

ROCHFORD LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES – 23 MARCH 2017 AT 2PM

CIVIC SUITE, RAYLEIGH

Civic Suite, 2 Hockley Road, Rayleigh SS6 8EB

Chairman:	Cllr M Hoy (ECC)
Panel Members:	Cllrs C Seagers (ECC), M Hoy (ECC), M Maddocks (ECC), T Cutmore (ECC), M Steptoe (RDC), J Lumley (RDC), G Ioannou (RDC), B Hazlewood (RDC)
Officers:	S Church – Highways Liaison Manager, G Speller – Highways Liaison Officer, S Scrutton – RDC Managing Director
Secretariat:	Michelle Power – RDC Democratic Services

Item		Owner
1.	<p>Welcome and Introduction:</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T Mountain.</p> <p>The Chairman wished to extend the Panel's thanks to Cllr R Howard, Deputy Cabinet Member for Highways, for his support over the year. The Chairman also thanked Cllr C S Seagers for chairing the Panel for the first part of the year.</p>	
2.	<p>Declarations of interest: Cllrs M J Steptoe, Mrs J Lumley, G Ioannou and B Hazlewood each declared an interest in items on the Agenda by virtue of being Members of Barling Magna Parish Council, Rayleigh Town Council, Stambridge Parish Council and Rochford Parish Council respectively.</p>	
3.	<p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2016 were agreed as correct record.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes of the previous meeting:</p> <p>Zebra crossing outside the Sainsbury's in Eastwood Road: a site meeting with Cllrs M Maddocks and Mrs C Roe and a request for a PV2 survey to establish if the area would meet the criteria for a signalised crossing, because of the large increase in foot traffic.</p>	



5.	<p>Approved Works Programme Update 2017/18:</p> <p>A budget for 2017/18 of £214,000 had been confirmed. Funding for Casualty Reduction Schemes of £62,000 would be allocated automatically from this budget for casualty sites across the District. Accordingly, the budget of £214,000 would be reduced by £62,000, as well as £15,000 for works currently on the rolling Programme, leaving £137,000 for the deliverable budget for 2017/18. There remained the need to generate a rolling programme for 2017/18 of £85,600.</p> <p>A response by Rochford District Council to the option of match funding would be made in the next week. The offer applied also to Parish/Town Councils.</p>	
6.	<p>Approved schemes – completed schemes</p> <p>Ferry Road and Pooles Lane, Hullbridge. The scheme would be delivered within the first week of the new financial year. The 20 mph speed limit would be enforceable as soon as the signs had been erected and the legal order sealed; road markings are separate to the scheme.</p> <p>Starr Lane, Great Wakering – Reported that the 30 mph speed limit sign had been covered in plastic. GS advised that they would need to contact customer services to find out why as not LHP related.</p> <p>Kingswood Crescent, Rayleigh. With the help of Rayleigh Town Council, residents had been consulted and responded unanimously that they did not want this scheme.</p> <p>High Street, Great Wakering. The feasibility study showed that the proposed scheme did not meet the criteria for the installation of a pedestrian refuge.</p> <p>Hydewood Lane, Canewdon – installation of 2 horse warning signs – to be put forward for delivery in 2017/18.</p> <p>Rochford Garden Way, Rochford - the Design team had advised that they would need an additional £6,000 to deliver the scheme. However, this increased cost would exceed the available budget. The scheme would be removed from the approved schemes list and put back in the Potential Schemes list. Agreed.</p> <p>Rawreth Lane and Laburnum Way, culvert works – the land is owned by a private developer and £7,000 will be needed to undertake design work for the culvert and ditch, as well as legal fees in Year 1 (2017/18). The culvert works would be maintained by either Essex Highways or the developer – this would be</p>	<p>Delete</p> <p>Delete</p> <p>GS</p>



	<p>confirmed. The design for the works required could be shared with the landowner. The Essex Highways Enforcement Team could be used if necessary.</p> <p>Hanover Bridge, Watery Lane/Beeches Road – weak bridge signage. Feasibility study to be undertaken. (Hullbridge should not have been included in the title)</p>	GS
7.	<p>Potential Schemes List for consideration of Panel in 2017/18:</p> <p>There potentially could be a revenue budget to cover the whole of Essex to be used by all LHPs for PV2 surveys, etc.</p> <p>(1) Larkhill Road, Canewdon – road safety assessment – request from residents that speed along this road is reviewed as visibility is an issue and there is insufficient signage and street lighting. The scheme had support from the local MP and would be presented by the Panel to the Cabinet Member for Highways, Cllr E Johnson, together with a petition with over 1,000 signatures.</p> <p>(2) Brays Lane and Apton Hall Road, Ashingdon – install advance warning signage £3,000 (this would replace the Rochford Garden Way scheme).</p> <p>(3) Sutton Road, j/w Shoplands Road – issue of restricted availability – needs full validation.</p> <p>(4) Canewdon, Ashingdon, Stambridge - weight limit review. Installation of up to 30 signs. Cost of £6,000 in Year 1 for design of scheme. Works would be undertaken in Year 2. Agreed.</p> <p>(5) Spa Road, Hockley – zebra lighting upgrade. £4,000 allocated for feasibility study to ascertain works required to bring crossing up to standard. Cllr Cutmore felt that a barrier outside Sainsbury's would improve safety by stopping pedestrians stepping straight onto the crossing. It was advised that the street light next to the crossing had not worked for 6 months. Advised to report to ECC.</p> <p>(6) Zebra lighting upgrade £4,000 for each of the following locations: Hullbridge Road, Rawreth; Southend Road, opposite White Hart, Hockley; Southend Road, Hawkwell, Spa Road, Hockley. These had been allocated by the Panel as priority schemes for delivery in 2017/18.</p>	GS



	<p>(7) The ECH website showed the street lights that are not working – this does not reflect the true situation. The Cabinet Member will raise the issue of lights not being fixed with senior officers. The system for reporting highways matters was being upgraded.</p> <p>(8) Twyford Avenue, Great Wakering - grasscrete – remain on the rolling programme. Agreed</p> <p>(9) Hyde Wood Lane, Canewdon – laybys £3,000 – Agreed</p> <p>(10) Bedloes Avenue, Rawreth – resident parking. (SEPP was consulted before the matter came to the LHP but unwilling to put parking restrictions in this location.) The scheme would provide a parking bay for 7 cars. There was concern that private parking for residents should not be provided with LHP funding and many of the houses had off-street parking. However, the residents were predominantly elderly and some might not be able to walk to an ambulance if it couldn't get through. There had been reports of emergency vehicles being obstructed by cars parking on the road, which might be alleviated by providing the parking bay. However, there was no evidence of any reports of obstruction from the emergency services. There would be no line restrictions in the area, so other cars could replace the ones moved to the bay. There was concern that providing additional parking in this area could result in requests for a similar facility in other congested areas with similar issues. It was felt that the cost was high for just 7 vehicles being taken off the road. Cllr Steptoe asked that additional information be provided, including a report from the emergency services as to whether they have experienced issues of obstruction in this area. The scheme would be put on the rolling programme.</p> <p>(11) Southend Road j/w Wakering Road and Barling Road roundabout. There had been liaison with Southend Borough Council and the issue of the layout of the roundabout would be addressed during the forthcoming year, currently in validation.</p> <p>(12) Shopland Road, Sutton – SLOW road marking £500 – to be added to the rolling programme.</p> <p>(13) Lower Road, Hullbridge – footway. £7,000 allocated in Year 1 to address land issues and complete design.</p> <p>(14) Poynters Lane, Great Wakering – footway. To remain on Potential Schemes list.</p>	
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	<p>(15) Essex Cycle Strategy. Match funding is available for the construction of a cycleway. A decision on how to progress this if the match funding is agreed could be delegated to a task group, the Chairman or an extra meeting can be arranged. (Cllrs Mrs J R Lumley and G J Ioannou each declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as project sponsors for the Coastal 2020 Project, which was looking at the connection of cycle paths across the District.) A request was made for a detailed plan of the proposed route. The Panel agreed to allocate £10,000 initially to the rolling programme, pending confirmation of availability of match funding, which would be confirmed in due course.</p> <p>(16) Google maps would be available at future Panel meetings.</p>	
8.	<p>Appendix Highways Rangers. There is a discussion between ECC and Ringway Jacobs of potential staff who may transfer. A new Highways Rangers process will be run out to try to improve the service.</p> <p>Section 106 Schemes. Brays Lane had been added. Rather than schemes being put forward, there will a full list of S106 schemes in the District from ECC. An update to be provided at the next meeting.</p>	S Church
9.	<p>AOB</p> <p>(1) Cllr M Maddocks – minor accidents Rawreth Lane/Hullbridge Road traffic slowing to turn into Ferndale. A form requesting signage would be submitted.</p> <p>(2) Cllr M Hoy – Church Road/Fountain lane. A request will be submitted in conjunction with the Parish Council.</p> <p>(3) Cllr G Ioannou had provided a list of incident numbers to Essex Highways from 18 requests from Canewdon Parish Council in respect of footpaths, roads, blocked drainage. He was advised by EH officers that they are to be reported on the ECC website or chased up by the County Member if required.</p> <p>(4) SEPP – parking restrictions outside schools to discourage people parking near the schools.</p>	GS M Hoy
10.	Date of next meeting: to be advised.	