

## CASTLE POINT LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL – MINUTES AND ACTIONS

	<b>PRESENT:</b>	
<b>Date:</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	<b>Panel Members:</b> ECC Councillors Ray Howard (Chairman); Alan Bayley, Jamie Huntman and Jill Reeves; CPBC Councillors Alan Acott, Bill Dick; Simon Hart, Tom Skipp and Allan Taylor.	
<b>Venue:</b> Committee Room 1, Castle Point Council Offices, Benfleet		
<b>Apologies:</b>  ECC Councillor Dave Blackwell	<b>Other Attendees:</b> Rissa Long – ECC Highways Liaison Officer, Sonia Church – Highways Liaison Manager; Mark Evershed - Regeneration Delivery Manager; Trudie Bragg – CPBC Head of Environment, Stuart Jarvis – CPBC Contracts Manager, Cheryl Salmon – CPBC Minute Taker	
<b>Item:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>Action Owner:</b>
1.	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions:</b></p> <p>In the absence of Councillor Howard at the start of the meeting it was agreed that Councillor Reeves would chair the meeting. Councillor Reeves welcomed everyone to the meeting including the two new CPBC Members.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b></p> <p>They were none.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Minutes of meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 and Matters Arising</b></p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p><b>Benfleet Train Station - Congestion</b></p> <p>Discussion took place regarding the on-going problem of congestion at the station. The Panel requested that the use of the access at the bottom end of School Lane Car Park (on to the High Street) be investigated further as an option. The Leader of CPBC and Cllr Skipp to look at with Trudie Bragg.</p> <p>Councillor Howard joined the meeting and took over the Chair.</p> <p>It was understood that there were plans by C2C to improve the train</p>	<b>Skipp/Leader/TB</b>

	<p>station and surrounding area and it was suggested that C2C be contacted and requested to consider the issue of congestion and any ways to alleviate the problem when looking at a re-development scheme.</p> <p><b>Lamp Columns</b></p> <p>The Chairman expressed his extreme disappointment that the disused lamp columns in the borough had still not been removed. Both the Chairman and Leader of CPBC had raised this at ECC.</p> <p><b>Site Visit to Link Road/Dinant Avenue</b></p> <p>The Chairman reported that he had undertaken a site visit to assess the traffic problems in the area particularly at the entrance to Cornelius Vermuyden School and the road leading to Northwick School which were heavily congested at times. Once a scheme had been validated it would be discussed further by the Panel.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Update on Capital and Revenue Schemes Approved</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the approved schemes update. During discussion the following points/issues were raised:</p> <p><b>Hadleigh – Removal of Bus Lane</b></p> <p>ME advised that the proposal to remove the bus lane was currently out for consultation. Objections had been received from the bus company. The ECC Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation would make the final decision on whether to proceed with the closure.</p> <p><b>Mitchells Avenue, Canvey Island – Zebra Crossing</b></p> <p>The scheme required Cabinet Member approval as it was outside policy.</p> <p><b>Seaview Road junction High Street Canvey Island - Improvements</b></p> <p>The Panel had agreed a top up of £6,000 at the March 2016 meeting. The Panel would be informed once a date for the works had been set.</p> <p><b>Castle Point Schools 20mph Review</b></p> <p>The review would be undertaken towards the end of the financial year so that the Panel could decide which schools to fund for speed limits/zones in the next financial year.</p>	

	<p><b>High Road, Benfleet – Improvements to Pedestrian Crossing</b></p> <p>A meeting had recently been arranged to discuss the appropriate specification of the road surface. This was a priority scheme and it was expected that the works would be completed sooner rather than later.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Potential Scheme List</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the report. The Chairman encouraged Panel Members to submit new schemes for the next financial year.</p> <p>During discussion the following points were raised:</p> <p><b>Poor Condition of Footpaths</b></p> <p>Members of the Panel took opportunity to raise the poor condition of footpaths generally in the borough. It was stated that this was considered a maintenance issue and therefore not a matter for the Panel. The Chairman stated that any footpaths not repaired should be reported to ECC Members to follow up.</p> <p><b>Essex Way, Benfleet – Bus stops</b></p> <p>Cllr Bayley questioned whether the bus route along Essex Way was due to be reinstated as the bus stop markings had recently been repainted. Cllr Reeves explained that this had been done in error as part of resurfacing works to the road and she had complained to ECC. The bus route was not being reinstated.</p> <p><b>Somnes Avenue, Canvey Island - Bus Stop by Waterside Roundabout</b></p> <p>Cllr Taylor questioned why the bus stop was positioned so close to the roundabout. SC to raise concerns with Passenger Transport.</p> <p><b>London Road, West of Kents Hill Road, Benfleet – Yellow Sign on Island</b></p> <p>It was reported that the sign, just past the bus stop was repeatedly being hit by vehicles. It was suggested that either the island or bus stop should be moved/removed. This was a scheme that could be considered further by the Panel.</p>	ECC Members

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	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <p><b>Bread and Cheese Hill, Benfleet – Road Markings</b></p> <p>Cllr Bayley reported that the road markings on the hill were incorrect as there was no right turn into Catherine Road. Cllr Hart stated that he had also raised this matter and it would be raised at the CP Regeneration Partnership meeting. It was also suggested that Cllr Bayley raise the matter through the ECC Member Enquiries system.</p> <p><b>Downer Road – Speeding</b></p> <p>Cllr Skipp stated that a local resident had reported to him an issue with speeding in the area. The Chairman stated that he could agree a speed survey in the location but would require further evidence before he could give it serious consideration.</p> <p><b>Villa Road/Merton Road – Road Markings</b></p> <p>Cllr Skipp stated that a resident had reported that there were no road markings at this junction or signs to indicate priority. It was explained that there were not generally markings at these types of junctions. It should be evident to drivers that a vehicle already on the road would have priority over joining traffic which Villa Road would be.</p> <p><b>Terms of Reference</b></p> <p>Sonia Church agreed to send a copy of the Terms of Reference to members of the Panel.</p>	Cllr Bayley
	<p><b>Date of next meeting - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 3pm.</b></p>	

Chairman