

CASTLE POINT LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL – MINUTES AND ACTIONS

	PRESENT:	
Date: 22 nd July 2014	Panel Members: ECC Councillors Ray Howard (Chairman); Alan Bayley, 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		
Apologies:	Other Attendees: Rissa Long – ECC Highways Liaison Officer, Will Price - ECC Highways Liaison Officer, ECC Peter Wright – ECC Improvement Beverley Gould – ECC Principal Transport Strategy and Engagement Officer, Antony Buston – ECC Senior Transport Strategy and Engagement Officer, Mark Evershed CPRP Regeneration Delivery Manager, Trudie Bragg – CPBC Head of Environment, Stuart Jarvis – CPBC Contracts Manager, Cheryl Salmon – Minute Taker	
Item:	Action:	Action Owner:
1.	Welcome and Introductions:	
2.	Declarations of Interest: There were none.	
3.	Minutes of meeting held on 3rd June 2014 Agreed. Cleveland Road, Canvey Island – Repairs to Road As requested ECC had sent a letter of confirmation to residents that works to the section of the road that was private was residents' responsibility. The work was now being carried out. Essex Way/Benfleet Road, Benfleet – Casualty Reduction Scheme The Chairman reported that another accident had happened at the junction of Essex Way and Benfleet Road and again the wall of a nearby property had been damaged. The Chairman requested that this further accident be reported to the safety audit team.	

<p>Climmen Road, Canvey Island – Mini roundabout</p> <p>Cllr Blackwell reported that part of the arrow on the Keep Left sign had been destroyed and needed reinstating.</p> <p>Long Road/Hawkesbury Road – Drain</p> <p>Cllr Cole reported that two gullies at this junction were sinking, and when they had been temporarily repaired rubble was poured down the drain and it was now blocked. It was stated this was a maintenance issue.</p> <p>Sadlers Farm Roundabout – Traffic Congestion</p> <p>Beverley Gould reported that measures to address the congestion at the roundabout would be included in the forthcoming programme of remedial works.</p> <p>Victoria House Roundabout, Hadleigh – Maintenance of Roundabout</p> <p>The Chairman reported that it had been agreed that the Panel fund £2,000 to maintain the roundabout until a suitable sponsor was found.</p> <p>Essex Way, Benfleet – Bus Stops</p> <p>Cllr Reeves stated that following resurfacing works at the bottom of Essex Way (by School Lane Car Park) the bus stops had been reinstated however there was no longer a bus service that used this route. Peter Wright to report to maintenance</p> <p>Various Roads, Hadleigh - Resurfacing</p> <p>Cllr Hart reported that the standard of resurfacing works that had been carried out in various roads in Hadleigh including Poors Lane, Shepherds Walk and Greenacres was poor. The Chairman advised that the works were not yet completed. Will Price to investigate.</p> <p>Marine Parade, Canvey Island – Signage</p> <p>Cllr Blackwell requested an update on the signage he had requested be installed to prevent heavy goods vehicles using the unadopted road.</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>PW</p> <p></p> <p>WP</p> <p></p> <p>WP</p>
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4.	<p>Update on Major Schemes – Outcome of SELEP EGS Funding Bid</p> <p>Beverley Gould reported that a total of 35.6million had been awarded to ECC to spend on pinch points in the County. Works would include capacity improvements to the A127, mainly in the Southend area, and £15million to improve the Fairglen interchange including drainage. It was expected that further funding would be received in future years including £1million for local sustainable transport.</p> <p>During discussion it was unclear which of the schemes relating to Canvey Island were included in the bid. Beverley Gould and Mark Evershed to liaise and report back.</p>	BG/ME									
5.	<p>Update on Hadleigh and Bread and Cheese Bus Lanes</p> <p>Antony Buston reported that following a request from the Panel Cllr Bass had given his approval for the following schemes</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="224 898 1263 1255"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="224 898 565 968">Location</th> <th data-bbox="565 898 979 968">Scheme</th> <th data-bbox="979 898 1263 968">Estimated Cost</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="224 968 565 1108">Hadleigh Bus Lane</td> <td data-bbox="565 968 979 1108">Removal of bus lane and replacement with a general traffic lane</td> <td data-bbox="979 968 1263 1108">£37,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="224 1108 565 1255">Bread and Cheese Hill</td> <td data-bbox="565 1108 979 1255">Remove bus lane and return the carriageway to two single running lanes</td> <td data-bbox="979 1108 1263 1255">£27,500</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Panel agreed to fund the works which included revoking the Traffic Regulation Order and consultation with bus operators.</p>	Location	Scheme	Estimated Cost	Hadleigh Bus Lane	Removal of bus lane and replacement with a general traffic lane	£37,500	Bread and Cheese Hill	Remove bus lane and return the carriageway to two single running lanes	£27,500	
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6.	<p>Potential Scheme List</p> <p>It was stated that the budget for the 2014-15 financial year was £457,351 and to date the Panel had allocated £354,275 leaving a total of £103,076 for allocation.</p> <p>Members were advised any schemes recommended after this meeting would not be delivered in this financial year.</p>										

The Panel agreed to commit funding to the following schemes:

Casualty Reduction Schemes:

Location	Scheme	Cost
District Wide	Design of road safety schemes in Castle Point identified in 2015-16 cluster run.	£20,000

Minor Schemes

Location	Scheme	Cost
Hadleigh Junior School, Church Road	Extend double yellow lines and create build-out to improve visibility of/for pedestrians	£8,500
Craven Avenue Junction with Long Road, Canvey Island	Feasibility study into realigning junction. Further funding required following that allocated at June Panel meeting.	£1,500
St Michaels Road on approach to Bramble Road, Hadleigh	Improve signage and add further SLOW markings	£5,000
Roscommon Way, Canvey Island	Top up for installation of CCTV cameras	£3,000

Craven Avenue, Canvey Island – Realignment of junction

Cllr Cole reported that part of the disabled parking sections in the area were starting to break up. The Chairman stated that these works could not wait until a decision had been made to realign the junction and requested that Peter Wright investigate to see if a temporary improvement could be made under maintenance.

The following were schemes which did not meet policy (in the case of Mitchells Ave) or which had not yet been designed (in the case of Bilton Road). The Panel agreed funding and actions to expedite these schemes as follows:

Location	Scheme	Cost	Action
Mitchells Avenue, Canvey Island	Feasibility study into crossing	£5,000	WP made clear that this site does not meet the criteria for a crossing. The Panel agreed in any case that the Feasibility Study should still be undertaken, after which approval for implementation should be sought via a Cabinet Member Action.
Bilton Road, Benfleet	Ditch/Headwall Improvement	£26,000	Detailed designs were not yet available but it was agreed that funding should be allocated for implementation now to enable delivery at the earliest possible opportunity rather than having to wait for next financial year's budget. Essex Highways engineers continue to work in consultation with local stakeholders to reach the most effective final design.

Revenue Expenditure Requests

The following were agreed:

Location	Scheme	Cost
Chapel Lane, Hadleigh	2 x speed survey to analyse driver behaviour	£420
Furtherwick Road	Speed survey to analyse driver	£210

	junction with Ash Road, Canvey Island	behaviour		
	Poors Lane, Hadleigh	Speed survey to analyse driver behaviour	£210	
	Shepherds Walk, Hadleigh	Speed survey to analyse driver behaviour	£210	
	Scrub Lane, Hadleigh	Speed survey to analyse driver behaviour	£210	
	District Wide	6 x speed survey	£1,260	
	Daws Heath Road junction with Western Road, Hadleigh	Turning Arm Survey	£650	
	<p>Members of the Panel requested that speed surveys be carried out in Link Road, Canvey Island. Cllr Blackwell requested a survey between Second Avenue and Dinant Avenue and Cllr Cole requested a survey by the Silver Jubilee Public House at the bend near the entrance to Winter Gardens School.</p> <p>Rangers</p> <p>Trudie Bragg requested funding of £20,000 for an additional Ranger to the end of the financial year. The Panel agreed to fund in principle but noted approval was required from the Cabinet Member Cllr Bass.</p>			
7.	<p>AOB:</p> <p>Romsey Road – Vegetation</p> <p>Cllr Bayley reported that the vegetation on the corner of the road was overgrown. Rangers to cut back.</p> <p>Lyton Road, Benfleet - Repair</p> <p>Cllr Bayley reported that the road needed repairing as it had dipped and was breaking up. It was stated that this was a maintenance issue which Cllr Bayley could report through Member Enquiries.</p> <p>Car Park High Road/Hatley Gardens, Benfleet – Resurfacing</p>			

Cllr Bayley reported that the car park needed resurfacing. It was stated that this was a maintenance issue and should be reported through Member Enquiries although it was uncertain whether or not this was highways land.

Kents Hill Road/Bowers Road, Benfleet – Restricted Visibility

Cllr Bayley stated that there was an overgrown bush in the property on the corner of Kents Hill Road and Bowers Road in Benfleet which was restricting visibility at the junction. Cllr Bayley stated there was a covenant on the property restricting the height of bushes. It was suggested this was a planning enforcement issue. Cheryl Salmon to pass to the Planning Enforcement Officer.

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Runnymede Road/Clifton Road, Canvey Island – Road Markings

Cllr Blackwell reported that the road markings at the crossroads had worn away and there had recently been two accidents at this junction.

Benfleet Railway Station – Cycle Racks

Cllr Bayley stated that the new cycle rack at the station was not well used and questioned why it had been installed. The Chairman explained that the other bike compounds were full and that a number of bikes were still chained up on the railings outside the station so there was a demand for the racks. The Chairman to ask Jane Sumner to carry out more promotion.

Canvey Way – Weeds

Cllr Tucker requested when the weeds at the bridge on Canvey Way would be cleared. Stuart Jarvis stated that the Rangers would be working on them shortly.

Waterside Farm Roundabout, Canvey Island

It was reported that coming from Canvey Way onto Waterside roundabout the arrows in both lanes pointed straight across and it was suggested that the outside lane should point right towards the Charfleets industrial estate. Beverley Gould explained that to change the markings would be against policy in case drivers went the wrong way round the roundabout.

Speed Surveys – Cedar Road and the “Saint’s Estate”, Canvey Island

Speed surveys were requested in Cedar Road by its junction with West

	<p>Crescent (Cllr Tucker) and the “Saints Estate”, off of St Michael’s Road (Cllr Cole).</p> <p>Station Approach Canvey Island – Parking Problems</p> <p>Vehicles parked on the road by the post office made it difficult to see around the bend in the road. Trudie Bragg stated that as the road was unadopted it should be reported via ECC first and then taken to the South East Essex Parking Partnership.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>To be confirmed.</p>	

Chairman