

## CASTLE POINT LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL – MINUTES AND ACTIONS

	<b>PRESENT:</b>	
<b>Date:</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2015	<b>Panel Members:</b> ECC Councillors Ray Howard (Chairman); Alan Bayley, Jamie Huntman and Jill Reeves; CPBC Councillors Simon Hart, Martin Tucker and Councillor Riley (Leader).	
<b>Venue:</b> Committee Room 1, Castle Point Council Offices, Benfleet		
<b>Apologies:</b>  CPBC Councillors Skipp and Cole	<b>Other Attendees:</b> Will Price – ECC Highways Liaison Officer, Sonia Church – Highways Liaison Manager; Jayne Sumner – Rail Engagement Manager, Mark Evershed - Regeneration Delivery Manager; Trudie Bragg – CPBC Head of Environment, Stuart Jarvis – CPBC Contracts Manager, Ken Ward – CPBC Licensing and Enforcement Officer; Dave Newman-Portch - Taxi Driver; Cheryl Salmon – CPBC Minute Taker.	
<b>Item:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>Action Owner:</b>
1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions:</b> Councillor Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> There were none.	
3.	<b>Minutes of meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015</b> Agreed.  <b>Bread and Cheese Hill, Benfleet – Removal of Bus Lane</b> The bus lane removal was due to be completed at the end of October/early November.	
4.	<b>Benfleet Train Station</b> Ken Ward and Dave Newman-Portch explained to the Panel that there were problems with traffic congestion at Benfleet Station. The problem was caused by inconsiderate drivers parking on the double yellow lines outside the station in the High Street. This led to the narrow road outside the station being blocked and caused traffic congestion. The Panel was requested to consider ways to address the problem. Following discussion it was agreed that a site visit be undertaken with Borough and County Members for the Ward accompanied by ECC/CPBC officers.	<b>WP/CS</b>

<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Update on Capital and Revenue Schemes Approved</b></p> <p>An update was given on the approved schemes and the following actions were agreed by the Panel:</p> <p><b>2013/14 Approved Schemes</b></p> <p><u>Manor Road (LCAS132015) - Signage Improvements</u></p> <p>£5,500 scheme top up approved.</p> <p><b>2014/15 Approved Schemes</b></p> <p><u>Roscommon Way (LCAS142012) – HGV signing scheme</u></p> <p>The scope of the scheme had been expanded significantly and required a substantially larger budget and design capacity. The Panel agreed that local businesses be approached to contribute some funding towards the scheme and that the £35,000 that had been allocated be used for the design work only.</p> <p><u>Hadleigh Town Centre (LCAS142022) - Removal of Bus Lane</u></p> <p>Awaiting completion of safety audit. SC to check progress and speed up process if possible. CPBC Leader to raise at next Castle Point Regeneration Partnership Meeting.</p> <p><b>2015/16 Approved Schemes</b></p> <p><u>Daws Heath Road/Western Road (LCAS152005) – Replace existing bend warning signs with junction on bend warning signs</u></p> <p>£500 scheme top up approved.</p> <p><u>Asquith Avenue junction with Rayleigh Road (LCAS152008) – Installation of “Keep Clear” markings on carriageway</u></p> <p>£1100 scheme top up approved due to need for significant traffic management.</p> <p><u>Craven Avenue (LCAS152023) – 20mph Limit</u></p> <p>It was reported that Police and Network Management were currently unsupportive of the scheme. Informal consultation was being undertaken with residents, school and shops to gauge support (which could allay NM concerns). Further speed surveys being undertaken to determine whether there has been any change in average speeds (which could allay police concerns). These complications had led to a delayed delivery</p>	<p><b>ME/SC</b></p> <p><b>SC/CPCBC Leader</b></p>
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	<p>date.</p> <p><u>Gainsborough Ave/Weels Rd entrances to Kismet Park (LCAS153002) – Installation of dropped crossings to improve access to park</u> £5,500 scheme top up approved.</p> <p><u>Roscommon Way (LCAS152035) – Investigation and design of measures to prevent donughting/speeding around roundabouts</u></p> <p>The Panel noted the accompanying report. Installation of lockable gates would be costly (over 40k in ongoing annual costs) and would contradict the Traffic Management Strategy. Signing would also need to be amended to reflect closure. Joining roundabouts with safety barriers or similar would likely increase speeds as it removed the need to give way to traffic. It was stated that further development in the surrounding area would change the nature of the road and this may help to address the problem. It was also noted that due to the installation of CCTV in the area the situation seemed to have improved in recent months.</p> <p>In light of the comments made the Panel agreed that the scheme should be cancelled.</p> <p><u>Castle Point LHP Speed Survey Results</u></p> <p>The Panel noted the results. Some Members raised concerned about how the results were recorded as it was felt that daily average speeds did not give a true reflection of speeding problems in an area. It was felt that average speeds over a set period of time rather than a day would give a more accurate picture.</p>	
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Potential Scheme List</b></p> <p>SC gave an update on the Panel’s budget. The Panel noted the report and the current status of the schemes listed.</p>	
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Mobile Vas Locations</b></p> <p>The Panel agreed that the Mobile VAS should be moved to the following sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Link Road opposite Roskoi Road, Canvey Island</li> <li>• Daws Heath Road (uphill on approach to Deanes School), Benfleet.</li> <li>• Bread and Cheese Hill in vicinity of Catherine Road, Benfleet</li> </ul>	

	<p>Benfleet Road/Essex Way on the bend by the Water Tower was also suggested as a potential location. WP/SJ to investigate whether there is a suitable post in this location.</p> <p>Councillor Reeves reported that the lights had not been working on the VAS in Daws Heath Road (heading towards Broomfield) since February.</p>	<b>WP/SJ</b>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Ranger Update</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the 2015/16 first quarter report on the Highway Rangers Service. The Rangers had mostly been removing weeds from the public highway and clearing back vegetation to open up public rights of way.</p> <p>SJ reported that having a team of three rangers had proved to be a benefit to the service and it was hoped to obtain a top up to the existing budget again in the next financial year to fund an additional ranger. The Panel would need to agree to fund this at a cost of £10,000.</p>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>AOB:</b></p> <p><b>Church Road, Hadleigh - Bollards</b></p> <p>Cllr Reeves stated that residents had complained that the bollards directly outside their house were causing an obstruction and had requested that they be removed. WP to investigate.</p> <p><b>Essex Way, Benfleet – Raised Kerb</b></p> <p>It was requested that a raised kerb be installed at the top of Essex Way (junction with Benfleet Road) to stop vehicles mounting the pavement. WP to ask the road safety team to look at if Members could send him details.</p> <p><b>Norwood Drive, Benfleet – Parking Problems</b></p> <p>A resident had reported parking problems. It was stated that the resident needed to refer the matter to the South Essex Parking Partnership.</p> <p><b>Kenneth Road, Thundersley, Benfleet – Speed Survey and Buses</b></p> <p>Cllr Dick requested that a speed survey be undertaken in Kenneth Road, towards the Kiln Road end. He also stated that the new buses were very wide and due to the narrow width of Kenneth Road vehicles were being</p>	<p><b>WP</b></p> <p><b>WP</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Dick/WP</b></p>

	forced onto the kerb. Cllr Dick to send scheme request form to WP	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b> Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 3pm.	