 17 were noted as requiring updating.</p> <p>Details of the following scheme had been shared with Councillor Young and would be the subject of an update to the Panel at its next meeting: No. 17 Station Road, Wivenhoe -PT LCOL 185006.</p> <p>The following scheme was noted as funded but with the road name amended to St Mark Drive: No. 19 – St Mark Drive, FP 105, Colchester – Surface improvements LCOL188001.</p> <p>It was reported that the remedial work to clear concrete staining had now been completed for the following scheme: No. 20 Dunnock Way, Colchester – barriers LCOL 183011.</p> <p>It was reported that an alternative location was being investigated for the following scheme: No. 23 Waterside Lane, Abbey – Salt bin LCOL 182030.</p> <p>It was reported that the following scheme required a budget increase of £25,000 and it was proposed and agreed by the Panel that this increase be funded through savings identified from other schemes: No. 31 Berechurch Road, Britannia Mews, Colchester – TMI LCOL 162036.</p>	
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<p>7</p>	<p>Report on Schemes Awaiting Funding Jon presented the report providing details of Schemes Awaiting Funding, identifying all the scheme requests which had been received for the Panel's consideration. He explained that the panel would be asked to determine the schemes to funded for 2020-2021 at its next meeting and he asked the Panel to now consider whether any of the schemes which had been placed in the red category (those being against policy or where there was no appropriate engineering solution) could be removed.</p> <p>Traffic Management In the absence of Councillor Turrell, the Panel agreed to defer its consideration of the following item until its next meeting: No. 9 Mill Road j/w Bedford Road, Colchester LCOL 182027</p> <p>The Panel agreed to remove the following scheme: No. 11 Colchester Road, B1508, Mount Bures LCOL 182034</p> <p>Walking The Panel agreed to remove the following schemes: No 2 Axial Way, Colchester LCOL 172011 No. 11 Highwoods Approach LCOL 183020</p> <p>In the absence of Councillor Turrell, the Panel agreed to defer its consideration of the following item until its next meeting: No. 5 Myland School Crossing, Mill Road LCOL 183013</p> <p>Councillor Scordis explained that he had provided information concerning a resident who was willing to contribute to the scheme and the Panel agreed to defer its consideration of the following item until its next meeting: No. 9 Haddon Park, The Hythe LCOL183018</p> <p>The Chairman considered thee was more information required in relation to the use of footpaths by cyclists at high speeds and the Panel agreed to defer its consideration of the following item until its next meeting: No. 10 Peto Avenue, Turner Rise LCOL 183019</p> <p>Cycling The Panel agreed remove the following scheme: No 1 West Quay, Wivenhoe LCOL 17400. Councillor Young explained the considerably complex problem associated with the housing development at West Quay, Wivenhoe where cyclists were using the narrow footway which onto which the residents' front doors opened and that this issue was causing significant problems due to the unhelpfulness of Persimmon, the developers and the land's status as being unadopted.</p>	
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	<p>Sonia confirmed that the land was in private ownership which restricted the local authority's ability to deliver a solution and that a better design to allow for cyclists and pedestrians would have been far preferable. She indicated that it would be possible for the residents, or the management company on behalf of the residents, to erect signage or barriers but this was not something the Highway Authority was able to do due to the land ownership issue.</p> <p>The Panel agreed remove the following schemes: No 1 West Quay, Wivenhoe LCOL 17400.</p> <p><i>Action – Sonia to email Councillor Young setting out the details of the Highway Authority's view of the situation at West Quay for Councillor to circulate to residents.</i></p>	SC
8.1	<p>Report on Revenue Spend</p> <p>Highway Rangers – Works Summary 2019/20 Traffic Surveys VAS Maintenance</p> <p>The Panel noted the contents of the reports.</p>	
8.2	<p>Report on Section 106</p> <p>The Panel noted the contents of the report.</p>	
9	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Councillor Baker referred to the works to the Ipswich Road roundabouts which were located in his division. He was concerned at the volume of complaints he was receiving and the impact of the works on Waitrose, the residents who lived near Waitrose and other local businesses. He understood that Waitrose had lost 75% of its trade over the course of the works. He confirmed that he had received regular meetings with Rob ? and that matters had improved to some extent but his request for a meeting with between himself, representatives of Waitrose and Eurovia, the construction company, but this had not been accepted. He was concerned that the anticipated end date had now been extended to next summer and the public's perception was that very little work was being done.</p> <p>The Chairman advised Councillor Baker to request a meeting with Councillor Bentley, the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, at one of his surgeries and that he invite a representative from Waitrose to accompany him. She invited Councillor Baker to report back to the Panel on progress at the next meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Young supported the comments made by Councillor Baker and confirmed that she was aware that Colchester Leisure</p>	

	<p>Monkwick area dating back some 4 or 5 years. He asked whether the requests needed to be re-submitted.</p> <p>Jon offered to meet Councillor Harris to discuss the requests, either on site or at County Hall.</p> <p><i>Action – Jon to arrange a meeting with Councillor Harris to discuss 20mph scheme requests for Shrub End and Monkwick.</i></p> <p>Councillor Mannion referred to the Station Road / Chapel Road / Church Road / Factory Hill junction in Tiptree and asked about progress on the scheme. He was of the view that the junction was very dangerous and was in desperate need of improvement to prevent a very serious accident.</p> <p>Sonia explained that a scheme to deliver signing and lining only the junction had been validated some years ago but there were no other measures within the remit of the Local Highway Panel which could be explored given the complexity of the junction. Sonia agreed to forward the validation report to Councillor Mannion so that he could seek further action.</p> <p>The Chairman suggested that Councillor Mannion should refer the issue to the Highway Authority with a view to seeking the inclusion of the junction in the Authority’s priorities for Section 106 contributions.</p> <p><i>Action – Sonia to forward the validation report for the Station Road / Chapel Road / Church Road / Factory Hill junction, Tiptree to Councillor Mannion.</i></p> <p><i>Action – Councillor Mannion to refer the matter to the Highway Authority recommending the junction be included in the priorities for Section 106 funding.</i></p>	<p>JS</p> <p>SC</p> <p>RM</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>The next meetings of the Local Highway Panel would take place on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, 3 December 2019, 10:00am Grand Jury Room, Town Hall, High Street CO1 1PJ • Tuesday 17 March 2020, 10:00am Grand Jury Room, Town Hall, High Street CO1 1PJ 	