

CASTLE POINT LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL – MINUTES AND ACTIONS

	PRESENT:	
Date: 7th October 2013	Panel Members:	
Venue: Committee Room 1, Castle Point Council Offices, Benfleet	ECC Councillors Ray Howard (Chairman) (RH); and Jill Reeves (JR); CPBC Councillors Steven Cole (SC); Bill Dick (BD); Simon Hart (SH); Colin Riley (CR); and Tom Skipp (TS).	
Apologies: ECC Councillors Alan Bayley, Dave Blackwell and Jamie Huntman. CPBC Councillors Dick and Tucker	Other Attendees: Sean Perry – Principal Area Transportation Co-ordinator (SP), Natalie Szpigelman – ECC Highways Liaison Officer (NS), Trudie Bragg – CPBC Head of Environment (TB), Stuart Jarvis – CPBC Contracts Manager (SJ), Cheryl Salmon – Minute Taker	
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1.	Welcome and Introductions:	
2.	Declarations of Interest: There were none.	
3.	<p>Minutes of meeting held on 5th September 2013 Agreed.</p> <p>Pedestrian Crossing in Somnes Avenue outside Waterside Farm Sports Centre Traffic lights are activating when no pedestrians are at the crossing and this is disrupting the traffic flow in Somnes Avenue. It was requested that the matter be investigated.</p> <p>Highways Rangers CR praised the work of the Highways Rangers. SP reported that ECC were happy with the way CPBC ran the service and that it was to be used as a best practice model across the County.</p> <p>Cycle Provision at Benfleet Station The scheme was progressing and the hard standing is due to be installed before the end of the current financial year. Money left over from the scheme had been used to purchase additional key fobs.</p>	NS

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	<p>Parking Problems outside Leigh Beck School</p> <p>RH reported that he had undertaken a site visit at the school in the summer break. Another meeting would be held on 17th October to meet with the local resident who had raised the issue. RH requested that Councillors Blackwell, S. Cole and Tucker and TB/SJ also attend. NS stated that this issue had been investigated previously it had been concluded that it was not feasible to install guardrail outside the school as the number of dropped kerbs in Point Road means that the guardrail will not have the desired effect.</p>													
4.	<p>Foksville Road j/w Furtherwick Road – Junction Improvements</p> <p>Awaiting results of feasibility study. Findings will be reported back to the Panel once completed.</p> <p>NS reported that Sainsburys, Canvey Island wanted to pay for a road safety scheme to prevent pedestrians walking across the forecourt of the petrol station. A site visit was due to take place on 10th October 2013.</p>													
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Minor Schemes

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St Johns Road – 20mph zone	£20,000	Speed survey shows speeds that meet policy criteria. Agreed to progress with design

'Amber' Bus Stop/Route Improvements Scheme

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Bus Stop 150041020003, Budna Road/220 Link Road – Bus Build out	£7,500	Before progressing with the build out it was agreed that TB circulate advice received from South Essex Parking Partnership regarding the issue of cars parking in bus stops so that the Panel could consider it.

TB

'Green' Cycling Schemes

Location/Problem:	Estimated Cost:	Action:
Benfleet to Leigh – Missing signing and minor improvements required between Olympic Park path and station.	£50,000	Agreed to proceed with design. Panel very supportive of location and route particularly in light of additional cycling provision works at Benfleet Station.

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Location/Problem:	Estimated Cost:	Action:
A129, Thundersley – Lack of safe cycling routes	£200, 000	SJ to discuss suitable routes from Rayleigh to Benfleet Station with Bill Snow. Report back at next meeting.

SJ

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6.	<p>Highway Rangers</p> <p>SJ stated that the Rangers were currently cutting back vegetation in Haven Road, Canvey Island.</p>							
7.	<p>Local Highways Panel Budget</p> <p>SP gave an update on the budget. It was confirmed that the capital money for this financial year was nearly spent. There was some revenue money still available for speed surveys etc. It was planned that the design for schemes would be paid for in one financial year and then implemented in the following financial year.</p> <p>TB highlighted the importance of the work the Highway Rangers carried out and enquired whether it was planned to continue with the service in the future. SP stated that the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation did not want to lose the Highway Rangers service but it had yet to be confirmed whether it would continue in 2014/15.</p>							
8.	<p>AOB:</p> <p>Jotmans Estate</p> <p>Cllr Bayley had requested, on behalf of residents, 20mph signs on the estate as the roads were very narrow. Clarification was needed as to which roads required signs. To be discussed at the next Panel meeting.</p> <p>Cornelius Vermuyden School Road Signage</p> <p>Request from School for directional sign in Link Road. NS to investigate cost.</p> <p>Lorries Parked in Haven Road</p> <p>The footpath (South of Roscommon Way up to Lobster Smack) needed reinstating. It was believed this was due to lorries parking on the pavement. There was also an issue with lorries parking in the road overnight. It was suggested a weight restriction on the road could be introduced. SP to refer to highways engineers to investigate.</p>	<p>NS</p> <p>SP</p>						

<p>Saints Estate, Canvey Island</p> <p>SC stated that there were problems with speeding vehicles in the area. A site inspection was requested with highway officers to assess how the problem could be addressed. NS requested to be sent relevant information regarding what the issues are.</p> <p>Link Road by Hilton Road</p> <p>SC reported there was a speeding problem in Link Road outside the Silver Jubilee Public House. It was requested that "Slow Down" signs be installed. It was suggested a site inspection be carried out.</p> <p>Solby Estate, Hadleigh</p> <p>SH requested that double yellow lines be installed. Parked cars were making it difficult for lorries and refuse vehicles to get past. Matter to be referred to the South East Essex Parking Partnership.</p> <p>Homestead Gardens, Hadleigh</p> <p>Double yellow lines have worn away. Refer to South East Essex Parking Partnership.</p> <p>Daws Heath Road/Poors Lane, Hadleigh</p> <p>Problem with speeding vehicles. It was suggested it was an ideal site for a 20mph camera.</p> <p>A129 Rayleigh Road</p> <p>SH enquired whether the plan to re-align the white lines on the approach to Rayleigh Weir was going ahead. Currently the road layout was causing problems as it resulted in drivers changing lanes on approach to the roundabout.</p> <p>White Lines – Various Roads</p> <p>SH reported that the white lines at junctions were wearing out on a number of roads including Manor Road and Rushbottom Lane. NS stated that this was a maintenance issue. SH to refer list of roads to ECC through Member enquiries system.</p>	<p>NS</p> <p>NS</p> <p>NS</p> <p>NS</p>
<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Thursday 28th November 2013 at 3pm</p>	

