

CASTLE POINT LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL – MINUTES AND ACTIONS

	PRESENT:	
Date: 5th September 2013	Panel Members: ECC Councillors Ray Howard (Chairman) (RH); Alan Bayley (AB); Dave Blackwell (DB) and Jamie Huntman (JH); CPBC Councillors Steven Cole (SC); Bill Dick (BD); Simon Hart (SH) and Colin Riley.	
Venue: Committee Room 1, Castle Point Council Offices, Benfleet		
Apologies: ECC Councillor Jill Reeves CPBC Councillors Tom Skipp and Martin Tucker	Other Attendees: Sean Perry – Principal Area Transportation Co-ordinator (SP), Natalie Szpigelman – ECC Highways Liaison Officer (NS), Tony Buston – ECC Strategy & Engagement Officer; (TBU) Trudie Bragg – CPBC Head of Environment (TB), Stuart Jarvis – CPBC Contracts Manager (SJ), Jo Carrington – ECC Flood Data Management Engineer (JC) (for agenda item 5), and John Riley – Minute Taker	
Item:	Action:	Action Owner:
1.	Welcome and Introductions:	
2.	Declarations of Interest: There were none.	
3.	Minutes of meeting held on 13th June 2013 Agreed.	
4.	Local Highways Panels – Budget SP confirmed that the Castle Point Local Highways Panel had allocated just under £39,000 of its total capital budget for 2013/14 of £457,351. The total budget allocation was being reviewed by the ECC Cabinet Member, Councillor Rodney Bass. It was confirmed that the schemes for the crossing at Somnes Avenue, Canvey Island and the pedestrian crossing in Kents Hill Road, Benfleet had been approved and would be met from the Panel’s 2012/13 budget. In addition £70,000 had been allocated from the 2013/14 revenue budget to fund the highways rangers service.	

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Potential Schemes for consideration of the Panel Including Casualty Reduction Schemes:

Casualty Reduction Schemes:

Scheme:	Estimated Cost:	Action:
A13 Kiln Road j/w Runnymede Chase, Benfleet	£11,730.77	Option 2 approved.
A129 Rayleigh Road j/w Deerhurst, Benfleet	£7,915.96	Not approved.
B1014 Essex Way/Benfleet Road j/w Vicarage Hill	£23,583.76	Approved
Furtherwick Road j/w B1014 Foksville Road, Canvey Island	£8,765.35	Approved

Minor Schemes

'Green' Improvement Schemes:

Scheme:	Estimated Cost:	Action:
B1006 High Road j/w Clifton Avenue, Benfleet	£17,000	Speed survey results (to be circulated to the panel by NS) do not satisfy VAS criteria. No action agreed. (Cllr Riley noted his concern on the effect on Jotmans Hall School).
St Michaels Road, A127 – Alteration of existing signage	£6,000	Scheme deferred. Review in one year's time.
Foksville Road j/w Furtherwick Road, Canvey Island – Junction Improvements	£10,000	Awaiting results of feasibility study
Kents Hill Road – Extension of 20 mph zone	£10,300	Option 2 agreed

Hadleigh Junior School – Traffic Calming	£2,300	Feasibility study agreed to determine appropriate type and location of traffic calming measures.
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‘Red’ Improvement Schemes:

Scheme:	Action:
St Johns Road, Benfleet- Weight Limit /20mph limit	Schemes deferred.

Other

Scheme:	Action:
Woodlands Park, Hadleigh – 20 mph zone	No further action to be taken
Daws Heath Road VAS	Not agreed
Various Locations – Portable VAS	Cllr Riley to request Cllr Isaacs as CPBC Cabinet Member to seek as a matter of urgency the Police & Crime Commissioner’s agreement for a Police speed enforcement campaign in the Borough.

‘Green’ Cycling Schemes

Location/Problem:	Estimated Cost:	Action:
Benfleet Station – Inadequate cycle parking	£30,000	Scheme agreed.

6	<p>Flood Management Presentation</p> <p>JC presented to the Panel on the County Council’s role as lead authority on flood and water management, in the light of the flooding experienced in South East Essex on 24 August, which had been the worst since 1968.</p> <p>JC explained in detail the structures of the County Council team, their respective roles, the sources of surface water flooding, flood modelling, feasibility studies and the legal requirements to prepare strategic documents for the management of flooding.</p> <p>The panel noted that from 2014 it was anticipated that the County Council would become a SuDs Approval Board adopting the Environment Agency’s consultee role in the planning process.</p> <p>The aims of the County Council was to seek synergies, achieve collaboration with local highways panels and the sharing of information on proposed schemes.</p> <p>The Chairman referred to a positive meeting held on 30 August 2013, when the responsible authorities had come together to discuss improvements to the response to any future incidents of flooding.</p> <p>JC reassured members that as South East Essex was one of the country’s 18 critical flood areas, further studies would be undertaken. Canvey Island would specifically feature in these studies.</p>	
7	<p>Hadleigh Town Regeneration</p> <p>TBU gave an update on the Hadleigh Town Centre Paramics modelling, involving comparisons of 2012 traffic flows with those projected in 2017.</p> <p>The original proposal to create a roundabout at the Rectory Road/London Road junction had not been supported but an alternative scheme involving the removal of the eastbound bus lane together with improvements at the London Road/Commonhall Lane junction and the in/out system at Morrisons, was under consideration.</p> <p>TBU explained that this alternative scheme would achieve the aims of</p>	

	regenerating Hadleigh and provide traffic flow benefits but at lower cost than the original proposal.	
8	<p>Indicative Start Dates for 2013-123 Local Highway Panel Schemes</p> <p>The Panel noted the start and finish dates of approved highway schemes.</p>	
9	<p>Highways Rangers Update</p> <p>SJ presented a report on the work of the Highways Rangers.</p> <p>The majority of the works carried out were related to clearance of vegetation and the Panel noted from photographs circulated with the report the good improvements being made in various parts of the Borough.</p> <p>SJ stressed that it was important for Castle Point to continue to run the service in order that the improvements could be built upon, year on year. The Panel in supporting this approach noted various positive comments received from residents praising them for work undertaken.</p>	
10	<p>AOB:</p> <p>Land at Ferry Road – Gateway to Canvey Island</p> <p>RH noted that weeds were growing through the bollards at this location.</p> <p>Sadlers Farm</p> <p>AB drew attention to landscaping works that had yet to be completed as part of the Sadlers Farm Improvement Scheme. SP advised that outstanding landscaping work would be completed as part of works to be undertaken by the contractors to rectify any highway defects arising from the scheme.</p> <p>AB also explained that some residents used the perimeter of the roundabout from Romsey Road to gain access on foot to Saturday bootsales held on the south western side of the A 130. The County Council would investigate this and encourage the use of the pelican crossings.</p> <p>Haven Road – Footways and Vehicle Flows</p> <p>RH requested that the defects in the footways in Haven Road are considered at the next meeting of the Panel.</p> <p>RH also explained that there was considerable congestion at the junction</p>	

	<p>of Canvey Road, Long Road and Haven Road, resulting from the amount of traffic including heavy goods vehicles using Haven Road.</p> <p>SP advised that in order to alleviate these problems, black and white signage could be sited to direct heavy goods vehicles along the Roscommon Way extension to avoid their having to negotiate the junction outside the King Canute PH. The Panel agreed this proposal.</p> <p>Traffic Lights Phasing – Tarpots Junction</p> <p>SH reported that a resident had raised concern about the phasing of the traffic lights at the Tarpots junction. This related to the left filter lane in the High Road when travelling north and turning to head west along the London Road. SP stated that the scheme had been road safety audited, but that he would investigate the concerns raised.</p>	
11	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 28th November 2013.</p> <p>However, RH stated that in view of the amount of business to be transacted and the length of this meeting, he would be seeking an additional meeting of the panel in three to four weeks' time.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 18:40hrs.</p>	

Chairman