

**ROCHFORD DISTRICT LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL  
NOTES OF MEETING HELD 14 SEPTEMBER 2012**

**County Councillors:** Cllrs Mrs T Chapman  
**District Councillors:** Cllrs C I Black, K H Hudson (Chairman), Mrs G A Lucas-Gill, T E Mountain, and M J Steptoe  
**Visiting Councillors:** District Cllrs Mrs C E Roe and I H Ward

**Officers:** S Scrutton (RDC Head of Planning & Transportation), S Perry (ECC Principal Transportation Co-ordinator), N Szpigleman (ECC Highways Liaison Officer), Peter Rose (ECC Customer Group Manager, Customer Services), M Power (RDC Minutes)

**Apologies:** Cllr Mrs EM Hart, Cllr R Howard, Cllr S Castle

Agenda Item	Key observations	Decision/Action
Minutes of the meetings on 18 June and 24 July 2012	The Minutes of the meetings of 18 June and 24 July 2012 were agreed as a correct record.	
Magnolia Road, Hockley Speed Humps	<p>Residents had put in the speed humps in 1988 due to concerns around safety. The road is used as a shortcut from Hawkwell to Ashingdon.</p> <p>Road humps are regulated under the 1996 regulations, which require that they comply in terms of public consultation, height, length and spacing, and are installed only in a road with street lighting. The humps in Magnolia Road cannot be left in situ as they are not compliant with these regulations. If the humps were to remain, the road would need to be significantly improved and street lighting installed.</p> <p>Alternative traffic calming measures were discussed as a possible replacement for the speed humps:-</p>	<p><b>Decision:</b> Remove humps and reinstate road, put in an advisory speed limit and install a monitoring device to determine the speed of vehicles travelling along the road and frequency of use. Write to residents to explain what will be happening.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs T Chapman asked to be advised of the date and time that works will take place.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This road cannot be access only as it needs to be a through route to allow delivery vehicles access to the rugby club and houses. There is increased traffic to the rugby club on match days and when there are events, such as weddings.</li> <li>• Build-outs need only reflective lights and bollards – however, this may not be possible as the road is extremely narrow.</li> <li>• A timber gated restriction, or ‘village entry’, as can be seen in Church Road, Rawreth.</li> </ul>	
<p>Highways Rangers - Update</p>	<p>Rangers are not permitted to undertake maintenance where access by a ladder is necessary. Rangers can clean road furniture that has been defaced by graffiti; ownership of the furniture should first be established.</p> <p>Stambridge Road from the Cherry Tree pub to the school has been cleared of overhanging vegetation - this should be maintained.</p> <p>Specific locations are required by the Rangers; however it was noted that in cases where this is not feasible it should be possible to report a whole route for overall treatment.</p>	<p>Specific sites can be reported by email to the Rochford Planning team.</p> <p>NS to request that in certain circumstances a route can be reported to the Rangers, rather than having to specify individual locations.</p>

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<p>Potential Schemes for consideration of Panel</p>	<p><b>Essex Intelligent Traffic Systems</b> SCOOT control system to be implemented at Rayleigh Weir traffic lights.</p> <p><b>Casualty Reduction Schemes</b> <u>A1015 Eastwood Road in vicinity of Websters Way</u> Plans of both the original scheme and amended scheme were circulated to the Panel, which showed that the restriction of traffic has not been altered in the plans, as should have been the case. This would be referred to the Road Safety Officer with a requested that the traffic restriction area be reduced. A finalised scheme would be approved by the RDC Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation outside the meeting.</p> <p><u>Southend Road, junction with Ravenswood Chase, Rochford.</u> Clarification requested on whether there has to be a KSI collision history for a scheme to qualify as a Casualty Reduction Scheme. A request that location of the signage in this area be looked at to check if it is obscuring the zebra crossing.</p> <p><b>Minor Schemes</b> The definition of a minor scheme is a capital scheme that does not come under any of the other Highway Improvement categories.</p> <p>Watery Lane, junction Hullbridge Road, Hullbridge - flood defences and highway issues both need to be addressed – no action at present.</p>	<p>The Panel supports the scheme in principle, subject to the cost being split between Rochford and Castle Point Councils, as the scheme would allow for a better management of the flow of traffic on the roundabout. (NS to contact Castle Point Borough Council.)</p> <p>NS</p> <p>NS</p>
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	<p>Hullbridge Road, Rayleigh (Lubbards Farm) footfall/ traffic surveys being undertaken at present; results anticipated shortly. Request for confirmation of how many days the survey would be for pedestrians.</p> <p>Little Stambridge Hall Lane/Road – The Parish Council to approach the landowner re placement of road signage. An alternative would be to have “Slow” markings painted on the road. NS to approach Parish to ask which they would prefer.</p> <p>High St, Common Rd, Shoebury Road, Poynters Lane, Great Wakering – Panel agreed that horse warning signage be installed.</p> <p>Request received from residents of Coachman’s Court, Ashingdon Road for a pelican crossing to enable them to drive their electric buggies through Coachman’s Court to Rochford Town centre.</p> <p>Further item to be added to minor schemes list. Possible installation of bollards. Vernon Road – currently vehicles parking with all wheels on pavement at Vernon Ave. The new Tesco in London Road is causing problems in terms of parking and movement of vehicles generally. There is a suggestion that part of the site splay could be acquired by Tesco to allow delivery lorries to enter site and leave by Vernon Avenue. “No parking” markings would not be effective in this area.</p>	<p>NS</p> <p>NS</p> <p>NS to take this issue away – to be approved outside the Panel. Cllr Toby Mountain to forward photos he has of lorries parking in this area and causing obstruction.</p>
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	<p>It was also noted that a small triangular section of the site splay had been very badly damaged by traffic and needs urgent repair.</p> <p><b>Cycling Schemes</b> Extension of cycleway from Rectory Road housing estate to Clements Hall leisure centre: costings requested.</p> <p>Request that the total spent by the Panel so far this year be available at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Bus stop/route improvements</b> The Panel reiterated its decision made at the 24/7/12 meeting the Panel that it would be preferable to undertake a substantial scheme that would benefit the Rochford District as a whole, rather than a succession of small projects, such as bus stop/route improvements. Parish/Town Councils deliver bus stop improvements and the Panel has decided not to implement any new bus shelters using ECC funding.</p>	<p>NS</p> <p>NS</p> <p>NS</p> <p>Decision: available monies would not be spent on bus shelter improvements.</p>
<p>Rawreth Lane congestion scheme</p>	<p>The Panel supports installing a roundabout at Hullbridge Road/Rawreth Lane as it appears to be financially viable within the Panel's 2-year budget and is important for the District as a whole. SP explained that the provision in the preliminary costings document for a contingency allowance of 44% was standard practice for all County Highways projects at this stage of costing. Request that the design be worked up to provide more detailed</p>	<p>NS</p>

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	<p>costings for the scheme.</p> <p>No access to and from Mortimer Road. It was felt that the alternative option (funded entirely by S16 monies) of putting in TROs and additional bays would not alleviate the congestion, as the sight lines at the mini roundabout are poor, resulting in drivers hesitating before pulling out to turn right to travel up Hambro Hill.</p> <p>By closing Mortimer Road at the bottom, traffic will travel via Fairglen Close and on to Hambro Hill, which will cause problems. Junction protection lines from Fairglen Close are needed. There appears to be no way of incorporating Mortimer Close into the design. This should be investigated further.</p> <p>Sutton Ford Bridge Scheme - pursuing funding separately for the large scheme at this location, including Central Government's growth pot funding, by virtue of this area being a leisure destination.</p>	<p>Request that a Highways officer attend the next Panel meeting to advise on funding opportunities available</p>
<p>Update on Maintenance Programme</p>	<p>Service Road, London road - pot holes – needs to be added to the resurfacing programme. Belmouth Church Road. NS to report to Cllr Hudson.</p>	<p>NS to report to Maintenance Team, but Panel does not have influence over maintenance programme.</p>
<p>Update on Parking Partnership</p>	<p>Responsibility for TRO's has now been passed from the County Council to the Partnership. A detailed programme of works is being looked at across the Partnership area, including a number of schemes that</p>	

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	<p>may come forward in Rochford. A meeting to discuss parking priorities in the District is imminent. There will be an article in the RDC next edition asking for suggestions from residents for streets that could benefit from traffic controls. All of the parking controls in Rochford at present are yellow line schemes and it may be relevant to have resident parking permit schemes in some areas if there is any interest from residents.</p>	
<p>General Highways issues</p>	<p>Request that road markings in Rochford be renewed where they are worn out – maintenance item.</p> <p>Dissatisfaction expressed that the works at Purdey's Industrial Estate did not commence during the summer holidays as planned.</p> <p>Highways to inspect damage to the Hall roads in Barling, which provide access to the civic amenity site.</p> <p>North Street, Rochford at the turning into Weir Pond Road - the traffic island has been hit by a vehicle. Question raised about whether the replacement signage would be sympathetic to the conservation area. It was believed that standard signage would be used throughout the area but confirmation would be provided.</p> <p>Rayleigh Town Council's request that they, as the largest local Council in the District, have a Member on the Panel to represent all the Parish Councils was denied as the structure of the Panels is defined and Parish/Town</p>	<p>NS</p> <p>NS</p>

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	Councils have access to Panel Members for updates.	
Dates of forthcoming meetings	<p>After discussion, it was decided that the next Panel meeting should take place earlier than planned, on Friday 23 November and that the meeting scheduled for 18 December should be cancelled.</p> <p>Forthcoming meeting dates, as follows:- Friday 23 November at 10am Wednesday 13 March at 10am</p>	

The meeting started at 10 am and ended at 12.05 pm.