

CASTLE POINT LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL – MINUTES AND ACTIONS

	PRESENT:
Date: 22 nd March 2016	Panel Members: ECC Councillors Ray Howard (Chairman); Dave Blackwell, and Jill Reeves; CPBC Councillors; Bill Dick; Simon Hart and Martin Tucker.
Venue: Committee Room 1, Castle Point Council Offices, Benfleet	
Apologies: ECC Councillor Alan Bayley and CPBC Councillors Steven Cole and Tom Skipp	Other Attendees: Will Price – ECC Highways Liaison Officer, Rissa Long – Highways Liaison Officer; Mark Evershed - Regeneration Delivery Manager; Councillor Colin Riley, Leader of CPBC; Mel Harris, CPBC Head of Licensing and Safer Communities; Stuart Jarvis CPBC Contracts Manager, Cheryl Salmon – CPBC Minute Taker

Item:	Action:	Action Owner:
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions:</p> <p>Councillor Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>As this was the last meeting for Will Price as Highways Liaison Officer and Councillor Tucker as a Borough representative on the Panel the Chairman thanked them both for all their hard work.</p>	
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest:</p> <p>There were none.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of Meeting held on 19th Jan 2016 and Matters Arising</p> <p>With regard to the zebra crossing at High Road, Benfleet, there had been one fatality at this site and not two as detailed in the Minutes. Subject to this amendment the Minutes were agreed.</p> <p>Benfleet Train Station – Congestion</p> <p>The Chairman reported that another site visit had been undertaken but to date no solution had been found to the congestion problems at the station. He requested that Mel Harris report this back to the taxi drivers and that the Panel would continue to investigate the matter.</p>	

<p>3.</p>	<p>Lamp Columns in the Borough</p> <p>Members of the Panel expressed their disappointment again that lamp columns that were no longer in use were not being removed from the highway. It was understood that part of the problem was due to a lack of co-operation from UK Power Network. The Chairman requested that a letter was sent from the Panel to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation expressing this view and that the matter be raised with the Leader and Chief Executive of Castle Point Borough Council as well.</p> <p>Central Wall Road, Canvey Island – Road Signs</p> <p>Councillor Tucker reported that 3 signs at the junction to the one-way system had been partially removed. These included a ‘No Entry’ and ‘One Way’ signs and the beacon at the pelican crossing. Mark Evershed to arrange a meeting with the Managing Director of ECC Highways to discuss the matter of partially removed signs generally in the Borough. Also the Chairman to speak to the Cabinet Member for Highways. It was suggested that a list be compiled of locations of the signs.</p> <p>Essex Way junction with Vicarage Hill, Benfleet - Speeding</p> <p>Will Price stated that the Road Safety Team had advised against installing a trief kerb in this location. It was reported that one of the street lights in the location was not working which meant the junction was poorly lit. Councillor Reeves stated that she had reported the broken light on 4.12.2016 and it had still not been fixed. During discussion it was suggested that the only solution to the danger of speeding vehicles on the bend was to remove the bend altogether but that this would be costly.</p>	<p>Chairman/ CS</p> <p>ME/ Chairman/ WP/RL/CS</p>				
<p>4.</p>	<p>Potential Scheme List</p> <p>Will Price advised that the Castle Point LHP Capital budget for 2016/17 had been reduced to £228,675. All Panels had been recommended to commission an annual programme of 160% of their budget, thereby enabling a rolling programme of approved, deliverable schemes. The target 16/17 total scheme cost for Castle Point was therefore £365,880.</p> <p>The Capital Budget Summary was as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="240 1671 1279 1806"> <tr> <td>Castle point LHP 2016/17 Budget</td> <td>£228,675</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16/17 Scheme Commission Target</td> <td>£365,880</td> </tr> </table>	Castle point LHP 2016/17 Budget	£228,675	16/17 Scheme Commission Target	£365,880	
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Incomplete Scheme Value	£204,500
Potential Scheme Value	£449,500
Total Value	£653,500
Discrepancy	-£287,620

The Panel was requested to decide which of the schemes outlined in the report it would like to commission in 2016/17 and which they would like to defer.

Traffic Management Schemes

The Panel approved funding as follows:

Scheme:	Estimated Cost:
LCAS 162037 - Strasbourg Road, Canvey Island – No through road sign	£1,000
LCAS 162040 - Deepwater Road, Canvey Island – No through road sign	£1,000
LCAS 162043 - 44 Mornington Crescent, Canvey Island – Installation of a new “box section” drainage grid and connect to existing drainage system to prevent flooding on footway and property	£25,000 (£12,500 to be match funded by Flood Team)
LCAS 152059 – 111 Church Road, Hadleigh – Request for removal of bollards which are restricting parking.	£1,500
LCAS 162022 – Mitchells Avenue – Installation of zebra crossing – Delivery of scheme subject to CMA approval from Cllr Johnson	£45,000
LCAS 162003 – Church Road/Spencer Road outside Robert Drake School, Benfleet – Installation of bollards and reinstatement of a newly designed raised table	£20,000

Scheme:	Estimated Cost:
LCAS 162027 – Mornington Road, Canvey Island – Delivery of scheme to remove build out and replace with speed hump or other suitable traffic calming measure.	£30,000
LCAS 162028 - All routes surrounding Manor Trading Estate, Benfleet – Feasibility Study and detailed design to provide full review of HGV signage on route leading to and from Manor Trading Estate as recommended in report H14130.	£5,500
LCAS 162060 – Link Road/Dinant Avenue/Third Avenue, Canvey Island – Request for safety improvements in vicinity of Northwick and Cornelius Vermuyden Schools. Validation only at this stage.	To be confirmed

The following schemes were deferred for consideration in future financial years:

- District Wide – 20mph restrictions outside appropriate schools.
- St John’s Road, Benfleet – Review of signs on and around the location*.
- St Michaels Road, Hadleigh – Addition of chevron sign on bend
- Kents Hill Road North/A13 – Relocate ‘Stop’ marking at junction.
- Hart Road outside Cedar Hall School – Footway widening
- Central Wall Road – request for crossing

*With regard to LCAS 162052 – St John’s Road, Benfleet – Review of signs The Panel agreed that, as the works were installed as part of the 2012 Olympic Mountain Bike Event at Hadleigh Park that Hadleigh Farm should be requested to pay for these works.

All other Traffic Management Schemes were removed from the Potential Scheme List.

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Public Rights of Way Schemes

The Panel deferred consideration of the following for future financial years:

- Footpath 10, Canvey Island – New footpath edging and surfacing
- Footpath 15 and 17, Benfleet - New footpath edging and surfacing

Safer Road Schemes

The Panel approved funding as follows:

Scheme:	Estimated Cost:
LCAS 161005 – District Wide – Design of Casualty Reduction Sites identified in 2017/18 cluster run.	£20,000
LCAS 161 006 – High Road, Benfleet – Delivery of the following Zebrite belisha beacons, internally illuminated modular posts, refreshing high friction surfacing, footway improvements OR DESIGN ONLY of crossing upgrade (subject to PV2 results).	£70,000

The following were deferred for consideration in future financial years:

- Essex Way junction with Vicarage Hill – Road safety improvements
- A130 Canvey Way/B1014 Canvey Waterside roundabout – road safety improvements

All other Safer Road Schemes were removed from the Potential Scheme List.

Revenue Budget

The following schemes were approved:

Scheme	Estimated Cost
LCAS 162026 – Borough Wide – 6 months of additional ranger funding	£10,000
Borough Wide – Speed survey allocation for 16/17	£10,000

5.	<p>Update on Capital and Revenue Schemes Approved</p> <p>An update was given on the approved schemes and the following actions were agreed:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="240 401 1279 972"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="240 401 764 468">Scheme</th> <th data-bbox="764 401 935 468">Cost</th> <th data-bbox="935 401 1279 468">Action</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="240 468 764 722">LCAS151003 - Seaview Road Junction with High Street – Delivery of Measures recommended in Casualty Reduction Report and subsequent designs.</td> <td data-bbox="764 468 935 722">£6,000 top up</td> <td data-bbox="935 468 1279 722">Agreed.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="240 722 764 972">LCAS152011 – Hart Road outside Cedar Hall Road – Design and installation of zebra crossing</td> <td data-bbox="764 722 935 972">£5,000</td> <td data-bbox="935 722 1279 972">Remove zebra crossing due to feedback from school governors. Consider advisory 20mph speed limit instead.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Scheme	Cost	Action	LCAS151003 - Seaview Road Junction with High Street – Delivery of Measures recommended in Casualty Reduction Report and subsequent designs.	£6,000 top up	Agreed.	LCAS152011 – Hart Road outside Cedar Hall Road – Design and installation of zebra crossing	£5,000	Remove zebra crossing due to feedback from school governors. Consider advisory 20mph speed limit instead.	
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6	<p>Mobile VAS Locations</p> <p>The Panel noted the current locations and other suggested sites for the VAS.</p>										
7.	<p>Ranger Update</p> <p>The Panel noted the latest work carried out by the Rangers.</p>										
	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>Rayleigh Road, Benfleet – Crossing outside Virgin Gym</p> <p>Councillor Hart reported that the bollards by the crossing had been knocked down 3 times recently. Stuart Jarvis to investigate.</p>	SJ									
	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>To be confirmed in the new Council Year.</p>										

Chairman