

LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL – MINUTES AND ACTIONS

	PRESENT:
Date: 26th March 2015	Panel Members: Cllr Keith Bobbin, Cllr Anthony Hedley, Cllr Mark Ellis, Cllr Malcolm Buckley, Cllr Kerry Smith, Cllr Kay Twitchen
Venue: Committee Room 5, County Hall	
Apologies: Cllr Melissa McGeorge, Cllr William Archibald, Cllr Nigel Le Gresley	Other Attendees: Will Price – Highway Liaison Officer, Sonia Church – Highway Liaison Manager, Bradley Blackwell – Apprentice, Police Sergeant Fergus Caulfield

Item:	Action:	Action Owner:
1.	Welcome and Introductions Cllr Bobbin welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	Declarations of Interest There were none.	
3.	Minutes of meeting held on 20th January 2015 and Matters Arising Cllr Bobbin invited discussion around any matter arising from the previous meeting. Cllr Twitchen voiced her support for the cancelation of cycling scheme LBAS004001. PS Fergus Caulfield was introduced to the Panel. There was discussion surrounding the introduction of CCTV and/or speed humps on Hornsby Way. Cllr Ellis informed the Panel that reports of antisocial driving to the Police had significantly reduced in recent months. He also reiterated his view that neither CCTV nor speed humps were necessary or suitable for this location. With this in mind he suggested that the area be monitored and further action considered when and if appropriate. Sgt Caulfield supported Cllr Ellis’ assertion that there had been a significant fall in reports. He also informed the Panel that most of the drivers who were congregating on Hornsby Way were simply car enthusiasts and were not committing any offence. As a result only three calls made to the police has resulted in positive action being taken against the driver. The Panel Supported the view that no further action should be taken at this time.	

	<p>Cllr Hedley alerted WP to the fact that he had submitted two scheme requests rather than just the one which had been recorded in the minutes. WP acknowledged that this was the case and informed Cllr Hedley that both schemes featured in the potential schemes list.</p>	
4.	<p>Basildon District Approved Scheme List</p> <p>WP talked the Panel through the Approved Scheme List and invited questions on any schemes of interest.</p> <p>Cllr Twitchen asked about the scope of scheme LBAS006006 (South Green Infant and Junior School). WP said that he would email scheme details.</p> <p>WP discussed scheme LBAS142030 and recommended that this £100,000 scheme be cancelled in the light of the fact that the cycling review was not yet complete and any funds required for incomplete schemes would be removed from the 15-16 budget. Therefore he suggested that cycling schemes should be commissioned on a case by case basis once the cycling review had been completed. SC reinforced this recommendation which was subsequently approved by the Panel – LBAS142030 Cancelled.</p> <p>SC used this opportunity to discuss budgetary arrangements for the financial year 2015-16 and informed the Panel that, in light of Cllr Bass' reallocation of undelivered Panel funds in 14-15, any funding for incomplete schemes approved in previous financial years would need to be taken from the 15-16 budget. This was acknowledged by the Panel.</p> <p>Cllr Smith and Cllr Buckley questioned whether the £248,196 scheme LBAS145005 (Basildon Bus stop improvements) has been worthwhile. Cllr Buckley said that he had expected real time signs to be installed as part of the scheme. WP advised that to do so would've been far more costly. He advised that the new flags included a feature whereby passengers could use codes to get real time updates on their smart phones. Cllr Buckley and Cllr Smith advised WP of a number of apparent discrepancies with the new bus stop installations. WP asked members to email him with any specific queries which he could then take up with the passenger transport team.</p> <p>Cllr Ellis informed the Panel that the bollards which had been installed at Elizabeth Way/Southwell Link had not prevented cars from mounting the verge to pass through. SC and WP advised that a highway boundary check could be under taken to see whether bollards could be added.</p>	<p>WP</p> <p>Cllr Buckley/ Cllr Smith</p>
5.	<p>Highways Improvements Programme - Schemes for Consideration 2015-16</p>	

	<p>SC introduced the new look front page of the Potential Schemes List and again described the budgetary arrangements for 2015-16.</p> <p>Panel members queried where the £80,000 marked “Revenue Spent” had been allocated. SC advised members that this was the annual ranger allocation. Cllr Twitchen and other members voiced their surprise, since they were under the impression that the rangers no longer undertook works on behalf of the LHP. SC gave the Panel an overview of the types of work that could be undertaken by the rangers and advised that requests for any such work would be welcomed. There was a lengthy discussion surrounding the quality of the ranger and Member Enquiry services. WP and SC agreed to provide quarterly ranger reports at LHP meetings, and advised that any issues with Member Enquiries should be taken up with the relevant department.</p> <p>LBAS152001 (Hornsby Way) – As per earlier discussions, the Panel decided not to allocate funds to this potential scheme.</p> <p>LBAS152002 (Kennel Lane, Billericay) – Scheme approved (£10,000)</p> <p>LBAS152003 (Brightside, Billericay) – Scheme approved (£12,000)</p> <p>LBAS152005 (High Road, Langdon Hills) – Scheme approved (£27,000)</p> <p>LBAS152006 (Rosebay Avenue, Billericay) – Scheme approved (£3,000)</p> <p>LBAS152009 (Bridge Street, Noak Bridge) – Cllr Buckley acknowledged the speed survey results in which average speeds were found to be well below the 30 mph speed limit. Consequently it was decided that a 20 mph restriction was not necessary at this location.</p> <p>LBAS152010 (Billericay School) – WP advised the Panel that the introduction of a formal parking area alongside the A176 had been deemed inappropriate by some officers since vehicles entering and exiting the main road from the parking area could cause safety issues and congestion. Cllr Hedley told the Panel that cars were already parking on the existing verge and therefore formalising the arrangement could only improve safety. The Panel allocated £4000 towards the undertaking of a Feasibility study into the suitability of a parking area.</p> <p>LBAS152011 (Sunnymede School, Mons Ave) – The Panel approved the installation of pedestrian guard rails in this location, subject to validation.</p>	<p>WP</p>
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	<p>LBAS152013 (Elder Avenue) – Cllr Buckley and some other members were unsupportive of this scheme. To be reconsidered in the presence of Cllr Le Gresley.</p> <p>LBAS152015 (Church Road, Ramsden Bellhouse) – Scheme approved (£25,000)</p> <p>LBAS152018 (Stock Road Crossing) – Scheme approved (£60,000)</p> <p>LBAS152020 (Runwell Road, Wickford) – Cllr Buckley and some other members were unsupportive of this scheme. To be reconsidered in the presence of Cllr Le Gresley.</p> <p>LBAS152021 (Hill Avenue, Wickford) – Scheme no longer for consideration.</p> <p>LBAS152014 (Twinstead, Wickford) - Cllr Buckley and some other members were unsupportive of this scheme. To be reconsidered in the presence of Cllr Le Gresley.</p> <p>LBAS152023 (Festival Way) – Scheme approved (£10,000)</p> <p>LBAS152026 (London Road, Wickford) – Cllr Buckley suggested that the number of pedestrians using the crossing could soon fall substantially. Therefore he felt any expenditure on the crossing might not be worthwhile at this time. To be reconsidered in the presence of Cllr Le Gresley.</p> <p>LBAS152027 (School 20 mph Designs) - £50,000 towards 10 x designs of 20 mph zones and limits outside appropriate schools in Basildon was approved by the Panel. It was recommended that Panel members should chose two sites per division, however the Panel were free to come to their own arrangement in this regard. Panel members to email WP with their selected schools/roads. Cllr Hedley queried why Brightside School was missing from the list included in the report. WP to check and report back.</p> <p><u>Public Rights of Way</u></p> <p>LBAS158001 (Byway 17, Little Burstead) – Scheme approved (£15,000)</p>	<p>WP/Members</p>
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Safer Roads

LBAS151001 (Noak Hill Road, Wash Road etc) – £25,000 Traffic modelling scheme approved subject to validation.

LBAS151002 (Noak Hill Road Junction with Wash Road) – Scheme Design approved subject to outcome of the above traffic modelling (£12,000)

LBAS151004 (District wide) – Scheme approved (£16,000)

Passenger Transport

LBAS155001 (Gatwick Drive bus stop) – Scheme approved (£8,750)

LBAS155002 (Kings Head bus stop) – Scheme approved (£5,260)

LBAS155003 (Church St bus stop NW bound) – Scheme approved (£5,750)

LBAS155004 (Church St bus stop SE bound) – Scheme approved (£5,750)

LBAS155005 (St Agnes Rd bus stop) – Scheme approved (£5,260)

LBAS155006 (Falstones bus stop) – Scheme approved (£5,260)

LBAS155007 (Glynne Way bus stop) – Scheme approved (£7,500)

LBAS155008 (Laindon Common bus stop S bound) – Scheme approved (£5,260)

LBAS155009 (Laindon Common bus stop N bound) – Scheme approved (£5,260)

LBAS155010 (Blackmore Farm bus stop NW bound) – Scheme approved (£5,260)

LBAS155011 (Blackmore Farm bus stop SE bound) – Scheme approved (£5,260)

LBAS155012 (Chevers Powen bus stop) – Scheme approved (£4,250)

LBAS 155013 (Craylands bus stop) – Scheme approved (£4,000)

LBAS 155014 (Hereford Walk bus stop) – Scheme approved (£4,000)

	<p><u>Walking Schemes</u></p> <p>LBAS153001 (Pound Lane Footpath) – Scheme approved (£55,000)</p> <p>LBAS153002 (Seaview Ave) – Salt bin approved (£500)</p> <p>LBAS153003 (The Vale, Vange) – Salt bin approved (£500)</p> <p>LBAS153004 (Great Berry Lane, Vange) – Salt bin approved (£500)</p> <p><u>Revenue Funding</u></p> <p>LBAS152032 – Survey Funds – Approved (£10,000)</p>	
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9.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Next meeting to be held on 30th June. Subsequent dates to be circulated via email.</p>	