

CASTLE POINT LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL – MINUTES AND ACTIONS

	PRESENT:	
Date: 3 rd June 2014	Panel Members: ECC Councillors Ray Howard (Chairman); Dave Blackwell, Jamie Huntman and Jill Reeves; CPBC Councillors Steven Cole; Bill Dick; Simon Hart and Tom Skipp.	
Venue: Committee Room 1, Castle Point Council Offices, Benfleet	Other Attendees: CPBC Cllr Riley, Rissa Long (RL) – ECC Highway Liaison Officer, Will Price (WP), ECC Highway Liaison Officer, Beverley Gould (BG) – Principal Transport Strategy and Engagement Officer; Peter Wright Design and Consultancy Manager (PW) Mark Evershed (ME) Regeneration Delivery Manager, Trudie Bragg (TB) – CPBC Head of Environment, Stuart Jarvis (SJ) – CPBC Contracts Manager, Cheryl Salmon (CS) – Minute Taker	
Apologies: ECC Councillor Bayley and CPBC Councillor Tucker		
Item:	Action:	Action Owner:
1.	Welcome and Introductions:	
2.	Declarations of Interest: There were none.	
3.	<p>Minutes of meeting held on Agreed.</p> <p>CCTV Roscommon Way Mark Evershed reported that work had been progressing. There was one outstanding issue regarding the accreditation of the camera suppliers and they were currently in discussions with ECC. Since the last meeting proactive steps had been taken by both Morrisons and the Police to address the situation and the Police now attended the site every weekend.</p> <p>Members discussed possible highway solutions to the problem. It was agreed that a feasibility study be carried out to see what options were available and that these be reported back to the Panel. It was estimated that this would cost between £3k and £5k.</p> <p>Tarpots Junction</p>	WP/PW

	<p>Cllr Reeves raised concern that installing a dedicated right-hand turn into Rushbottom Lane would cause further traffic congestion. Mark Evershed explained that the works had been agreed as part of the planning permission for the new Aldi store in Rushbottom Lane. ECC had investigated the scheme and considered there would be no significant impact on the junction.</p> <p>Hadleigh Town Centre</p> <p>Cllr Hart reported that Members had held a site visit with Councillor Bass and he had indicated that he would be in favour of removing the bus lane and installing an entry/exit to the Morrisons store on the A13. Mark Evershed explained that this project was due to be discussed further at the Castle Point Regeneration Partnership meeting in July.</p> <p>Sadlers Farm Roundabout</p> <p>Councillor Blackwell stated that there had recently been a number of accidents on the roundabout and suggested that installing hatchings at the junctions would address the problem. Cllr Dick stated that ECC had planned to revisit the works once the scheme had been completed. Beverley Gould stated that remedial works were planned shortly and that a request for hatchings would be put forward.</p> <p>Craven Avenue (junction with Thorney Bay Road), Canvey Island</p> <p>The Chairman reported that following a site visit it had been agreed to reduce the height of the nearby hedges to improve visibility at the junction. A local resident currently maintained the hedges and had agreed to carry out the work. Cllr Cole and Rissa Long to liaise with the resident.</p> <p>Disabled Parking Bays, Town Centre, Furtherwick Rd, Canvey Island</p> <p>Mark Evershed reported that following consultation with the Head of Licensing and Transportation it had been agreed to remove the taxi rank in Lionel Road and relocate the disabled parking bays outside Barclays Bank there to enable taxi drivers to access the rank outside the bank more easily. The matter needed to be referred to the South East Essex Partnership to confirm that the new arrangements would be enforceable but providing it was in agreement the Panel agreed to fund the works, in principle.</p>	<p>Cllr Cole/RL/WP</p> <p>RL/WP</p>
4.	<p>Update on Capital and Revenue Schemes Approved</p> <p>An update was given on schemes that had been approved for funding in the 2012/13 financial year and schemes that had been recommended for progression by the Panel in the 2014/15 financial year. The Chairman</p>	

<p>encouraged Members to put forward schemes and advised these should be submitted by July to ensure funding was available.</p> <p>Broomfield/Daws Heath Road, Hadleigh – Junction Improvement</p> <p>Cllr Hart reported that the build out kerb that had been installed was the same colour as the tarmac on the pavement and so was difficult to see in the dark. Rissa Long stated that the engineers had advised that the scheme should be allowed to bed in before it was re-assessed.</p> <p>Essex Way, Benfleet – Casualty Reduction Scheme</p> <p>Cllr Reeves stated that the chevrons were an improvement however when turning right into Vicarage Hill there were two bollards which obstructed the view of vehicles travelling up Essex Way. Rissa Long stated that a safety check would be carried out now the works had been completed.</p> <p>During discussion the Panel suggested that the speed limit on Essex Way should be reduced to 50mph.</p> <p>Cleveland Road, Canvey Island</p> <p>Cllr Blackwell reported that a section of the road was a private street and the other public highway, where the two sections met there was a large crater in the road. Whilst residents in the private street were happy to pay for the repairs they required confirmation from Essex County Council in writing that it was their responsibility.</p> <p>Hall Farm Road and Corner of Jotmans Lane/High Road, Benfleet – Road Improvements</p> <p>The Chairman reported that Cllr Sheldon, a Ward Member, had requested improvements to the roads as they were in a poor state. It was agreed that Cllr Huntman forward to Cllr Bayley to put through ECC’s Member Enquiry process.</p> <p>New Road/Common Hall Lane Junction, Hadleigh</p> <p>Cllr Hart reported that the junction was dangerous. It was suggested that a feasibility study be carried out at the junction however Mark Evershed suggested that such a study would be premature until the nearby Morrisons had decided on whether they were going to install an entry/exit to the store on the A13 and had submitted a planning application for this. The Panel agreed.</p>	<p>RL/WP</p> <p>RL/WP</p> <p>Cllr Huntman/Cllr Bayley</p>
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	<p>Bread and Cheese Hill, Benfleet – Bus Lanes Cllr Skipp stated that the 3 bus lanes between the Tarpots Junction and the top of Bread and Cheese Hill were ineffective and requested they be removed. It was stated that Cllr Bass was due to consider a report regarding their removal.</p>																			
5.	<p>Potential Schemes for consideration of the Panel</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Scheme:</th> <th>Estimated Cost:</th> <th>Action:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Holy Family School, Kents Hill Road, Benfleet – extension of 20mph zone</td> <td>£5,000</td> <td>Agreed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mitchells Avenue, Canvey Island – request for zebra crossing</td> <td></td> <td>Agreed funding for initial survey</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Craven Avenue, Canvey Island – Improvements to junction with Long Road and 20mph speed limit between Long Road and Beverley Avenue</td> <td>£3,000</td> <td>Agreed to fund validation and feasibility study</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Roscommon Way/ Haven Road, Canvey Island – HGV Routing Signage</td> <td>£35,000</td> <td>Agreed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clifton Avenue between junctions with High Road/Kents Hill Road – Speeding</td> <td>£200</td> <td>Agreed to carry out to speed surveys</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Vic House Roundabout, Hadleigh – Maintenance of Roundabout Trudie Bragg reported that the arrangement for Alton Gardens Centre to maintain the roundabout had come to an end. A new sponsor had not yet been identified however the grass on the roundabout badly needed cutting. It was requested that the Panel fund a one off payment of £170 to Pinnacle to cut the grass. Peter Wright explained that as this was maintenance work it could not be funded by the Panel. Mark Evershed agreed that the Castle Point Regeneration Partnership would fund the works on this occasion.</p>	Scheme:	Estimated Cost:	Action:	Holy Family School, Kents Hill Road, Benfleet – extension of 20mph zone	£5,000	Agreed	Mitchells Avenue, Canvey Island – request for zebra crossing		Agreed funding for initial survey	Craven Avenue, Canvey Island – Improvements to junction with Long Road and 20mph speed limit between Long Road and Beverley Avenue	£3,000	Agreed to fund validation and feasibility study	Roscommon Way/ Haven Road, Canvey Island – HGV Routing Signage	£35,000	Agreed	Clifton Avenue between junctions with High Road/Kents Hill Road – Speeding	£200	Agreed to carry out to speed surveys	ME
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6.	<p>Highway Rangers and Revenue Expenditure Stuart Jarvis reported that the vacancy for a Highways Ranger had been</p>																			

	advertised and 20 applicants had been received to date.	
7.	<p>Update on Major Schemes</p> <p>No update at this time.</p>	
8.	<p>AOB:</p> <p>Marine Parade, Canvey Island - Signage</p> <p>Cllr Blackwell had requested signs be installed to try and reduce the traffic flow in the road.</p> <p>South Essex Parking Partnership</p> <p>Agreed that updates on the work of the Partnership be circulated to the Panel.</p>	<p>RL/WP</p> <p>Cllr Riley/TB</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>To be confirmed.</p>	

Chairman