

	PRESENT:	
Date: 19 th January 2016	Panel Members: ECC Councillors Ray Howard (Chairman); Dave Blackwell, Alan Bayley, and Jill Reeves; CPBC Councillors Steven Cole; Bill Dick; Simon Hart, Tom Skipp and Martin Tucker.	
Venue: Committee Room 1, Castle Point Council Offices, Benfleet		
Apologies: ECC Councillor Jamie Huntman	Other Attendees: Will Price – ECC Highways Liaison Officer, Sonia Church – Highways Liaison Manager; Mark Evershed - Regeneration Delivery Manager; Trudie Bragg – CPBC Head of Environment, Cheryl Salmon – CPBC Minute Taker	
Item:	Action:	Action Owner:
1.	Welcome and Introductions: Councillor Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	Declarations of Interest: There were none.	
3.	High Road Benfleet – Zebra Crossing The Chairman stated that since the last meeting there had been two fatalities at the crossing. He had today received a petition from residents in South Benfleet requesting that improvements were made to the crossing.	
4.	Minutes of meeting held on 22nd September 2015 Agreed. Lamp Columns in the Borough Members discussed the issue of partly removed lamp columns in the borough generally and that they were not fully removed more quickly. Benfleet Train Station – Traffic Congestion WP reported that the engineer had recommended undertaking a Feasibility Study including traffic modelling to assess the most appropriate methods to address the problem. Mindful of the cost involved in completing such a study the Panel discussed alternative options. It	TB/WP

was suggested that the removal of the barrier in School Lane Car Park may improve traffic flow and it was agreed to undertake a further site visit to the location.

Roscommon Way – HGV Signing Scheme

ME reported that the planning application for the business park was awaiting a decision from the Development Control Committee. If agreed the design scheme for the signage would progress.

Hadleigh Town Centre – Removal of Bus Lane

ME reported that ECC had put in place a traffic order to remove the bus lane. The final design of the lane would be dependent on whether there was an entry/exit in Morrisons and discussions regarding this were ongoing.

A13 London Road – Signage to Manor Road

Councillor Bayley reported that a resident had requested that signage to the Manor Road Trading Estate be installed on the London Road. The Panel considered that there was already sufficient signage in the area.

Craven Avenue junction with Thorney Bay Road, Canvey Island

Councillor Cole reported that there was still parking problems in this area. TB stated that the South Essex Parking Partnership (SEPP) had investigated and could not find any issues. Further representations from local residents about the precise issue may assist SEPP in being able to identify the problem.

Roscommon Way Roundabout, Canvey Island – Speeding

ME reported that whilst there were still issues at the site the CCTV was a deterrent and had reduced the problem considerably.

Bread and Cheese Hill, Benfleet – VAS

TB reported that the VAS in this location had been removed because it was broken. It was currently being fixed and would be put back in the same location shortly.

Cumberland Avenue, Benfleet – Speeding

Councillor Bayley stated that there was a problem with speeding in this area and that there had been a number of accidents at the junction with

	<p>Kents Hill Road. WP advised that any new measures should be sought using the scheme request form.</p> <p>Cleveland Road, Canvey Island – Speed Survey</p> <p>Councillor Blackwell stated that a previous speed survey had been carried out in the wrong location and requested that another be undertaken in the section of road between Beachway and Western Esplanade. WP to arrange (as long as this is within the publicly maintainable stretch).</p> <p>Scheme Request Forms</p> <p>Following discussion WP highlighted the importance of completing Scheme Request Forms for new schemes so that there was a proper audit trail and clear location/issue information from Members.</p>	<p>WP</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Update on Capital and Revenue Schemes Approved</p> <p>An update was given on the approved schemes and the following actions were agreed by the Panel:</p> <p><u>Craven Avenue (LCAS152023) – 20mph Limit</u></p> <p>WP reported that the Police and Network Management had questioned the validity and need for this scheme. There had also been little support from residents who had been consulted. The Panel agreed that it was still supportive of the scheme but would wait until the strategy on 20mph zones outside schools had been completed to see whether or not to progress with the matter.</p> <p><u>Hart Road outside Cedar Hall School (LCAS 152009) – Pedestrian Guard Railing LCAS152012 – Footway Widening, LCAS152011 – Zebra crossing installation</u></p> <p>WP talked through the progress of the safety schemes outside the school. The railings had been installed. The footway widening study was in progress. The zebra crossing design/feasibility had been circulated within the appendices. 2 options were presented in the feasibility study, but safety concerns had been highlighted with both options due to the lack of visibility. The Panel decided to let the school choose which (if any) of the crossing designs they would like to be installed. WP to arrange a site visit.</p> <p><u>Mitchells Avenue, Canvey Island (LCAS152022) – Pedestrian Refuge</u></p>	<p>WP</p>

The Panel were reminded that this scheme had now reverted to the design of a zebra crossing, since the safety audit had shown that there was insufficient carriageway width for a pedestrian refuge. The delivery of the crossing however would be subject to CMA approval.

Mornington Road, Canvey Island (LCAS152027) – Removal of Buildout

Councillor Tucker requested that this scheme was delivered as soon as possible. WP explained that most schemes of this type follow a 2-3 year delivery process with feasibility study and/or design in year 1 - 2 and delivery in year 2 – 3. This scheme was currently in the design process and delivery had not yet been commissioned.

6. Potential Schemes for consideration of the Panel

SC gave an update on the Panel’s budget for 2016/17. It was recommended to the Panel that it prioritise schemes for the forthcoming year as there may not be sufficient funding provide all schemes.

The Panel noted the report and the current status of the schemes listed and agreed the following:-

Scheme:	Estimated Cost:	Action:
Essex Way Junction with Vicarage Hill, Benfleet	£35,000	Additional signage and road markings as recommended by road safety team agreed and pre-approved. WP to pass on Panel suggestions of extending 30mph and installing a roundabout. WP to report back at March meeting.
Windsor Gardens junction with Elizabeth Way, Benfleet – installation of dropped crossings	£3,000.00	Top up agreed.
District Wide – Design of Casualty Reduction Sites	£20,000	Pre-Approved
Craven Avenue junction with	Up to	Due to the significant

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	Long Road, Canvey Island – Realign junction.	£150,000	cost involved the Panel agreed to remove this scheme.
	Strasbourg Road Canvey Island – No Through Road Sign	£2,000	Pre-Approved.
	Deepwater Road, Canvey Island – No Through Road sign	£1,500	Pre-Approved.
	Long Road , Canvey Island – Feasibility study with traffic modelling to assess benefits of adjusting layout and adjoining roads	£23,000	Due to the significant cost involved the Panel agreed to remove this scheme.
	Scheme:	Estimated Cost:	Action:
	44 Mornington Crescent, Canvey Island – Works to prevent flooding on footway	£25,000	The Panel questioned why this works was not part of the general drainage improvements works on the island. WP to speak to Peter Rose.
	Benfleet Train Station – Feasibility Study	£10,000	Defer until next meeting
	St Michaels Road, Hadleigh	£6,000	Defer until next meeting
	St John’s Road, Benfleet	£15,000	Defer until next meeting
	Footpath 10, Canvey	£15,000	Defer until next meeting
	Footpath 15 and 17, Benfleet	£15,000	Defer until next meeting
7	Highways Rangers Service The Panel noted the 2015/16 second quarter report on the Highways Rangers Service. TB again highlighted the importance of having a team of three Rangers and it was hoped three could be maintained in the next financial year.		

	<p>The Panel requested that it's appreciation of the Ranger Service and all the hard work the Rangers carried out was recorded in the Minutes.</p>	
	<p>AOB:</p> <p>Church Road, Hadleigh, – Removal of Bollards</p> <p>Further to discussion at the last meeting Councillor Reeves requested that the Panel agree to remove the bollards. The cost was estimated to be £3,000. The Panel Agreed.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 22nd March 2016.</p>	