

BRAINTREE EXTRAORDINARY LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MEETING AGENDA

Date:	Thursday 26 th June 2025
Time:	17:00
Venue:	Braintree District Council, Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, CM7 9HB
Chairman:	Cllr. Chris Siddall (ECC)
Panel Members:	Cllr. Lynette Bowers-Flint (ECC), Cllr. Graham Butland (ECC), Cllr. Tom Cunningham (ECC), Cllr. Derrick Louis (ECC), Cllr. Ross Playle (ECC), Cllr. Peter Schwier (ECC), Cllr. Paul Thorogood (ECC), Cllr Mary Cunningham (BDC), Cllr Richard Van Dulken (BDC), Cllr J Ayten (BDC), Cllr G Spray (BDC), Cllr K Barnes (BALC), Cllr P Rawlinson (BALC), Cllr G Warren (BALC).
Officers:	Dan Maclean – Highway Liaison Officer Team Leader (EH) Jennifer Boxall – Highway Liaison Officer (EH) Esme McCambridge – Operations Strategy and Business Support Manager (BDC) Lisa Hinman – Area Manager (NEPP)
Secretariat:	Alison Webb – Governance and Members Officer (BDC)

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	10	Date of next meeting: TBC	Chairman	Verbal

BRAINTREE LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES – 16th January 2025 at 5.00pm

Meeting held ‘In Person’

Chairman:	Councillor C Siddall (Chairman) (ECC)
Panel Members:	Councillor L Bowers-Flint (ECC) Councillor G Butland (ECC) Councillor P Schwier (ECC) Councillor P Thorogood (ECC) Councillor K Bowers (BDC) Councillor R van Dulken (BDC) Councillor J Coleman (BALC) Councillor K McDonald (BALC)
Officers:	Jennifer Boxall - Highway Liaison Officer (EH). Dan Maclean – Highway Liaison Team Leader (EH) Esme McCambridge – Operations Strategy and Business Support Manager (BDC)
Secretariat:	Alison Webb – Governance and Members Officer (BDC) (EH – Essex Highways) (ECC - Essex County Council) (BDC - Braintree District Council) (BALC - Braintree Association of Local Councils)

Item		Owner
1.	Welcome: Councillor C Siddall, Chairman, welcomed all attendees to the meeting and he invited everyone to introduce themselves. For the information of members of the public who were in attendance at the meeting, Councillor Siddall outlined the process which was followed for submitting proposed highway improvement schemes to Braintree Local Highways Panel, how these were processed; and the ability of the Panel and Essex County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Sustainable Transport to approve such schemes.	
2.	Apologies for Absence, Declarations of Interest and Public Questions: Apologies for Absence:	

	<p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Ayten (BDC), Councillor K Barnes (BALC), Councillor T Cunningham (ECC), Councillor D Louis (ECC), Councillor R Playle (ECC), and Councillor G Spray (BDC).</p> <p>An apology for absence was also received from Lisa Hinman, Area Manager (North Essex Parking Partnership)</p> <p>Declarations of Interest:</p> <p>There were no interests declared.</p> <p>Public Questions:</p> <p>The meeting was not held in public, but Councillor Siddall, the Chairman, allowed Mr A Panton, Mr D Price and Mr P Ridley to each make a statement, the details of which are summarised below.</p> <p><u>Statements by Mr A Panton, Mr D Price and Mr P Ridley</u></p> <p>Messrs Panton, Price and Ridley referred to problems associated with the use of Bulford Mill Lane, Cressing, which was a narrow, bending lane situated between Cressing and Black Notley. In particular, reference was made to the increased use of the lane by vehicles and HGVs trying to avoid traffic congestion on the A120 at Galleys Corner roundabout, Braintree and use by residents of new housing developments recently constructed nearby.</p> <p>It was reported that vehicles sometimes became stuck in the lane and had to be recovered. There had also been a number of accidents along the lane, and it was often difficult for emergency vehicles to gain access. The lane was also subject to flooding, drainage channels had become blocked, and the condition of the lane was deteriorating. Although there was not a footpath along the lane, it was used by pedestrians, particularly people walking to and from Cressing railway station, which posed a danger.</p> <p>It was stated that the issues affecting the lane had been discussed for many years, but nothing had been done to rectify the situation. Messrs Panton, Price and Ridley asked Members of Braintree Local Highways Panel to support scheme LBRA242020 - Traffic calming measures at Bulford Mill Lane, Cressing, which had been submitted for consideration by the Panel. Members of the Panel noted that this scheme had been validated, but that it had been categorised as 'red'. Essex Highways' Design Team had concluded that there was nothing that could be done from an engineering perspective to improve</p>	
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	<p>the condition of the lane and they had recommended that the proposed scheme should not be taken further.</p> <p>Whilst Members of the Panel sympathised with residents of the lane, it was acknowledged that the Panel had limited resources, that its decisions had to be based on guidance and data, and that funding was limited. It was noted that some small scale improvements had already been implemented in the lane. It was also reported that a reduction in the speed limit would not necessarily provide a solution, that people should drive according to the conditions of the road, and that it was for the Police to enforce use of the highway. Furthermore, it was noted that flooding issues and the erosion of kerbs were maintenance matters, which were outside the scope of the Panel. However, it was possible that funding was available to deal with flooding. In addition, it was reported that matters falling outside the remit of the Panel could be referred to Essex County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Sustainable Transport.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Messrs Panton, Price and Ridley for attending the meeting and he indicated that he would pursue the matter on their behalf and discuss it with Essex County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Sustainable Transport.</p> <p>Messrs Panton, Price and Ridley left the meeting at this point together with other members of the public, who had attended to observe.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes:</p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting of Braintree Local Highways Panel held on 29th August 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 29th August 2024:</p> <p>Dan Maclean, Essex Highways, provided an update on matters which had been raised at the last meeting.</p> <p>Particular reference was made to one matter and the following update was provided: -</p> <p><u>Minute 4 - Matters Arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 29th April 2024 (Minute 5 - 'Funded Schemes 2023/24)</u></p> <p>LBRA162029 – 'Quiet Lane', Water Lane, Shalford Estimated Cost: - £1,250</p>	

	<p>It had been reported, that although this scheme had been completed, it was unlikely to allay the concerns of local residents about the use of the lane. The lane was a single track with a 60mph speed limit, and it was used as a 'rat run' if there was traffic congestion elsewhere.</p> <p>Dan Maclean, Essex Highways, had been asked to review the scheme to determine if anything could be done to alleviate the issues affecting the lane and he had spoken to Officers within Essex Highways' Design Team who had suggested that a speed and volume survey could be carried out to ascertain whether the 'Quiet Lane' status of Water Lane was relevant. Members of the Panel had agreed that the speed and volume survey should be carried out.</p> <p><u>Update:</u> - Dan Maclean, Essex Highways, reported that the speed and volume survey had not been carried out yet. In discussing this issue, Members of the Panel were advised that the 'Quiet lane' status of Water Lane, Shalford could be used as an example to illustrate the effectiveness of 'Quiet lanes'.</p> <p>Dan Maclean, Essex Highways, reported that steps had been taken to implement all other action points referred to in the Minutes of 29th August 2024.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Funded Schemes 2024/25:</p> <p>Consideration was given to a report on the Panel's Funded Schemes for 2024/25, which had been recommended for approval. The report provided an update on the current position of all schemes in the 2024/25 programme of work.</p> <p>Members of the Panel were advised that funding of £203,894 had been allocated to Braintree Local Highways Panel for the year 2024/25 and that the schemes which had been approved had a total value of £184,738. A sum of £19,156 remained available for expenditure. However, it was not proposed that this sum should be allocated at this time.</p> <p>Members of the Panel were reminded that a Chairs' Panel comprising Essex County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Sustainable Transport and the Chairmen of each Local Highways Panel across the County had been established to consider larger scale and more expensive highway schemes and to determine if these should be funded. Details of the schemes within the Braintree District which had been approved by the Chairs' Panel were set out in the report. These schemes had a total value of £117,000. Specific reference was made to scheme LBRA163006 – (Walking) Footway, Boars Tye Road, Silver End Estimated Cost: -</p>	

£106,500. The comments column of the report schedule incorrectly referred to the year '23-24' instead of '24-25'. It was agreed that this error should be corrected.

Jennifer Boxall, Essex Highways, to amend the schedule of funded schemes as indicated above.

DECISION: That the report on the Panel's Funded Schemes and the Chairs' Panel Funded Schemes for 2024/25 be noted.

J Boxall
(HLO)

6.	Schemes Awaiting Funding:
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Consideration was given to a 'Schemes Awaiting Funding' report, which included information about proposed schemes submitted for funding. These schemes had a total estimated value of £303,800.

It was reported that Braintree Local Highways Panel's budget for 2024/25 was £203,894 and that schemes with an estimated value of £45,300 had been identified for possible funding.

Members of the Panel were reminded that a Chairs' Panel comprising Essex County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Sustainable Transport and the Chairmen of each Local Highways Panel across the County had been established to consider larger scale and more expensive highway schemes and to determine if these should be funded. It was reported that schemes within the Braintree District which had an estimated value of £258,500 had been identified for possible funding via the Chairs' Panel.

Casualty reduction schemes would be funded from a central fund derived from the budget for the Chairs' Panel.

Members of the Highways Panel were not requested to recommend any schemes for inclusion in the Panel's programme of work for 2024/25, but they were asked to endorse removal from the list those schemes which had been categorised as 'red' as they did not meet Essex County Council's criteria.

When considering scheme LBRA212038 – (Traffic Management) Traffic Calming measures including gateway features and a footway, London Road, Feering, Estimated Cost: - Not applicable (in validation), it was agreed that the description of the scheme should be amended from the provision of gateway features to the provision of a vehicle activated sign. This change would require a speed survey to be carried out.

Jennifer Boxall, Essex Highways, to amend the description of scheme LBRA212038 from the provision of 'gateway features and a footway' to the provision of a 'vehicle activated sign' and to arrange for a speed survey to be carried out.

When discussing scheme LBRA202020 – (Traffic Management) Traffic management improvements, Braintree Road, Gosfield, Estimated Cost:- Not applicable (in validation), it was reported that this scheme had been approved by Essex County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Sustainable Transport in accordance with a Cabinet Member Action, subject to the results of the latest speed survey to be carried out complying with the criteria for a reduced speed limit. Jennifer Boxall, Essex Highways, to implement scheme LBRA202020, subject to the results of the latest speed survey complying with the criteria for a reduced speed limit.

In discussing scheme LBRA232088 – (Traffic Management) Speed reduction and weight limit, B1053 Braintree Road between Wethersfield and Shalford, Estimated Cost: - Not applicable (status assessed as 'red'). It was agreed that this scheme, which had been assessed as 'red' as it did not meet the criteria, should be removed from Braintree Local Highways Panel's list of potential schemes and that Wethersfield Parish Council should be advised about its removal and the reason for it. Jennifer Boxall, Essex Highways, to inform Wethersfield Parish Council that scheme LBRA232088 has been removed from Braintree Local Highways Panel's list of potential schemes on the basis that it has been assessed as 'red' as it does not meet Essex Highways' criteria.

Reference was made to scheme LBRA242020 – (Traffic Management) Traffic calming measures, Bulford Mill Lane, Crossing, Estimated Cost: - Not applicable (status assessed as 'red'). In view of the discussion earlier in the meeting (Minute 2 (Public Question) refers), it was agreed, that despite being categorised as 'red' as it did not meet Essex Highways' criteria, this scheme should remain on the schedule of 'Schemes Awaiting Funding' to enable further investigation to be undertaken.

DECISION: That it be recommended that the following schemes, the status of which has been assessed as 'red' as they do not meet Essex Highways' criteria, are removed from Braintree Local Highways Panel's list of potential schemes: -

Traffic Management

	<p>LBRA222080 – Speed reduction measures, School Lane, Foxearth Estimated Cost: - Not applicable</p> <p>LBRA242015 – Speed reduction measures, A131 Bulmer Tye j/w Hedingham Road, Church Road and Ryes Lane, Bulmer Tye Estimated Cost: - Not applicable</p> <p>LBRA232085 – Traffic calming measures and speed limit reduction, London Road, Kelvedon Estimated Cost: - Not applicable</p> <p>LBRA232088 – Speed reduction and weight limit, B1053 Braintree Road between Wethersfield and Shalford Estimated Cost: - Not applicable</p> <p>LBRA242012 – Raised kerbs at Bennett junction, Fiveash Lane/Ash Lane, Bradwell Estimated Cost: - Not applicable</p> <p>LBRA242018 – Traffic calming, B1508 Colchester Road btwn Eight Bells House and Normandie Way, Bures Hamlet Estimated Cost: - Not applicable</p> <p>LBRA242022 – HGV signage, Maltings Lane, Witham Estimated Cost: - Not applicable</p> <p>LBRA242023 – Traffic calming measures, Colne Road, Halstead Estimated Cost: - Not applicable</p> <p><u>Walking</u></p> <p>LBRA213001 – Footway improvements to provide pedestrian route to Colne Valley Railway, Yeldham Road, Castle Hedingham Estimated Cost: - Not applicable</p> <p>Action By: J Boxall, Essex Highways, as indicated.</p>	
7.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p><u>Greenway North Essex Cyclepath</u></p> <p>The Chairman referred to a letter, which he had received from Mr P Kohn providing an update on the Greenway North Essex Cycle path project. This scheme had previously benefitted from funding approved by Braintree Local Highways Panel.</p>	J Boxall (HLO)

	<p>It was reported that a revised planning application for the length of cycle path running between Coggeshall and Earls Colne had been granted in December 2024 and that steps were being taken to raise money for the scheme.</p> <p>It was agreed that a copy of the letter should be circulated to Members of the Panel.</p> <p>Action By: A Webb, Braintree District Council, to circulate a copy of the letter received from Mr P Kohn to Members of the Panel.</p> <p><u>Braintree Local Highways Panel – BALC Membership</u></p> <p>It was reported that there was currently a vacancy on Braintree Local Highways Panel for a representative of Braintree Association of Local Councils (BALC). Four representatives in total were permitted.</p> <p>BALC is invited to appoint a representative to fill the vacancy.</p>	<p>A Webb (BDC)</p> <p>BALC</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting of Braintree Local Highways Panel is scheduled to take place ‘in person’ on Thursday, 27th March 2025 at Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree starting at 5.00pm.</p> <p>Future meetings of the Panel are scheduled for Thursday, 26th June 2025 and Thursday, 25th September 2025. Both meetings will be held ‘in person’ at Causeway House starting at 5.00pm.</p> <p>The meeting commenced at 5.00pm and closed at 6.20pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Councillor C Siddall (Chairman)</p>	

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BRAINTREE DISTRICT HIGHWAY PANEL REPORT 1 - FUNDED SCHEMES LIST

This report provides an update on the final position of all schemes which the Braintree District Local Highway Panel recommended for inclusion in their 2024/25 programme. It also details those schemes that were funded in 2024/25 through Additional Funding and the Chairman's Panel.

2024/25 Budget Summary		
LHP Funding		
1	LHP Scheme Funding recommendations 2024/25	£176,738
2	Chairman's Panel Funded Schemes	£91,000
	Total	£267,738

Within the programme the dates given as Quarters 1 to 4, refer to the financial year as follows –

- Q1 - Quarter 1 – April to June
- Q2 - Quarter 2 – July to September
- Q3 - Quarter 3 – October to December
- Q4 - Quarter 4 – January to March

Members are reminded that the costs supplied are budget allocations only and there is the possibility that a final scheme cost could change dependant on issues which may arise especially during detailed design and construction. The panel will be informed of any budget adjustments required.

BRAINTREE LOCAL HIGHWAY PANEL

FUNDED SCHEMES LIST – 2024/25

REPORT 1

Funded Schemes 2024-25

Total Value of Schemes	£176,738
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Completed	Update	Cancelled
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Ref	Scheme name	Description	Division	Parish	Scheme Category	Scheme stage	Cost Code	Allocated Budget	Comments	Est Completion
1	B1389 Hatfield Road, Witham - Signalised crossing	Deign for upgrade to the existing pedestrian refuge to a signalised crossing.	Witham Southern	Witham CP	Walking	Design	LBRA152140	£5,000	Design did not complete and will need further funding in 2025	Next FY
2	East Street, Coggeshall - Dropped kerbs	Design for dropped kerbs at all feasible locations.	Braintree Eastern	Coggeshall CP	Walking	Design	LBRA193004	£3,500	Completed	Completed
3	Elms Hall Road, Colne Engaine - Quiet Lane	Quiet Lane	Halstead	Colne Engaine CP	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LBRA192007	£7,000	Completed	Completed
4	A131 Panners roundabout at top of Bridge End - Signage	Pedestrian crossing warning sign.	Three Fields with Great Notley	Great Notley CP	Traffic Management	Implementation	LBRA212003	£11,500	Complete	Completed
5	Stoneham Street, Coggeshall - Traffic Management Improvements	Adjustment to parking lay out to improve traffic management.	Braintree Eastern	Coggeshall CP	Traffic Management	Design	LBRA212027	£6,000	TRO did not complete this FY, rolled over to be funded in the next FY 2025/26.	Next FY
6	Lanham Green Road, j/w Boars Tye Road and Lanham, Farm Road - Street scene	A request to investigate replacing various signage at junction	Braintree Eastern	Cressing CP	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LBRA212049	£2,238	Completed	Completed
7	Toldishall Road, Great Maplestead - Quiet Lane	Request for a Quiet Lane	Hedingham	Great Maplestead CP	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LBRA202007	£9,000	Completed	Completed
8	Windermere Drive, Great Notley - 20mph Limit	Request for a 20mph zone / Limit	Three Fields with Great Notley	Great Notley CP	Traffic Management	Design	LBRA202009	£7,000	Completed	Completed
9	The Street, White Notley - Gateway Features	Gateway Features	Witham Northern	White Notley CP	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LBRA212021	£12,500	Completed	Completed
10	Church road heading towards Gosfield lake - Signage	Priority/Give way signage at the bridge	Halstead	Gosfield CP	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LBRA222031	£5,000	Completed	Completed

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11	School Road, Little Yeldham - Speeding	package of improvements including 30mph lining roundels at gateways into Little Yeldham, SLOW markings installed on northbound approach, and replace the BEND AHEAD signage with larger option and sub-plate.	Hedingham	Little Yeldham CP	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LBRA222053	£9,500	Completed	Completed
12	North End Road, Little Yeldham - Safety Measures	Speed Reduction Measures	Hedingham	Little Yeldham CP	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LBRA222054	£6,500	Completed	Completed
13	Braintree Road, Witham - Bus stop improvements	Design for various improvements to the bus stop and surrounding infrastructure.	Witham Northern	Witham CP	Passenger Transport	Design	LBRA225004	£6,000	Completed	Completed
14	Temple Lane, Silver End - Gateway Features	Gateway Features	Witham Northern	Silver End CP	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LBRA222076	£8,000	Completed	Completed
15	Braintree Road, Witham - Signage	Warning unsuitable for HGV signage	Witham Northern	Witham CP	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LBRA222078	£10,000	Completed	Completed
16	Rayne Road, Braintree Town – Veg Cutting and 30mph Roundel	VAS/Speed reduction measure	Braintree Town	Braintree	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LBRA222079	£3,500	Completed	Completed
17	Conrad Road, Witham - Parking Provision/Restrictions	Parking restrictions	Witham Northern	Witham CP	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LBRA222040	£7,500	Completed	Completed
18	Church Road, Hatfield Peverel – 20mph when lights flash - Implementation	Implementation of previously designed scheme.	Witham Southern	Hatfield Peverel CP	Traffic Management	Implementation	LBRA233010	£11,500	Completed	Completed

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FUNDED SCHEMES LIST – 2024/25

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19	Braintree District Council funded signage improvement scheme	Design work to identify the scope and work required for phase 1 of the Braintree District Council funded signage improvement scheme	Braintree Town	Braintree	Traffic Management	Design	LBRA232084	£12,500	Recommission of 2023/24 scheme that could not be delivered due to late commission. May not complete scheme next period as a new proposal has been requested. so although an 'initial design' was completed historically, various design updates are required. These are ongoing and require ongoing input from Development Management & Network Assurance teams.	Next FY
20	Lower Stoke Road, Ashen - Signage	Investigation into the possibility of having "Road Liable to Flooding" signage at both ends of Lower Stoke Road.	Hedingham	Ashen CP	Traffic Management	Design	LBRA242011	£2,500	Completed	Completed
21	Nounsley Road, Hatfield Peverel - Ford Signage	Investigation into signage to alert drivers to the ford in place on Nounsley road	Witham Southern	Hatfield Peverel CP	Traffic Management	Design	LBRA232087	£2,500	Completed	Completed
22	Belchamp Road, Little Yeldham / Belchamp Road, Tilbury Juxta Clare - Horse and Deer Warning Signage	Implementation of schemes LBRA212012 & LBRA212010	Hedingham	Little Yeldham CP	Traffic Management	Implementation	LBRA212010	£9,000	Completed	Completed
23	Kings Lane/Back Lane/Rectory Lane	Councillor Thorogood would like an investigation into the possibility of having "Pedestrians in the Road" signage installed on various roads within the village of Stisted. The requests are following complaints from residents that motorists frequently drive at speed along the lengths of Kings Lane, Back Lane and Rectory Lane and are not aware that pedestrians are using the road.	Braintree Eastern	Stisted CP	Traffic Management	Design	LBRA232090	£2,500	Completed	Completed

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REPORT 1

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Ref	Scheme name	Description	Division	Parish	Scheme Category	Scheme stage	Cost Code	Allocated Budget	Comments	Est Completion
24	Mary's Square - Railing Improvements – Implementation	Implementation of previously designed scheme.	Braintree Eastern	Kelvedon CP	Traffic Management	Implementation	LBRA212036	£16,500	Completed	Completed

Chairs Panel Schemes

Total Value of Schemes	£91,000	Funded	£91,000	Not Funded	£0
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Ref	Scheme name	Description	LHP Area	Division	Parish	Scheme Category	Scheme stage	Cost Code	Estimated Cost	Comments	Est Completion	Funded
1	Rickstone's Road, Witham - Zebra crossing	Design for a zebra crossing	Braintree	Witham Northern (Braintree)	Witham CP	Walking	Design	LBRA193005	£6,500	Design not completed, scheme to be funded in the next FY 2025	Q4	Next FY
2	Bridge Street, Halstead - Zebra Crossing	Upgrading the existing zebra crossing along Bridge Street, Halstead to a signalised crossing.	Braintree	Halstead (Braintree)	Halstead CP	Walking	Design	LBRA193007	£32,500	Design not completed, scheme to be funded in the next FY 2025	Q4	Next FY
3	Chapel Hill, Halstead - Dropped kerb and refuge island upgrade	Upgrade to existing layout at the junction with Trinity Street	Braintree	Halstead (Braintree)	Halstead CP	Walking	Implementation	LBRA203004	£24,500	Completed	Completed	Yes
4	Rose Hill, Station Approach - Congestion	Request to reduce the congestion of traffic at Rose Hill, Station Approach, South Street and Railway Street	Braintree	Braintree Town (Braintree)	Braintree	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LBRA212030	£27,500	Completed	Completed	Yes

BRAINTREE LOCAL HIGHWAY PANEL REPORT 2 - SCHEMES AWAITING FUNDING LIST

Following a review of the LHP process, the allocation of the LHP capital budget will be adjusted for the upcoming period. The Panel is requested to provide funding recommendations for a two-year Rolling Programme of works, for which a total funding of £611,400 has been agreed for the Braintree LHP.

To facilitate these funding decisions, the 'Schemes Awaiting Funding List' has been divided into two distinct reports:

Report 2-A: Priority Schemes List – This report details schemes that have completed the design phase and are ready for immediate implementation.

Report 2-B: Schemes Awaiting Funding List – This report encompasses all other schemes currently awaiting funding.

Panel members are advised to prioritise funding recommendations from Report 2-A in the first instance. Subsequently, any remaining budget can be allocated to schemes identified in Report 2-B.

Upon receipt of the scheme recommendations, a comprehensive programme will be developed, outlining delivery timelines for each selected scheme. An update on this programme, covering both financial years, will be presented at the next LHP meeting.

It should be noted that due to the LHP no longer validating new scheme requests, Report 2-B exclusively contains schemes that have undergone prior validation.

Please note that as the Chairmen's Panel will not convene during the 2025/26 financial year, schemes previously awaiting their funding decisions have now been reverted to the LHP's Schemes Awaiting Funding List.

The Schemes Awaiting Funding, as summarised below, have an estimated total cost of £382,200.

Ref.	Scheme Type	Scheme costs	
		Priority Schemes	Schemes Awaiting Funding
1	Traffic Management	£74,400	£382,200
2	Walking	£715,500	£0
3	Cycling	£0	£0
4	Passenger Transport	£16,900	£0
5	Public Rights of Way	£0	£0
6	Total	£806,800	£382,200

BRAINTREE LOCAL HIGHWAY PANEL REPORT 2 - SCHEMES AWAITING FUNDING LIST

On the Schemes Awaiting Funding List, the RAG column acknowledges the status of the scheme request as shown below:

RAG Status	Description of RAG status
G	The scheme has been validated as being feasible and is available for Panel consideration
A	The scheme has been commissioned for a feasibility study which needs completing before any Panel consideration
R	A scheme which is against policy or where there is no appropriate engineering solution

PRIORITY SCHEMES LIST

IMPLEMENTATION				
LHP Code	Project Name	District	Works Description Taken from the Panel Commission	Est. Budget Required for 2025/26 (Rounded to Nearest £100)
LBRA193007	Bridge Street, Halstead - Zebra Crossing	Braintree	Upgrading the existing zebra crossing along Bridge Street, Halstead to a signalised crossing.	£276,300
LBRA232090	Kings Lane/Back Lane/Rectory Lane, Stisted - Pedestrian Signs	Braintree	Signage investigation.	£8,200
LBRA242011	Lower Stoke Road, Ashen - Signage	Braintree	Investigation into the possibility of having "Road Liable to Flooding" signage at both ends of Lower Stoke Road.	£8,200
LBRA232087	Nounsey Road, Hatfield Peverel - Ford Signage	Braintree	Investigation into signage to alert drivers to the ford in place on Nounsley road	£8,200
LBRA152140	Hatfield Road, Witham - Ped Upgrade	Braintree	Complete Design that was put on hold last FY.	£276,300
LBRA202009	Windemere Drive, Great Notley – 20mph Limit	Braintree	Design Only (due to requirement of CMA) for a 20mph speed limit	£11,800
LBRA193004	East Street, Coggeshall – Dropped Kerbs	Braintree	finalisation of previously commissioned CMA/design	£15,500
LBRA193005	Rickstones Road, Witham - Zebra crossing	Braintree	Design for a zebra crossing	£147,400

DESIGN G IMPLEMENTATION				
LHP Code	Project Name	District	Works Description Taken from the Panel Commission	Est. Budget Required for 2025/26 (Rounded to Nearest £100)
LBRA232084	Braintree DC Funded Signage Improvement Scheme	Braintree	Design to review previously completed audit of signage around Braintree and identify where BDC's £100k should be spent.	£21,100
LBRA212027	Stoneham Street, Coggeshall – TM Improvements	Braintree	Total scheme to move some of the parking to the Eastern side of the road.	£16,900
LBRA225004	Braintree Road, Witham - Bus Stop Improvements	Braintree	Design for various improvements to bus stop	£16,900

Traffic Management

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1	The Street, Halstead - Zebra Crossing	Request received for a Zebra Crossing	Halstead	Gosfield CP	Total Scheme	LBRA212019	£16,000	Total scheme for new sign sub-plate, lining refresh along Hall Road and removal of tactile paving and footway reinstatement	G
2	Old Road, Surrex, Coggeshall - Quiet Lane	Quiet Lane be implemented so that residents feel safer when walking/cycling/riding horses and that people are aware that this is a quiet lane and to be respectful when entering.	Braintree Eastern	Coggeshall CP	Total Scheme	LBRA232083	£10,100	Implementation of Quiet Lane	G
3	The Street, Bulmer	Request for relocation of children crossing signage to make them more visible to children crossing the road	Hedingham	Bulmer CP	Total Scheme	LBRA233004	£14,500	Validation results - Installation of new warning signage and upgrade of existing signage as per validation feedback. Update sent to Member 28/04/2025	G
4	Hulls Mill Lane - Signage Review	Existing signage is conflicting and unclear - needs a cohesive set of signage to deter HGV's long and wide vehicles from using it	Hedingham	Great Maplestead CP	Total Scheme	LBRA232089	£16,500	Signage review of the whole length of Hulls Mill Lane. Formal TRO review for any existing legal orders in place – with potential revocation of any deemed obsolete/unnecessary etc Potential new TRO for length restriction along Hulls Mill Lane	G
5	Manor Street, Braintree - Parking Restriction Review	Since the restrictions have been in place, it has had a negative impact on the businesses along the parade. It is suggested that by allowing a brief window to drop off/pick up, this will not impact the bus movements due to the time of day that these businesses operate.	Braintree Town	Braintree	Total Scheme	LBRA242009	£6,400	A 'total scheme' could be commissioned for a change to the parking restriction times, subject to Network Assurance approval beforehand and guidance to the parking times that would be acceptable.	G

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6	Beridge Road / Chapel Hill, Halstead - Traffic Calming Measures	Request to consider traffic calming outside each entrance to the school.	Halstead	Halstead CP	Total Scheme	LBRA192057	£10,900	The topography and the on-street parking (especially at school drop off and pick up times) create natural speed reduction measures around the vicinity of the school entrance. The addition of 20's plenty signs would further enhance the presence of the entrance to the Primary School. Suggested locations for the signs are as follows :- 1. In the grassed area adjacent to the BT box / cabinet south west of Colne Valley Close. ensure the grassed area is Highway and that the vegetation is not impeding the desired location. 2. Adjacent to the street name plate on the corner of Stanley Road.	G
7	Various Roads, Sible Hedingham - Horse Rider Signage	Investigation into horse rider aware signage in several locations in the Parish of Sible Hedingham (Prayors Hill, Brick Hill)	Hedingham	Sible Hedingham CP	Total Scheme	LBRA242024	£14,500	Validation update - Having driven along the length of Devlin End it would appear that a number of properties have stables / horses and it is considered appropriate to provide some warning signs to assist in the protection of riders / horses by advising drivers of their possible presence. Due to the segregated nature of the properties along this stretch of road, it is suggested to provide warning signs to Diag 550.1 along with a 'For 2 miles' sub-plate at either end.	G
8	Sparks Lane, Ridgewell - Signage	Investigation into weight limit and narrow road signage	Hedingham	Ridgewell CP	Total Scheme	LBRA242029	£12,000	Validation Results - It wouldn't be supported to reduce the speed limit along the Lane, however, initial discussions with Network Assurance indicate a new 7.5t environmental weight restriction with exemption for access to properties along the lane would be supported.	G
9	Wildflower Meadows, London Road - Traffic Calming	Councillor Playle would like an investigation into the possibility of having "Keep Clear" markings installed on the carriageway outside Wildflower Meadow to stop vehicles blocking the entrance to the estate.	Witham Northern	Black Notley CP	Total Scheme	LBRA242031	£4,500	Installation of a Keep Clear marking to diag. 1026 can be added in the south-west bound lane of London Road outside Wildflower Meadow to facilitate access to/from the junction. However, it should be noted that London Road is quite busy, so any new road marking will deteriorate and require regular maintenance.	G

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10	Fairstead Road, Fairstead - Passing Places	Request for formal passing places	Witham Northern	Terling CP	Implementation	LBRA192047	£167,500	Implementation of design. After reviewing the scheme with the design team and taking into account the original validation feedback that this scheme should not progress, a design was completed and the cost and manpower is questionable. Email to member to enquire whether the scheme should progress	G
11	Francis Way j/w Broadway, Silver End - 20mph limit	Installation of the 20mph limit as per Design in 21	Witham Northern	Silver End CP	Implementation	LBRA162064	£6,400	Implementation of measures identified in the design - The design was funded, which included the TRO, but due to time running out in funded financial year the TRO was not completed. The implementation of the scheme is listed as awaiting funding, so once funded, a restart of the TRO process can be included in the implementation stage.	G
12	Coggeshall Road, Railway Street and Courtauld Road - Crossing Improvements	Implementation of previously designed crossing improvement scheme	Bocking	Braintree	Implementation	LBRA193006	£61,000	Implementation of previously designed scheme	G
13	Guithavon Street - Requested contraflow route and signage for cyclists	To add a contraflow route with necessary signage for cyclists	Witham Northern	Witham CP	Feasibility	LBRA222038	£12,000	Validation results - A feasibility study should be carried out to investigate whether the road is suitable for an advisory cycle lane. A swept path analysis, traffic survey and review of visibility splays and gully grates for replacement with a cycle-friendly alternative will also be required.	G
14	Various Locations, Witham - HGV Routes	Agreed HGV routes	Witham Southern	Witham CP	Feasibility	LBRA222047	£29,900	Following a meeting with Cllr Louis and officers, it was agreed that consideration should be given to funding a Feasibility Study to determine the scope of work required to formalise HGV routes / diversions throughout Witham. With Design Team for costing. Member agreed with validation results	G

Schemes that do not meet criteria

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1	Boars Tye Road, Silver End - Footway	Boars Tye Road, Silver End - Footway	Witham Northern	Silver End CP	Validation (Does not meet criteria)	LBRA163006 (Walking)	N/A	Scheme was in programme for delivery during 22-23, however was cancelled due to cost increase and lack of funds to deliver. This scheme is going to be taken off the list for funding until the Bellway homes development is built to assess if the footpath is to be funded by LHP or developer.	R
2	London Road, Feering Traffic Calming Measures	Implementation of a Vas Sign	Braintree Eastern	Feering CP	Validation (Does not meet criteria)	LBRA212038 (Traffic Management)	N/A	Original validation requested gateway features and footway but the panel have decided to change the scheme request to a VAS sign request. Speed survey carried out in 2019 and did not meet the criteria for a VAS sign. New survey carried out in March 2025, new survey shows good compliance to speed limit. Average speeds, for a posted 40mph speed limit Northbound 35.9mph and Southbound 32.8mph. Does not meet criteria for a VAS sign.	R
3	Braintree Road, Gosfield - Traffic management improvements	Traffic calming on Braintree Road	Halstead	Gosfield CP	Validation (Does not meet criteria)	LBRA202020 (Traffic Management)	N/A	Does not meet criteria.(average daily speed was 39.5mph). 2nd survey to be carried out in a 2nd location on Braintree Road as the first survey was in the wrong place. 2nd speed survey results (Northbound 42.3mph and Southbound 42.3mph). Not s speeding problem. Waiting on confirmation from member to progress with CMA outside of policy	R
4	Lamarsh Hill - Bures Hamlet – 30mph extension	The preferred solution is to extend the 30-mph zone further up Lamarsh Hill to the point where the village gateway is situated.	Hedingham	Bures Hamlet CP	Validation (Does not meet criteria)	LBRA222037 (Traffic Management)	N/A	Does not meet criteria. Survey 1 - Northeast bound 32.0mph, Southeast bound 30.8mph. Survey 2 - Northeast bound 30.7mph, Southeast bound 31.1mph. Footpaths cannot be installed as there is insufficient adopted highway. Would the member like to look at extra signage?	R

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5	Witham Road/ The Street, Black Notley- Traffic Calming/Signage	Speed Reduction and traffic calming	Witham Northern	Black Notley CP	Validation (Does not meet criteria)	LBRA222074 (Traffic Management)	N/A	No new signs or road markings are warranted. Additional 30mph repeater signage is not permitted due to the street lighting, and there are no other hazards or highway features/junctions etc that require signage or other warning. Any additional signage or road markings would just become sign clutter (therefore going against ECC's Vision Zero aim) and would also just create future ongoing maintenance liabilities.	R
6	Flora Road, Witham - Speed Reduction Measures	Speed Reduction Measures	Witham Southern	Witham CP	Validation (Does not meet criteria)	LBRA232081 (Traffic Management)	N/A	Flora Road is a PR2 road which acts as a distributor road between Witham and the villages of Faulkbourne and White / Black Notley. The width varies but averages at 7.5m with a central hatch marking along its length to incorporate right turn facilities for Bramble Road and Honeysuckle Way on the northern side and Faulkbourne Road and Rosebay Close on the southern. Given the 'open' nature of the road and the good condition, an average speed of just over 33mph is considered acceptable especially as the survey was undertaken on the uninterrupted stretch between Rosebay Close and Bramble Road. With this speed in mind, any form of traffic calming would be difficult to justify. Additionally, it wouldn't meet the criteria or intervention levels for Police enforcement.	R
7	12 Church Street, Sible Hedingham - Traffic Calming	Investigation into a form of traffic calming to stop large vehicles striking the thatched roof of 12 Church Street and causing damage	Hedingham	Sible Hedingham CP	Validation (Does not meet criteria)	LBRA242021 (Traffic Management)	N/A	Church Road is a narrow local road that provides access (via School Road) to St Peters Primary School. The width of 4.6 m does mean that passing movements may be onerous adjacent to the property, however this would also make it difficult to put any physical measures within the carriageway. This, along with the presence of a manhole and potentially other stats would make it impossible to provide the desired priority working system. It is recommended that the resident explore additional measures of their own, such as a reflective hatched sign on the corner of the thatch and maybe on the corner of the building to add conspicuity.	R

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8	The Street, Cressing	Investigation into traffic calming	Braintree Eastern	Cressing CP	Validation (Does not meet criteria)	LBRA222082 (Traffic Management)	N/A	This is a duplicate of LBRA212044 which was a design only and funded in 2023 and no viable/supported way forward was identified. Nothing different can be progressed under this validation request.	R
9	Back Lane - Signage	Investigation into the possibility of having "Staggered Junction" signage installed Back Lane in the village of Stisted. Motorists frequently drive at speed through the village, from the Greenstead Green direction, and fail to slow down and recognise that there is a junction approaching.	Braintree Eastern	Stisted CP	Validation (Does not meet criteria)	LBRA232091 (Traffic Management)	N/A	This request suggests that vehicle speeds in a north-south direction are high and that vehicles are not aware of the staggered junction Back Lane / Sarcel. However, no speed survey data has been provided as part of the validation, and additionally, the extract from Traffweb shows 0 reported accidents in the previous 3 years. Given the information above, this request cannot be supported to proceed as it currently stands, as it goes against ECC's Vision Zero Policy/target. It would amount to unnecessary street clutter on the highway, adding further burden to ECC's maintenance budgets.	R
10	Braintree Road, Sible Hedingham - Speed Reduction	CLlr Schwier along with Sible Hedingham Parish Council have requested a 40mph buffer as you enter the 30mph speed limit	Hedingham	Sible Hedingham CP	Validation (Does not meet criteria)	LBRA242026 (Traffic Management)	N/A	Speed survey requested. Funded by Parish. Speed survey results show now speeding issue. Did not meet criteria. Looking at the average speeds, for a posted 60mph speed limit Northbound 40.9mph and Southbound 39.2mph	R
11	Bulford Mill Lane, Cressing - Traffic Calming	Request to review the lane to determine whether there are any means to slow traffic and potentially reduce HGV usage.	Braintree Eastern	Cressing CP	Validation (Does not meet criteria)	LBRA242020 (Traffic Management)	N/A	After further investigation the design team have concluded that there is nothing that can be done from an engineering perspective and will not be taking the scheme further. Member informed.	R
12	Various, Shalford - Horse Rider Signage	An investigation into the possibility of having horse rider signage at 4 locations across the Shalford Parish. Shalford Parish has one of the highest percentages of horse ownership.	Three Fields with Great Notley	Shalford CP	Validation (Does not meet criteria)	LBRA242016 (Traffic Management)	N/A	No horses with riders nor horses towing vehicles were encountered. No evidence on the carriageway of horses being present recently. Road Safety Team contacted later. Although eight accidents involving horses have taken place in Essex in the three years between 01/01/2022 and 07/01/2025, none have occurred in the area being validated. Design team do not support installing horse warning signs in this area, as would lead to sign clutter.	R

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13	Tilbury Road & Clare Road, Tilbury Juxta Clare - HGV Signage	Councillor Schwier would like an investigation into weight & width restriction signage on the length of Tilbury and Clare Road	Hedingham	Tilbury Juxta Clare CP	Validation (Does not meet criteria)	LBRA242014 (Traffic Management)	N/A	The planning permission portal was checked for solar farm plans in the area, but nothing came up. This should have which routes the delivery vehicles are using to access the farm. There are existing farms that use this road and access must be maintained, as such an environmental weight restriction would not have any effect on reducing larger vehicles from using this route. Installing a width restriction would cause more issues, especially as forward visibility is restricted by geometry of the carriageway and vegetation. Warning signs are present along the route and the vegetation and steep banks increases the feeling that the road is narrow. There are no documented incidents of two HGVs having issues along this route. It is recommended not to proceed with this request, installing the measures requested will not prevent the issues raised, as weight restrictions allow access for any vehicle.	R
14	Finchingfield Bridge, The Green - Weight Restriction	Councillor Butland would like an investigation into the possibility of a weight limit on the bridge in the village of Finchingfield	Three Fields with Great Notley	Finchingfield CP	Validation (Does not meet criteria)	LBRA242017 (Traffic Management)	N/A	The Essex Highways Design team were aware of a previous scheme to replace the bridge in Finchingfield, which ECC/EH Structures were pursuing. As such, an update from the Structures team was sought and confirmed. Weak bridge signage would not be required.	R
15	Pebmarsh Village, Hedingham - Traffic Calming	Investigation into the reduction in speed from a 30mph limit to a 20mph limit through the village of Pebmarsh	Hedingham	Pebmarsh CP	Validation (Does not meet criteria)	LBRA242019 (Traffic Management)	N/A	Speed survey results show that there is not a speeding issue and as such does not meet the criteria for a reduction in speed limit from 30mph to 20mph. Eastbound 28.5mph and Westbound 29.0mph.	R

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16	Rectory Road j/w Whitehouse Road & Madgements Road - Deer Signage	Councillor Paul Thorogood would like an investigation into the possibility of Deer warning signage at the three-way junction of Rectory Road/Whitehouse Road and Madgements Road in the Parish of Stisted following reports of several motoring accidents involving deer at or near this junction.	Braintree Eastern	Stisted CP	Validation (Does not meet criteria)	LBRA242028 (Traffic Management)	N/A	Yellow diamond shaped deer warning sign that is mentioned above was spotted while on site. Road Safety Team contacted. A data search showed one serious accident in the previous 13 years – note, this is a far longer timeframe than is standard to ascertain road safety concerns at a location. Design team do not support installing deer warning signs in this area, as it would lead to sign clutter in a rural area and go against ECC's Vision Zero target.	R
17	The Green, Ulting Road, Hatfield Peverel - Traffic Calming	Councillor Louis would like an investigation into some form of traffic calming close to the Cross Keys Pub following reports of poor visibility as drivers approach the blind bend	Witham Southern	Hatfield Peverel CP	Validation (Does not meet criteria)	LBRA242027 (Traffic Management)	N/A	No vehicles were parked outside the public house during the visit. Unable to identify on site the "Keep Left" road marking mentioned above. The reduction in carriageway width was noted. However, it is in a section of 30mph and wasn't significant enough to need warning signs to be installed. The bend in the road was noted. Again, this is in a section of 30mph and wasn't significant enough to alert motorists they were approaching a bend. In view of all the information above; including lack of accident data to substantiate any request, good compliance being shown with the current prescribed speed limit and potential conflict with ECC's Vision Zero target if additional signage were to be considered	R

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18	The Street j/w Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel - Signage	Investigation into the possibility of extra signage to alert drivers to the installation of a new pedestrian crossing on Maldon Road at the junction of the mini roundabout	Witham Southern	Hatfield Peverel CP	Validation (Does not meet criteria)	LBRA243002 (Traffic Management)	N/A	This Zebra crossing was installed on B1019 Maldon Road under a S278 agreement on housing development DM-090-7 Gleneagles Way, Hatfield Peverel. It was installed between 25th July '22 – 9th September '22 and the beacon shields were installed on 14th March '23. The Developer plans do not show any warning signs were proposed as part of the works and the works were fully signed off on 24th October. 2024, following a Stage 3 Road Safety audit and a minimum 12-month maintenance period. In the absence of any accident data to prove an issue here, it is not supported to investigate any signage. Doing so, would be contrary to Traffic Signs Manual Ch.6 – Traffic Control, along with ECC's own Vision Zero Policy and target. Validation not to proceed any further.	R
19	Station Road, Earls Colne - Speeding	Investigation into speeding problem. Reduction in speed to 30mph speed limit	Halstead	Earls Colne CP	Validation (Does not meet criteria)	LBRA242032 (Traffic Management)	N/A	Speed survey results show that there is not a speeding issue. Looking at the average speeds, for a posted 40mph speed limit Northbound 32.6mph and Southbound 32.9.	R