

## LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL – MINUTES AND ACTIONS

	<b>PRESENT:</b>
<b>Date: 30 06 2014</b>	<b>Panel Members:</b> Cllr Keith Bobbin, Cllr Kay Twitchen, Cllr Tony Hedley, Cllr Mark Ellis, Cllr Malcolm Buckley, Cllr Kerry Smith, Cllr William Archibald.
<b>Venue: Room C418, County Hall</b>	
<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Melissa McGeorge, Cllr Nigel Le Gresley.	<b>Other Attendees:</b> Will Price Highway Liaison Officer, Rob Macdonald Highway Liaison Officer, Michael Row Design & Consultancy, Anthony Buston Senior Transport Strategy and Engagement Officer, Cllr Bernard Foster, Cllr Ray Howard.

<b>Item:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>Action Owner:</b>
1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions:</b> Cllr Bobbin welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	<b>Declaration of Interest:</b>	
3.	<b>Minutes of meeting held on 15 May 2014 to be agreed as correct record:</b> Agreed	
4.	<b>Casualty Reduction Schemes:</b> Ashlyns junction with Mill Green Road, Pitsea - Providing a right hand turn to facilitate turning movements from Ashlyns into Mill Green Road – <b>Agreed £30,000</b>  District Wide – Funding for investigations and designs at identified cluster sites - <b>Agreed £16,000</b>	
5.	<b>Schemes for consideration by Panel:</b> <b>Minor Schemes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gaywood, Laindon</b> – Repositioning of the staggered posts to accommodate a wheelchair or mobility vehicle – <b>Agreed £5,000</b></li> <li>• <b>Eastfield Road into Wash Road at Noak Bridge</b> – Feasibility/Design study to improve the junction layout – <b>Agreed £7,500</b></li> <li>• <b>High Road North, Laindon</b> – Funding for implementation of scheme to remove chicane and rationalise weight prohibition signage – <b>Agreed £15,000</b></li> <li>• <b>Eastgate Layby</b> – Feasibility study to overcome the problem of</li> </ul>	

	<p>illegal parking in layby, looking particularly at the introduction of a clearway along Southernhay – <b>Agreed £3,000</b> with Panel Members request that layby closure and/or enforcement cameras are explored within study.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A129 Southend Road/Bickers Farm Close, Wickford</b> – Installation of zebra crossing at point where traffic island currently stands – <b>Agreed £35,000</b></li> <li>• <b>Southend Road, Billericay (Near Kings Head)</b> – Safety audit to determine if a guard rail is required in place of the fence that was removed by the Kings Head – <b>Remove</b></li> <li>• <b>Hillside Road/Langemore Way junction, Billericay</b> – Investigation/Study/Design for utilisation of £3,900 of remaining S106 funds – <b>Agreed £1,000</b> with Panel Members suggestion that funds should be used for installation of tree pit and/or bus stop improvements with corresponding footway re-profiling.</li> </ul> <p><b>Bus Stop Improvements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eastfield Road junction Wash Road</b> – New proposal of altering and enlarging island to facilitate bus stop rejected. Instead, option of installing a permanent bus stop in the currently ‘unofficial’ location selected by Panel – <b>Agreed £7,500</b></li> <li>• <b>Sun Corner, Billericay</b> - Reposition of bus cage to align with stop – <b>Agreed £1,500</b></li> <li>• <b>Wickford Railway Station</b> – Lengthen bus cage and mark section furthest from the bus station as a bus stand – <b>Agreed £1,500</b></li> </ul> <p>Councillor Bobbin outlined the reasons why bus companies would not contribute towards these costs. Reasons included companies regularly changing routes and therefore not necessarily benefiting from stop improvements in years to come, multiple companies using the same stops and therefore no single company benefiting, and the fact that the stop infrastructure is not considered the responsibility of bus companies.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Basildon District Approved Scheme List</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A176 Basildon to Billericay cycle route – Councillor Twitchen outlined serious safety concerns about this scheme and urged that the route be reconsidered and/or implementation delayed until Basildon Settlement Plans have been drawn up and further discussions held with the Borough Council. Agreed by the Panel to request that scheme is put on hold.</li> <li>• Noak Hill Road Junction with Wash Road – Councillor Buckley described local reservations/objections to this scheme. The Panel were informed by Will Price that the scheme has been</li> </ul>	

	<p>blocked by Councillor Bass in light of local objections. Alternatives will now be considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basildon Hospital, Nethermayne - Councillor Buckley asked about the possibility of allocating further funds to speed up the scheme implementation process. Officers advised that further funds would not speed up the process, but that we would feedback the Panel's wish for this scheme to be treated as a priority.</li> <li>• Grange Primary School, Elder Avenue, Wickford – Councillor Buckley voiced his concerns that a PV<sup>2</sup> survey had been commissioned for a zebra crossing here despite the road being a cul-de-sac. Councillor Buckley suggested this was a waste of Panel funds. Officers to investigate the reasoning behind the PV<sup>2</sup> survey in conjunction with Councillor Le Gresley who recommended this scheme.</li> </ul>	<b>Will Price</b>
8.	<p><b>A.O.B</b> Councillor Twitchen ran through outstanding actions from the previous meeting that had not yet been addressed by the panel. These actions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Meads A13 Sound Barrier – Officers to look for alternative funding:</b> Officers advised that alternative funding for the proposed sound barrier could not be sourced. Rob Macdonald advised that there were sufficient LHP funds available to meet costs and that these funds could be re-allocated if not spent by the panel. Anthony Buston outlined the reasons why the cost of the barrier could not be met by the Sadlers Farm Junction contractors. Officers re-assured the panel that this need not set a precedent for residential roads adjacent to the A13 or other strategic routes. Panel Members upon review of further evidence agreed full funding for the sound barrier on this occasion. <b>Agreed - £77,000</b></li> <li>• <b>Cllr Bobbin to ask Basildon Borough Council for Secretariat Support</b> – Councillor Bobbin advised that Basildon Borough Council were unwilling to provide this service.</li> </ul>	
9.	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> Sept TBC Dec TBC</p>	