

**ROCHFORD DISTRICT LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL  
NOTES OF MEETING HELD 24 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**County Councillors:** Cllrs M Hoy, M Maddocks and C G Seagers  
**District Councillors:** Cllrs K H Hudson, B T Hazlewood and M J Steptoe

**Visiting Councillor:** Cllr R Howard, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation

**Officers:** S Church (ECC Highways Liaison Manager), G Speller (ECC Highways Liaison Officer) and M Power (RDC Minutes)

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Key observations</b>	<b>Decision/Action</b>
Apologies for Absence	Cllrs C I Black and T C Cutmore gave their apologies.	
Declarations of Interest	Cllr M Steptoe declared an interest by virtue of being a Member of Barling Magna Parish Council.	
Notes of the meeting on 25 June 2015	<p>The notes of the meeting of 25 June 2015 were agreed as a correct record. The following was noted:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Page 2</u> A site visit to review the path/cycleway - Hullbridge to Rayleigh works had been attended by Cllr Hudson, not Cllr Seagers as stated in the Minutes.</li> <li>• <u>Page 8</u> A site visit to inspect the installation of village gateways in Barling had not yet been arranged.</li> <li>• The missing railings at 26 Spa Road, Hockley would be reported to the delivery team as a maintenance issue.</li> </ul>	
Potential Schemes for Consideration of the Panel	Members were reminded to forward potential schemes so that surveys could be undertaken in preparation for 2016/17 funding allocation.	GS to remove all items classified as 'Red' from the report to the next meeting.

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<p>Safer Roads Schemes</p>	<p><b>Cherry Orchard Way/Hall Road roundabout.</b> Different engineering measures are employed according to which road users are involved: children, the disabled and the elderly are classed as vulnerable road users in the Personal Injury Collision statistics. Vehicles are losing control on the unused width of the roundabout due to detritus on this area of the road. In response to concern that this work may already be included as part of a major scheme, GS advised that he would be attending a meeting the following week when all major schemes would be discussed.</p>	
<p>Traffic Management Schemes</p>	<p><b>Exmouth Drive, Teignmouth Drive, Purleigh Road, Queens Road, Trinity Road, The Chase – Rayleigh.</b> At present there is a 60 mph limit and no pavements.</p> <p>Cllr Maddocks would support a 20 mph limit in Trinity Road.</p> <p><b>Ferry Road, Windermere Avenue</b> Although the request for additional directional signage to the Senior Centre is against DFT policy, a site visit would be undertaken to establish whether an alternative solution can be found.</p> <p><b>Rectory Avenue/Clifton Road, Rochford.</b> Cllr Cutmore has confirmed his support for the scheme to reduce speed along this stretch of road. It was suggested that fewer drivers will use this road as a ‘cut through’ when the roadworks along Ashingdon Road are complete. There was discussion around traffic technology SID (Speed Indicator Devices) available to monitor the speed of vehicles. The LHP could request installation of SIDs in locations, provided a speed survey is undertaken and appropriate speed criteria satisfied. The approximate cost of each SID is £8,500 (which includes a</p>	<p>GS to inform Cllr Roe that the scheme request for 20 mph limits/zones is against ECC criteria.</p> <p>GS to liaise with Cllr Hoy.</p>

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	<p>recording kit) and there is scope for them to be moved around to different locations, as required. There is potential for the devices to be managed by Parish Councils.</p>	<p>A request form to be submitted for a speed survey.</p>
<p>Indicative Programme List for Schemes Approved</p>	<p><b>Hullbridge Road, Hullbridge (Lubbards Farm).</b> Phase 1 is nearing completion (there have been delays because of rain). Phase 2 design work for drainage/ditch has started - due to be finished by end of December.</p> <p><b>Poynters Lane – construction of footway from existing footpath to Shoebury Road.</b> Currently at design stage.</p> <p><b>Fountain Lane, Hockley.</b> Cars/horses continue to travel the wrong way down the road, following the repositioning of the no-entry sign. It was suggested that this is because the bellmouth widens into two lanes at the junction - a narrowing of the bellmouth may stop this happening. Cllr Maddocks would raise a survey request.</p> <p><b>Shoplands Road, j/w Barling Road, Rochford</b> – build out kerb-line opposite ditch and realigning kerb. This is now at the design stage.</p> <p><b>Ferry Road and Pooles Lane, Hullbridge – installation of 20 mph limit.</b> Cllr Hoy requested that the 20 mph proposed be extended further along Pooles Lane, past Crouch Meadows and on to the recreation ground.</p> <p><b>Rayleigh Town Centre – micro simulation – to look at congestion around Rayleigh Town Centre.</b> Cllr Bass requested a meeting to review completed modelling – GS to attend. A meeting would be set up with Panel Members first, followed by Rayleigh</p>	<p>GS to email Cllr Seagers with update.</p> <p>GS to liaise with Cllr Maddocks to raise an LHP survey request form.</p> <p>GS to liaise with Cllr Steptoe/Cllr Seagers.</p> <p>CMA process to be amended following discussion. (GS)</p> <p>Meeting to be arranged for LHP Members to review completed modelling.</p>

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	<p>Town Council, to discuss.</p> <p><b>Fairglen Interchange – jt of A1245 and A127 – install yellow box markings.</b> The box markings are against national design guidance and, therefore, unenforceable. Works had been delayed due to an exception report to the Safety Audit in respect of liability for potential accidents that occur within the box.</p> <p><b>Station Crescent.</b> Suggestion that ‘signing and lining’ on the bend would be more effective than the use of chevrons.</p> <p><b>Hullbridge Road and Watery Lane – highway and drainage improvements to prevent flooding.</b> Budget for the lowering of the ditch is needed. The landowner is reluctant to provide the land needed to accommodate a ditch because he would be responsible for future maintenance of the ditch, as the ditch would stay in his ownership. A design for the ditch has been produced by the RDC Engineer and quotes for maintenance received: the LHP could fund the scheme on the basis of safety. An estimated yearly maintenance amount of £1,500 could potentially be met by the local Parish Councils.</p> <p><b>Lower Road, Hullbridge – provision of footway.</b> Cllr Hoy advised that the footway should stretch from the allotments to Burlington Gardens. This would join up with the public right of way to Hockley.</p> <p><b>Barling Road, Barling – to investigate the possibility of a footway along the road.</b></p>	<p>Update at next Panel meeting (GS)</p> <p>GS to email designs to Cllr Seagers.</p> <p>Cllr Maddocks to submit a Member request form to GS. Scheme to be expedited due to safety issues.</p> <p>GS/Cllr Hoy to undertake a site visit.</p> <p>GS to check whether the chevron signs on the bend are part of the design.</p>
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	<b>Rochford Station, West Street - improvement of steps and footway.</b> GS would liaise with Cllr Steptoe around establishing what is required to complete the works to provide a steps link at Rochford station.	GS to attend S106 meeting next week and to update Cllr Steptoe on the current status following the meeting.
Quiet Lanes	Suggestions for roads that could be designated as 'quiet lanes' were requested. Ironwell Lane was suggested as a possibility – it is adopted but currently unpassable.	Details of the Quiet Lanes scheme would be forwarded to all District Council Members, with a request for suggestions. LHP requests to be forwarded to GS.
Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hockley Parish Council requested information on who has responsibility for each of the bus shelters in Hockley. The Parish Council is due to start a cleaning programme of shelters.</li> <li>• Request for reinstatement of signs to Hockley Community centre (one off Main Road and one off Buckingham Road).</li> <li>• Websters Way from Eastwood Road at the crossing. The advertising sign on top of the raised bed on the central island obscures the crossing. This poses a safety issue as drivers cannot clearly see pedestrians crossing.</li> </ul>	<p>GS to provide information on ownership of bus shelters in Hockley.</p> <p>Request form to be submitted to GS.</p> <p>Rayleigh Town Council to be contacted as they have responsibility for the central reservation.</p>
Date of forthcoming meetings	Thursday 17 December 2015 at 2 pm and Thursday 17 March at 2 pm.	

The meeting started at 2 pm and ended at 4.10 pm.