



CASTLE POINT LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES

6 October 2020 AT 15:00

Microsoft Teams Video Call

Chairman: Cllr Andrew Sheldon (ECC)

Panel Members: | ECC Members

Cllrs Blackwell, Reeves, May and Egan (Vice Chairman)

CPBC Members

Acott, Dick, Hart and Skipp

CITC Members Cllr Anderson

Officers: ECC:

Sarah Alcock - Highway Liaison Officer Sonia Church - Highway Liaison Manager

Brad Ellis - Design Engineer

CPBC:

Trudie Bragg - Head of Environment Stuart Jarvis - Contracts Manager

Secretariat: Loretta Hill – Civic Governance Officer

Item		Owner
1.	Welcome and Introductions: The Chairman welcomed all present and opened the meeting.	Chair
2.	Apologies for Absence & Declarations of interest: Apologies were received from Cllrs Blackwell and Dick There were no declarations of interest.	Chair
3.	Minutes of meeting held on 23 June 2020 to be agreed as correct record: The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record.	
4.	Matters Arising from Minutes of the previous meeting: There were no matters arising.	Chair





HLO

5. Report on Funded Schemes – Report 1:

HLO provided an update on the current position of all the schemes, which the Panel had recommended for inclusion in the 2019/20 programme.

Budget Summary 2020-21				
Safer Road Scheme	£42,000			
Estimated Value of Commissioned Schemes	£186,500			
Total	£228,500			
Capital	£228,675			
Savings identified and to be allocated 2020/21	£37,000			

The Panel noted the report and comments were made on the following Schemes:

Funded Schemes List 2019/20:

LCAS192013 - Benfleet Road - Layby

HLO Informed this item has been cancelled from this year's budget. Following the limited waiting time restrictions implemented by SEPP this scheme is no longer required as the restrictions appear to have resolved the issues. This scheme will be put back onto the Schemes Awaiting Funding list, and site will be monitored.

<u>LCAS182003 – Canvey Boat yard – Urban Clearway</u>

This project has been a success

6. Report on Schemes Awaiting Funding – Report 2:

The schemes awaiting funding list identifies all the scheme requests which have been received for the consideration of the Castle Point Local Highways Panel.

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Budget Summary				
Scheme Type Total Estimated Costs				
Traffic Management	£207			
Walking	£79,500			
Passenger Transport	£TBC			
TOTAL	£286,500			





Traffic Management

HLO informed speed surveys are now underway, however there are a lot from across all the districts so will take some time to complete.

There is £55K of funding that needs to be allocated to schemes as soon as possible. SA & BE have discussed the schemes awaiting funding, and which of the ones marked as Green are deliverable this late in the year and made recommendations, there are 2 quarters left. Sites discussed were:

Ref 1: LCAS192024 – A13 jw Rushbottom Lane & Church Road, Thundersley – Traffic Management Improvements

Cllr Egan suggested this feasibility project as a possibility to be included in the £55k that needs to be spent. There are issues with the traffic congestion and would tie in with the Tarpots scheme.

Ref 2: LCAS192025 - Daws Heath Road - Speeding

Ref 3: LCAS192026 - Falbro Crescent -20mph and signing

HLO to arrange meeting to discuss the 2 projects above with Cabinet Member Cllr Maclean and Ian Butt, as Cllr Hart raised that they are identified in the Local Plan.

Ref 9: LCAS192023 – Tarpots, London Road, Benfleet – Traffic Management

Cllr Skipp raised this as a priority due to another accident occurring recently and there has been a long wait for this scheme. Cllrs Egan, Hart, Reeves and Chair reiterated the point and ongoing problems caused at this junction.

BE informed that the right turn needs to be addressed, the island extended and look to have more signage.

Ref 10: LCAS192027 – Third Avenue, Northwick Park School – Traffic Management Improvements

This is a project for next year as it requires a TRO.

Ref 11: LCAS202001 - Watlington Road jw Loten Road, Benfleet - Kerbing

Due to drainage issues it is not possible to carry this out this year.

Ref 12: New Road jw Long Road, Canvey Island - Signage

Cllr May raised concern as vehicles are entering in the wrong direction, it is dangerous, there needs to be more signage.





Cllr Acott highlighted that the Off Licence could be where the main issue is, as their delivery lorries enter the wrong way and pull up outside the store causing a hazard.

Chair asked TB if it would be appropriate for someone to speak with the Shopkeeper. TB informed that SJ could speak to the Shopkeeper and liaise with Cllrs Acott/May, it may not solve the issue completely but may ease the problem.

Ref 16: Seaview Road and Eastern Esplanade, Canvey Island – Traffic Calming

Cllr May informed this project links to the Regeneration Team.

Walking

Ref 6: LCAS203001 Thorney Bay Road (Sandy Bay), Canvey Island – Footway

A discussion was had surrounding this project. Cllr May highlighted the need for a footway is urgent, a temporary gravel surface until such a time the project can be completed fully is needed due to concerns that this area has a busy footfall with school children and elderly residents with mobility issues. HLO advised it may be helpful to approach Sandy Bay to see if they can help. BE advised against using gravel as a temporary surface, Cllr May requested that this still be considered if there were any further savings identified.

Ref 7: LCAS203002 - Leigh Beck Lane, Canvey Island - School KEEP CLEAR

Cllr Acott raised on behalf of Cllr Blackwell. This scheme may be more of a priority due to the School now using the back entrance more frequently. HLO will contact the Head Teacher of the School and liaise with Cllr Blackwell.

Ref 9: LCAS203004 – Thorney Bay Road jw Long Road, Canvey Island – Dropped Crossing

Project discussed as a possibility to include in the projects to be completed as part of the £55K funding to be spent. No other comments raised.





Panel agreed the schemes below to be allocated the funding, they are: -

Ref: 1 – Traffic Management	Rushbottom Lane	£7,000
Ref: 9 – Traffic Management	Tarpots, London Road	£19,000
Ref: 6 - Walking	Leigh Beck Lane	£7,500
Ref: 9 - Walking	Thorney Bay Road	£22,000
TOTAL		£55,500

Passenger Transport

HLO informed that the Contractor has not yet been announced and therefore these schemes are on hold.

Cllr Skipp highlighted that Item 12 needs to be amended, Southwold Crescent is in Benfleet and not Hadleigh.

7. AOB

Roscommon Way

Chair

A discussion was had surrounding the issues at Roscommon Way. HLO informed she had met with the Police along with Cllrs Isaacs, May and Sheldon, they looked into ways to tackle the problem. Panel were informed that we are awaiting the results from the speed survey. There is a possibility of using an element of funding for variable speed cameras. All options will be investigated and brought back to the next panel meeting.

Cllr Reeves mentioned the stretch of road off the A130, on to the A127, London bound, would be helpful to have speed signage 50mph, as drivers are not informed before the speed cameras. HLO will investigate this and get back to Cllr Reeves.

Councillors thanked the Highways Team for arranging the meeting with the Police for Roscommon Way.

Panel also praised the success of the Woodmans Arms Project, which was recently completed.

8. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 26 January 2021

Chair

The meeting ended at: 16:35