

Epping Forest District LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES

Thursday, 11 June 2020

Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Chairman:	Councillor V Metcalfe (ECC)
Panel Members:	<p>Councillor C Whitbread (Vice Chairman (ECC))</p> <p>Councillor A Jackson (ECC)</p> <p>Councillor M McEwen (ECC)</p> <p>Councillor C Pond (ECC)</p> <p>Councillor R Gadsby (ECC)</p> <p>Councillor S Kane (EFDC)</p> <p>Councillor P Keska (EFDC)</p> <p>Councillor A Lion (EFDC)</p> <p>Councillor D Wixley (EFDC)</p> <p>Councillor B Scruton (Epping Town Council)</p>
Other Councillors:	Councillor N Avey - Environment & Technical Services Portfolio Holder (EFDC)
Officers:	<p>S Alcock – Highways Liaison Officer (Essex Highways)</p> <p>D Gollop – Design Manager (Essex Highways)</p> <p>M Adamson – North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP)</p> <p>M Thompson – Technical Services Manager (EFDC)</p>
Secretariat:	J Leither – Democratic Services Officer (EFDC)

Item		Owner
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Members, Officers and Guests present.</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies had been received from Q Durrani, Director Contracts and Technical Services (EFDC).</p> <p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest pursuant to the Council's Code of Member Conduct.</p>	

3.	<p>Minutes</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2020, be agreed by the Panel as a true record.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes of the previous meeting</p> <p>There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.</p>	SA
5.	<p>2019/20 Funded Schemes List</p> <p>The HLO advised that the budget summary, on page 11 of the agenda, which did not include the Match Funding schemes as £200,000 had been fully allocated within the 2018/19 financial year, was to report the position of all schemes that had been recommended by the panel for delivery in the last financial year 2019-20 as the March panel had been cancelled due to the COVID19 restrictions in place.</p> <p>Match Funded Schemes</p> <p>The HLO updated Members on the schemes and advised that the feasibility studies for the schemes highlighted in green had been completed.</p> <p>LEPP162028 – Willingale Road, Loughton. The delivery of this scheme would need to be re-profiled for the 2020/21 financial year due to objections being received during the formal TRO consultation. Carriageway repairs were scheduled which would also impact on the delivery of the scheme. The HLO advised that funding had been rolled forward from the 2019/20 budget.</p> <p>Funded Schemes 2019/20</p> <p>LEPP163001 – Church Lane to the Rabbits bus stop – footway, Ongar and Rural. The delivery of this scheme will need to be reprofiled for the 2020/21 financial year due to the presence of GigaClear fibre optic cables which were contrary to the plans. The HLO has been in communication with GigaClear who have advised that they will move the cables at no extra cost to the scheme.</p> <p>LEPP195001 – A113 Ongar Road, Abridge bus stop. Members noted that there were only 2 buses a day using this stop. Another option would be to move the bus stop a few metres further down so that it was no longer on common land. Advice was being sought from Legal and would be reported back to the Panel.</p> <p>2020/21 Funded Schemes List</p> <p>The HLO advised that the budget summary, on page 21 of the agenda provided an update on the current position of all schemes which the EFDC Local Highways Panel had recommended for inclusion in the 2020/21 programme.</p> <p>The HLO reminded Members that the costs supplied on page 21 of the agenda were estimates only and that it was possible that a final scheme cost could change, dependant on issues which may arise especially during the detailed</p>	panel

	<p>design and construction. The HLO would inform the Panel of any budget adjustments required to proceed.</p> <p>It was therefore recommended that the final balance was not committed until schemes were progressed and a clearer understanding of the costs had been established.</p> <p>Funded Schemes 2020/21</p> <p>LEPP201001 – A121 Goldings Hill, Loughton – Fatal accident site. Discussion with the City of London may be required depending if the locations to install the signage is on their land which could delay this scheme being delivered in Q3. This scheme had come in under budget as the originally agreed LED Chevrons had to have the agreement of the Department of Transport and it was therefore decided to use slightly different signage that comes in cheaper than the original proposed signage.</p> <p>The HLO advised that resurfacing works would also form part of this scheme but that would come out of a different budget.</p> <p>Councillor Wixley asked if the fatal accident in Goldings Hill had been fully investigated by the Police.</p> <p>The HLO advised that the Road Safety Engineers have fully investigated that stretch of road over the last 10 years as there had been a few accidents on that bend. The Road Safety Engineers linked in with the Police and when there was any information the Panel would be informed.</p> <p>The speed repeater signs along Goldings Hill and Epping New Road would come to the January 2021 Panel meeting with costs to be agreed to replace the repeater signs.</p> <p>LEPP201002 – B182 Bury Lane. More verge markers were needed than originally anticipated which had increased the cost of this scheme by £3,000 to £15,500. The extra cost could come from the underspend on LEPP201001 – A121 Goldings Hill scheme. Therefore, the Panel were asked to agree the extra budget of £3,000.</p> <p>AGREED:</p> <p>The Panel agreed to the extra funding of £3,000 to be funded by the predicted underspend on the A121 Goldings Hill scheme.</p> <p>LEPP201003 – Sewardstone Road / Avey Lane – Signing and lining. More repeater signs were needed than originally anticipated which had increased the cost of this scheme by £3,000 to £7,500. The extra cost would come from the underspend on LEPP201001 – A121 Goldings Hill scheme and to use the remaining Capital Budget of £1,274. Therefore, the Panel were asked to agree the extra budget of £3,000.</p> <p>AGREED:</p> <p>The Panel agreed to the extra funding of £3,000 to be funded by the predicted</p>	
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	<p>underspend on the A121 Goldings Hill scheme and the remaining Capital Budget of £1,274.</p> <p>LEPP201004 – A414 150m South Water End Farm (North of Vojan) – Signing. Councillor Jackson stated that although this scheme had been completed the Chevron signs had blown down.</p> <p>The HLO said she would investigate and report back to the Panel.</p> <p>The Chairman asked the Panel to agree all the schemes proposed on the Funded Schemes List 2020/21, Report 1b (pages 23 and 24 of the agenda) were progressed.</p> <p>The HLO advised that the costs supplied were budget estimates only and there was the possibility that a final scheme cost could change, dependant on any issues which may arise during the detailed design and construction. The HLO would inform the Panel of any budget adjustments required to proceed as and when the costs were made available.</p> <p>AGREED:</p> <p>The Panel agreed that all schemes on Report 1b (pages 23 and 24 of the agenda) were progressed.</p> <p>LEP194001 – Warren Hill, Nursery Road, Shaftsbury, York Hill, Baldwins Hill – Signing. Councillor Pond advised that he had a petition to present from cyclists to install sheffield stands along Loughton High Road.</p> <p>The Chairman asked how many and where did they want them installed.</p> <p>Councillor Pond stated that they would like 4 to 5 situated on the public footway along Loughton High Road.</p>	
6.	<p>Schemes Awaiting Funding</p> <p>The HLO advised that the Schemes Awaiting Funding list (pages 26-34) of the agenda) identified all the scheme requests that had been received for the consideration of the LHP. She stated that there were many still awaiting validation and suggested Members review and consider these schemes at the January 2021 meeting to take forward to the 2021/22 financial year.</p> <p>Traffic Management</p> <p>The HLO advised that the schemes marked in green needed to be agreed, these schemes had been validated as being feasible and were available for consideration.</p> <p>LEPP182020 – Chigwell Lane j/w Oakwood Hill – Traffic management improvements. Councillor Wixley advised that he was staggered by the cost of this scheme coming in at £74,500 and asked why the costs would be so high.</p> <p>The HLO advised that the works would have to be done during the night at that junction as it was too congested and busy to be closed during the day.</p>	SA

	<p>Nightworks and traffic management increase the costs.</p> <p>LEPP192020 – Coopersale Common – Road traffic calming measures. The HLO advised that the speed survey results did not indicate a speeding issue and therefore would not normally be considered. There were still complaints being received from residents so it would be looked at again.</p> <p>LEPP192032 – Colson Road and Ladyfields, Loughton – Traffic calming measures. Councillor Pond asked when the speed surveys would be back.</p> <p>The HLO advised that there was no budget to conduct the speed survey before April 2020 and at present due to the Corona Virus the traffic volumes were much lower and would not capture the actual picture until the network went back to normal.</p> <p>LEPP152086 – The Broadway, Loughton – Central Reservation. Councillor Pond stated that he was grateful to receive the feasibility study but found the report to be defective in two respects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is only one bus per day along the length of the Broadway towards the A1168. This is route 575, which could easily be diverted via Burton/Torrington Road. • Does not cut out a major cause of overruns, which is that buses and lorries cannot pass the ends of longer cars parked in the bays outside the carriageway going away from the A1168 <p>The HLO advised that she had passed Councillor Pond's comments on to the Engineer that completed the feasibility study and will report back when his comments have been received.</p> <p>LEPP182031 – B184 Beauchamp Roding – Speed limit change. The HLO advised that the reduction in the speed limit did not comply with the Essex Speed Management Strategy and was waiting for the specific location from the County Member where residents requiring the community bus pickup were having difficulties.</p> <p>LEPP192006 – Thornwood Common – Speed limit change. The HLO advised that the reduction in the speed limit did not comply with the Essex Speed Management Strategy. A Cabinet Member action would now be sent to Councillor Bentley.</p> <p>LEPP192029 – Oakwood Hill, Loughton – Traffic calming measures. The HLO advised that the speed survey results did not indicate a speeding issue on Oakwood Hill and therefore traffic calming would not normally be considered.</p> <p>The Chairman stated that this should stay on the Schemes List and when the network was back to normal it should be looked at again as the crossing for the school was on a bend and speeding along that stretch of road was considered dangerous.</p> <p>Councillor Pond stated that cyclists have put forward to Councillor Bentley that this becomes a cycle route.</p>	<p>SA</p>
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LEPP192058 – The Poplars, Abridge – Bollards. The HLO advised that the residents had requested bollards to stop the pavement parking. There were Double Yellow Lines (DYL) which covered the pavement parking therefore it needed enforcement and asked M Adamson from NEPP if he could arrange more enforcement in this area. The HLO stated that she would send him the details.

Walking

LEPP173001 – Church Road, Moreton – Footway. The HLO advised that this scheme has been validated and on the list for over 3 years. The problem was GigaClear needed to complete diversion works. The information from GigaClear has now been received and this should be considered to progress in the 2021/22 financial year.

LEPP183003 – Abridge Road – Footway. The HLO advised that a decision need to be made on this scheme. Residents have asked to extend the existing footway that currently leads from Theydon Bois station along Abridge Road. The scheme was to service four dwellings and would be a big part of the budget for four dwellings.

Councillor Whitbread asked if the scheme could be left on the Schemes List for now and he would go and look at the problems the residents were experiencing and report back to the next meeting.

LEPP133015 – Hemnall Street, Epping – Footway. The HLO advised that there was currently no footway and pedestrians including school children had to walk in the road. There were currently land issues with the City of London who owned the land required to install a footway.

Councillor Whitbread asked if this could be left on the Schemes List as there was a risk with pedestrians including children having to walk in the road and asked if further talks could continue with the City of London.

LEPP193008 – Piercing Hill j/w Morgan Crescent –Pedestrian refuge. The HLO advised that she and an Engineer visited this site to look at the location of the entry to the Forest. It was noted that the carriageway way not wide enough to install a pedestrian refuge and it was also too near to Morgan Crescent. It was therefore agreed to remove this item from the Schemes Awaiting Funding List.

LEPP193009 – Willingale Road, Loughton – Zebra crossing. The HLO advised that the validation was completed before the Corona Virus and was awaiting the completion of the detailed design.

Councillor Pond asked M Adamson of NEPP if this site could have some CEO presence this year as there was no longer a school crossing patrol and the lines of sight were obstructed.

The HLO advised that parking protection around the buildouts was being installed and that she would send details to M Adamson regarding the location for enforcement.

	<p>Passenger Transport</p> <p>LEPP195002 – Englands Lane, Loughton – Bus stop. The HLO advised that this scheme was on hold due to bus operator changes and this may not be needed. There were only 2 buses a day on this route and therefore the cost of this scheme would need to be known before a decision can be made.</p> <p>Councillor Pond advised that EFDC helped to fund the bus route 87 and this would now be dealt with the Portfolio Holder for Environmental and Technical Services, Councillor N Avey.</p> <p>Public Rights of Way</p> <p>LEPP178001 – Public Bridleway no 14 from Forest Way – Woodbury Hill, Loughton. A meeting would be held, at a later date, with the County Member and the PRoW Officer to discuss further. This was on hold due to the Covid-19 restrictions being in place</p> <p>The Chairman asked who owned the land. The HLO advised it was privately owned land.</p> <p>Cycling</p> <p>LEPP194001 – Warren Hill, Nursery Road, Shaftsbury, York Hill, Baldwins Hill – Signing. The HLO advised that this scheme was waiting for the completion of the feasibility study.</p> <p>AGREED: The Chairman advised that the scheme types available for consideration for future funding currently totalling £577,750 should be reviewed at the January/March 2021 Panel Meeting as there would be more completed validations available. The panel agreed.</p>	
7.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>There was no other business reported.</p>	
8.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Epping Forest District Local Highways Panel would be on Monday 28 September 2020 at 5pm. Due to the current Corona Virus situation the venue of the meeting will be advised nearer to the time.</p>	