

## MALDON LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL NOTES – 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 3pm

### ECC, County Hall, Chelmsford

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Cllr M Durham
<b>Panel Members:</b>	Cllr J Fleming, Cllr W Stamp
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Cllrs M Durham (MD), M Platt (MP), W Stamp (WS), J Fleming (JF), Cllr M Platt (MP)
<b>Officers:</b>	Jon Simmons (JS) Daniel Maclean (DM)
<b>Notes:</b>	Sheradon Sibley

Item		Owner
1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions:</b> The Chairman welcomed all attendees to the meeting.	
2.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> None.	
3.	<b>Minutes of meeting held on 24 04 24 to be agreed as correct record:</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2024 were received and confirmed as a correct record.	
4.	<b>Matters Arising from Minutes of the previous meeting:</b>  MD explained that the LHP had not met since April 2024, as the budget had been spent.	
5.	<b>Report on Funded Schemes</b>  JS/DM updated members that the LHP service had been put on hold whilst Cllr Cunningham and the team reviewed its future purpose and functionality. New scheme suggestions are not being accepted. Only previously validated schemes are on the lists in the three reports circulated. The LHP does not have a revenue budget this year which was used to support traffic surveys for validations and requests. The Chairman's Panel would not sit this year, and so the LHP would make funding decisions.  The purpose of today's meeting was to review the schemes lists, identify priorities to be put forward to the funding panel, for a programme of works to be scheduled for implementation over the	

	<p>next 2 years. A programme of works would be reported back to this meeting in September 2025.</p> <p>Following member queries, DM clarified that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) £300k is the total capital budget for the two-year period, 25/26 and 26/27.</li> <li>(b) the prioritised schemes set out in Report 2A are shovel ready.</li> <li>(c) Scheme 2 on Report 1, Vicarage Road, Tillingham, was not delivered last year due to delays caused by an objection. The objector was approached but would not remove the objection. To over-ride the objection it would require progression via a CMA/Cabinet Member. The £20k allocation would be sought from this year's budget if prioritised. Ward Members will be contacted throughout the process if the scheme is prioritised for this year.</li> </ul> <p>JF expressed concern about the cost of minor schemes, such as dragon's teeth, £4k seems excessive. WS questioned why the BOC pedestrian crossing (scheme 6, report 2A) cost has increased from £125k to £347k over just a few years.</p> <p>DM explained that the costs are based on worst-case scenarios with risks factored in. Traffic management is usually most expensive when implementing schemes; officer time and inflation over the two-year period have also been considered.</p> <p><b>It was agreed that</b> DM would investigate exactly what the pedestrian crossing scheme involves. WS added that funding may be sought from developers via S106, as they recognise its necessity, given its location just outside a school and near many elderly residents.</p> <p><b>It was agreed that</b> the following items be put forward to the Funding Panel, for 25/26 and 26/27 budget:</p> <p><b>Funded Schemes – Report 1</b> Item 2 - Vicarage Road, Tillingham - Traffic Management Improvements.</p> <p><b>Prioritised schemes list - Report 2A)</b> Agreed to prioritise schemes 1, 2, 3 (subject to further information requested by WS to be provided by DM) and 4.</p> <p><b>It was further agreed</b> that the following schemes be de-prioritised, and funding be sought from elsewhere:</p>	<p>DM</p> <p>JS/DM</p> <p>DM</p> <p>WS</p>
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	<p><b>Scheme 5</b> - LMAL225001 High Street, Maldon - Kerblines and bus stop cage Change to kerblines and bus stop to accommodate 2 buses £39,600 - <b>WS</b> to push via IPTU.</p>	<b>WS</b>
	<p><b>Scheme 6</b> - LMAL222010 Maldon Road, Burnham on Crouch - Pedestrian crossing. New pedestrian crossing £347,500.</p>	<b>WS</b>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Report on Schemes Awaiting Funding (Report 2B)</b></p> <p>DM explained that the schemes had a RAG status. The Red ones will be deleted as they do not meet the relevant criteria.</p> <p>JF queried the accuracy of the lists, which omitted 4/5 schemes which submitted over a year ago. MD expected the gateway features in Tollesbury to be included on the list.  <b>It was agreed</b> that JF would identify the schemes and send a list.</p> <p>MD queried what happened to the five corners junction in Wickham Bishops. DM confirmed this was going to be funded as a capital reduction but then there was a change in scope, it relates to Maypole Road. MD stated there had been an accident there at the weekend. He recalls the speed limit was going to be extended. <b>It was agreed</b> that MD would look at historic communications and pass to DM.</p> <p>WS expressed frustration that scheme 13, bus accessibility improvements, under the invalidated Category, on page 21, was invalidated. It was for a resident wheelchair user who is housebound. Something is needed to enable wheelchair users to access the buses at this bus stop. DM stated that ECC Highways cannot consider going over the highway boundary. WS will approach the landowner and explore putting this through Passenger Transport or CMA.</p> <p><b>It was agreed</b> to prioritise schemes 5 and 13 under the Traffic Management Category to be put forward to the Funding Panel/prioritised:</p> <p><b>Scheme 5</b> - Goldhanger Road - Speed Reduction Request to investigate potential signing and crossing improvements Heybridge and Tollesbury Heybridge CP Total Scheme LMAL202017 £21,300 Validation - Existing Speed limits appear to be in line with Essex Speed Management Strategy. Recommendation is to review all existing signs and implement improvements as identified. Also to cut back vegetation where necessary.</p> <p><b>Scheme 13</b> - B1010 Lower Burnham Road, Latchingdon - Speed Reduction Speed reduction Southminster Latchingdon CP</p>	<p><b>JF/DM</b></p> <p><b>MD/DM</b></p> <p><b>WS</b></p> <p><b>JS/DM</b></p>

	<p>Implementation LMAL222011 £29,400 Estimated scheme cost from Design funded in 2024/25.</p> <p><b>It was further agreed</b> that funding should be sought from SEPP, Cllr Loreen Shaw is the Chairperson, for <b>Scheme 10</b> - Chestnut Close, Burnham-on-Crouch - H-Bar to be considered as well as refreshing lines within the area Southminster Burnham-on-Crouch CP Total Scheme LMAL222051 £9,800 Validation results - H-bar can be installed.</p>	<b>WS</b>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>It was noted that there may be funding in the pipeline for funding small-scale safety schemes.</p>	
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>3pm-4.30pm, 18<sup>th</sup> Sep 25, County Hall</p> <p>Dates for Dec and Mar to be agreed.</p>	

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