

LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL – MINUTES AND ACTIONS

	PRESENT:
Date: 24 September 2013	Panel Members: Cllr Keith Bobbin, Cllr Kay Twitchen, Cllr Tony Hedley, Cllr Malcolm Buckley, Cllr Kerry Smith, Cllr William Archibald, Cllr Mark Ellis, Cllr Nigel Le Gresley
Venue: Committee Room 2, County Hall	
Apologies: Cllr Melissa McGeorge	Other Attendees: Sean Perry(SP) – Strategy & Engagement Manager Natalie Szpigelman(NS) – Highways Liaison Officer Simon Stubbings – Road Safety Engineer Corinne Pickett - Highways Technical Advisor (minutes) Cllr John Dornan – BBC Cabinet Member for Environment, Bev Sargeant – Senior Customer Services Officer, Keith Blackburn, Senior Infrastructure Officer.

Item:	Action:	Action Owner:
1.	Welcome and Introductions SP welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	Declaration of Interest	
3.	Minutes of meeting held on 27 June 2013 to be agreed as correct record Agreed	
4.	Section106 Update Keith Blackburn (KB) shared his spreadsheet with the panel showing S106 funded schemes. Some developments showed that the full allocated funding has not been used and at the request of the panel members KB agreed to look into whether this could be utilised for other schemes and bring back to the panel.	Keith Blackburn
5.	Schemes for consideration by Panel inc: Casualty Reduction Schemes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Dunton Roundabout – A127 Eastbound off slip road – SS</u> explained the scheme, Cllrs supported Option 2 to install hatching on the slip road - Agreed • <u>East Mayne, South Mayne, Broad Mayne Roundabout -</u> explained the scheme. This is due to be surfaced dressed; Was Agreed for scheme to go ahead. Went to a vote as Cllrs did not 	

wish for the visibility screens to be included, was four4 for and four4 against, Chairman had presiding vote and it was voted that the screens would be included.

- A176 Uppermayne j/w B148 St Nicholas Lane & A1235 Cranes Farm Road - SS explained the scheme - **Agreed**

Minor Schemes:

- St Nicholas Lane j/w Pound Lane, directional signage to the Paddocks – NS explained this is the final estimate as Councillor has asked for a break down of the cost for installation of the signage. Cllr Twitchen explained that additional signage may not be necessary and that only one double backed sign is needed. **AGREED** for one sign.
- Church Road, Southend Road, Ramsden Bellhouse mini roundabout – this is awaiting feasibility as funded at the last panel. NS explained that it will be brought back to the panel when complete. Cllr Buckley requested that it be brought back to the next meeting.
- Janet Duke School, zebra crossing – this is to be kept on the list - Essex Highways is undertaking an extension of the school keep clear markings here as this may alleviate the problems. The panel also funded for a PV2 survey to ascertain if the location meets the criteria for a crossing. Results of survey to be brought to the next panel.
- Hatches Farm Road j/w Tye Common Road, new kerbing and possible realignment of junction – NS explained that a detailed feasibility and design for a possible re-design of the junction may take some time and so the panel could decide to proceed with the kerbing improvements or wait until 2014-15 for a junction re-design. Cllr Twitchen explained this was part of the speed limit review and that a reduction in speed limit may help to alleviate the problems. Panel agreed that the scheme should be put on hold at this time as kerbing of the junction may lead to safety issues.
- Crouch Street, new footway – This has been dealt with by Basildon Council, they have agreed to use smaller refuge vehicles to gain access to the area and the footway defects have been repaired. Remove from list.
- High Road North, Laindon, to remove existing build outs and causing damage – Design and feasibility **Agreed**
- Dry Street, traffic calming – Outcome of assessment was to wait for the new 40mph limit to bed in; however panel agreed to

	<p>proceed with speed survey to ascertain if area meets 20mph criteria. Design and feasibility to be undertaken for possible traffic calming - Agreed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A129 Southend Road, pedestrian crossing – Agreed PV2 survey to be undertaken. • Brightside, Billericay, 20mph zone – Surveys have already been undertaken, Cllr Hedley gave supporting evidence for this. These do meet the 24mph and 29mph criteria. Cllr Hedley didn't agree that a new speed survey needs to be undertaken; Panel support the advisory limit to go ahead - Agreed • A13, Pitsea, removal of layby and drainage improvements – would like clarification that this area is Highway maintainable • Langdon Hills, various raised tables between junctions – Agree for 3 speed surveys for Forest Glade, Nightingales and High View Avenue. • Vange Primary School, request for pedestrian refuge and guardrail – Cllr Smith would like a site meeting with Engineers to discuss possible solutions as officers feel that a pedestrian guardrail would not resolve the issue raised. • Westmayne, install 50mph terminal signs – still being validated bring back to next meeting. 	
6.	<p>Indicative Start Dates for Schemes Approved 2012-2013 NS circulated a list of indicative start dates for schemes that were approved 2012-13. Any questions please speak to NS.</p>	
7.	<p>A.O.B</p> <p>Cllr Dornan asked about the King Edward Crossing that was on the LHP scheme list for last year. Former panel agreed £40,000 however this was deferred and not taken forward as this crossing did not meet criteria. NS explained to Cllr Dornan that we can only install highway measures that meet criteria.</p> <p>Market Road, Wickford – NS explained that the scheme came in above budget, additional funding needed is £35,000. Cllrs did not agree to this. Cllrs would like to know why schemes are coming in well over the approximate costs, they should be reasonably accurate.</p>	
9	<p>Date of next meeting 11 December 2013 @14:30 (private meeting)</p>	

