

## COLCHESTER LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL

Minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2020 - 10.00

### ONLINE MEETING: MICROSOFT TEAMS

<b>Chairman:</b>	County Councillor Anne Brown
<b>Panel Members:</b>	County Councillors John Baker, Dave Harris, Brian Jarvis, John Jowers, Sue Lissimore, Lee Scordis, Anne Turrell and Julie Young Borough Councillor Dennis Willetts Parish Councillors: John Gili-Ross.
<b>Officers:</b>	Essex Highways: Sonia Church – Highways Liaison Manager, Jon Simmons – Highways Liaison Officer Ian Henderson – Team Leader, Road Safety Colchester Borough: Jane Thompson, Transport and Sustainability Project Officer Colchester Borough Council  Colchester Borough: Jan Mooney – Democratic Services Officer
<b>Secretariat:</b>	

Item		Owner
1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions:</b> The Chairman welcomed Councillors and officers to the meeting but due to internet issues Cllr Turrell took the Chair for the first part of the meeting until Cllr Brown was able to rejoin fully.	
2.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Cllrs Lyn Barton and Roger Mannion. James Hopkins Essex Highways	
3.	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 2020</b> With the addition of Jane Thompson to the attendees the minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.	

<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting</b></p> <p>Devolution Pilot scheme for Parish and Town Councils</p> <p>John Gili- Ross updated the Panel on progress to date explaining that COVID had impacted, but the scheme was working well in West Bergholt and West Mersea had started with footways, but funding was not quite enough to cover provision. Main areas of activity were on the cleaning and repairing of signs and trimming hedges that block footways. Others would include kerbstones, siding works and water waste. There had been positive feedback from residents.</p> <p><i>Action –</i> A further update would be provided in 6 months.</p> <p>Member training on the website.</p> <p>John Gili- Ross updated that 4 dates have been proposed and that he was waiting on a response from CALC. Following that it is hoped this can be rolled out to everyone.</p> <p>No.43 – Station Road junction with Chapel Rd, Church Rd, Factory Hill, Tiptree – TMI LCOL162049 Noted passed to Major Schemes.</p> <p>No.1 – Monkwick Cycleway improvements, Maypole – Cycle Route. LCOL164001</p> <p>Noted that this scheme is with the Cabinet member for consideration as an adjustment had been made. Cllr Harris informed the Panel that Cllr Bentley had agreed to review and he was hopeful that there would be a positive outcome.</p> <p>Major Projects</p> <p>Noted that Martin Mason will attend/give a short talk at the Annual meeting in March.</p>	<p><b>JGR</b></p> <p><b>JGR</b></p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Essex Bus Shelter Project</b></p> <p>Noted the impact of COVID had delayed tendering and that there was a meeting with the Cabinet member arranged. Agreed that an update be circulated to members rather than the update being rescheduled for the March meeting.</p>	<p><b>SC</b></p>

<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Report on Funded Schemes 2020/21</b></p> <p>Financial Year Quarter dates to be added to front page of the report</p> <p>The Panel noted the following funded schemes:</p> <p>No. 1 Brinkley Grove Road, Mill Road, Colchester - Junction modifications LCOL002001 <i>Works commenced</i></p> <p>No.2 – Maldon Road, Tiptree – 40mph buffer. LCOL182018 <i>Consultation had taken place with 2 objections re the extent of the buffer</i></p> <p>No.3 – Salcott Crossroads, Colchester Road – bus stop improvements. Wheelchair users unable to use public transport (buses) due to lack of accessibility. LCOL185010</p> <p>No.4 – Mersea Tourism Signing – Investigation of East Mersea Tourism Signage to ensure it is all correct. LCOL182037 <i>Consultation due to start</i></p> <p>No.5 – Apprentice Drive, Myland – Signage – School ahead warning signs. LCOL183016</p> <p>No.6 – Rowhedge Village – Small village and is a large cul-de-sac where the parish would like us to investigate the feasibility of a 20mph zone or speed limit. LCOL182047 <i>CMA progressing for village 20mph</i></p> <p>No.7 – Footpath 20, West Mersea – Surface upgrade 1.5m in width, approx. 365m in length, vegetation cut back with surfacing. LCOL168008</p> <p>No.8 – Creffield Road, Colchester – Local cyclists have suggested improvements due to near misses. LCOL194001</p> <p>No.9 -Nelsons Road, Trafalgar Road, Colchester - Dropped kerbs LCOL163016 <i>Works commenced – noted that residents querying design – details to be provided to Cllr Lissimore.</i></p> <p>No.10 – Cowdray Ave Jw North Station Rd (Albert RAB) - Cycling improvements. LCOL191003 <i>On hold (safer, greener, healthier)</i></p> <p>No.11 – Mersea Road, Colchester – Tactiles at existing dropped kerbs and footway widening. LCOL173006</p> <p>No.12 – A134 j/w Nayland Road – Cycling improvements. LCOL191001</p> <p>No.13 – Station Way, Marks Tey – Crossing Improvements. LCOL201001</p>	<p><b>JS</b></p> <p><b>JS</b></p>
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<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Report on Schemes awaiting funding</b></p> <p>Jon Simmons presented the report providing an update on the current position on the schemes recommended for inclusion in the 2020/21 programme.</p> <p>The Panel reviewed the schemes taking into account that should a scheme be removed all the data behind it would be retained should the Panel wish to reinstate it. The Panel agreed that traffic surveys provided evidence that could be shared with residents when</p>	

<p>requested. It was noted that Colchester had a high number of requests for speed surveys and that there was a need for balance particularly as going forward there will be a need for budget savings. A report/figures to be provided on traffic surveys commissioned in 2020/21 to aid considerations for the new financial year.</p> <p>Comments on/amends were made to the following schemes:</p> <p><b>Traffic Management</b></p> <p>No.1 Stanway Green Lodge, Stanway - Directional signage Stanway Green Lodge have requested directional signage by Fiveways Fruit Farm to direct emergency services to the Lodge as satellite navigation systems do not pick up the address LCOL172053 <i>Removed as no confirmation this is an ongoing problem</i></p> <p>No.13 Turner Road, Colchester - Zebra crossing improvements LCOL192061 <i>Currently on hold awaiting comments – may remove. Noted that there is new guidance (Chapter 6 for Pedestrian crossings) and scheme to remain on list.</i></p> <p>No.14 Longridge Colchester - Traffic management improvements LCOL192064 <i>To remain on list. Validation to be reviewed in terms of the play park and childrens' access to it particularly as there is a new housing development underway nearby. Suggestion that S106 monies from that development might contribute to this to be explored</i></p> <p>No: Athelstan Road, Colchester - Signage Access to Colchester Royal Grammar School Sports Ground LCOL192004 <i>Retain on list and revisit post COVID as coach traffic reduced during this period.</i></p> <p>No.20 Blackheath, Colchester - Traffic management improvements VAS - Speeding issues have been reported along the stretch of Blackheath. With the surrounding schools, investigation into traffic calming has been requested LCOL162062 <i>To remain on list – awaiting costings(VAS)</i></p> <p>No.22 B1025 The Strood, Mersea - Signage Tide warning signs Mersea LCOL192025 <i>Light on signs not clearly visible – check on guarantee to be made and look at electronic system of warning signs such as one used in Cambridge.</i></p> <p>NO.29 Drury Road, Colchester - Traffic management improvements LCOL192041 <i>Removed as good compliance with speed limits</i></p> <p>No.36 King George Road Estate, Colchester - 20mph Zone or Limit LCOL202003 <i>Removed as good compliance with speed limits</i></p>	<p><b>JS</b></p>
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<p>No.37 Holt Drive Estate, Blackheath - 20mph Zone or Limit LCOL202004 <i>Removed as good compliance with speed limits</i></p> <p>No.49 Peace Road, Stanway - Traffic management improvement LCOL202019 <i>Retain on list</i></p> <p>No.51 Beaconsfield Avenue, Colchester - Traffic management improvements LCOL202021 <i>Removed as no HGV usage problem identified</i></p> <p>No.55 Bourne Road, Colchester - Traffic management improvements LCOL 202023 <i>Removed as good compliance with speed limits</i></p> <p>No.59 Lane Road, Wakes Colne LCOL202027 <i>Removed as very limited HGVs usage</i></p> <p>No.60 Berechurch Road (St Catherine's Road), Colchester - Traffic management improvements LCOL202028 <i>Removed as good compliance with speed limits</i></p> <p>No.62 Berechurch Hall Road &amp; Mersea Road, Colchester - Signs to Shopping areas Noted that although validation could be undertaken quickly it was unlikely that this could be implemented with monies spent before the end of the financial year even if locality budgets used. However if a design resource could be found it was agreed that this could be progressed via the Chair and Vice Chair on behalf of the Panel.</p> <p><b>Walking</b></p> <p>No.2 O/s The Co-op, Wimpole Road, Colchester - Zebra crossing improvements LCOL192030 <i>Investigation of possible speed bumps suggested – range of options to be explored.</i></p> <p>No.7 A1124 Colchester Road Wakes Colne - Zebra crossing LCOL193018 <i>Low return – not to progress</i></p> <p>No.14 Circular Road North, Colchester - Crossing improvements LCOL173003 <i>Low return – not to progress</i></p> <p>No.15 The Commons, Colchester - Zebra crossing Zebra crossing to facilitate children crossing The Commons in the vicinity of Plume Avenue and Prettygate Schools LCOL 163004 <i>The Panel supported implementation of this particular zebra in 2021/22 as it serves both primary and secondary schools.</i></p>	<p><b>SC</b></p>
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	<p>No.21 Paxman Academy, Paxman Avenue and Walnut Tree Way, Colchester - Pedestrian crossing LCOL193019 <i>Low return – removed</i></p> <p>No.24 Kelvedon Road nr jw Rowan Close, Tiptree- Pedestrian crossing improvements LCOL203002 <i>Low validation return – removed</i></p>	
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>Cllr Jowers raised an issue regarding traffic management signage (ducks) in Layer Breton and this issue had previously been dealt with. Jon Simmons to investigate and inform Cllr Jowers.</p> <p>Noted that speed management and traffic management strategies are being reviewed and that the outcome of the review should be known in the Spring.</p> <p>Jon Simmons confirmed that West Bergholt’s application for a feasibility study had been received by ECC. Borough Councillors’ locality budgets for this year could be offered and if a resource could be found it was agreed that this could be progressed via the Chair and Vice Chair on behalf of the panel.</p>	<p><b>JS</b></p> <p><b>SC</b></p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the Local Highway Panel would take place on:</p> <p>16 March 2021, 10:00am online meeting, Microsoft Teams</p>	