

COLCHESTER LOCAL HIGHWAY PANEL MEETING AGENDA

Date:	Tuesday 17 th March 2026
Time:	10:00am
Venue:	Video conference call
Chairman:	County Councillor Sue Lissimore
Panel Members:	<p>Colchester City Council – Cllr Elizabeth Alake-Akinyemi, Cllr Jeremy Hagon, Cllr Andrea Luxford-Vaughan, Cllr Kemal Çufoğlu</p> <p>Essex County Council – Cllr Lewis Barber, Cllr Mark Cory, Cllr Simon Crow, Cllr Lee Scordis, Cllr Dave Harris, Cllr John Jowers, Cllr David King</p> <p>Parish Council - Cllr Robert Johnstone, Cllr Sue Allen-Shepherd</p>
Officers:	<p>CCC Jane Thompson – Transport & Sustainability Lead</p> <p>EH Dan Maclean – HLO Team Leader</p> <p>EH Jon Simmons – Highway Liaison Officer</p>
Secretariat:	CCC Robert Carmichael

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	6	Report on Schemes Awaiting Funding omitted, as Rolling Two-year programme of works has been set	Jon Simmons	Verbal
	7	Any other business	All	Verbal
	8	Dates of 2026/27 Panel meetings (via Video conference call): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16th June 2026 • 15th September 2026 • 15th December 2026 • 16th March 2027 	Chairman	Verbal

COLCHESTER LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2025 - 10.00

ONLINE MEETING: MICROSOFT TEAMS

Chair:	County Councillor Sue Lissimore
Panel Members:	<p>City Councillors: Cllr Kemal Çufoğlu, Cllr Jeremy Hagon, Cllr Andrea Luxford-Vaughan</p> <p>County Councillors: Cllr Dave Harris</p> <p>Parish Councillors: Sue Allen Shepherd, Robert Johnstone</p>
Officers:	<p>Colchester City Council: Jane Thompson – Transport & Sustainability Lead</p> <p>Essex Highways: Daniel MacLean - Highways Liaison Team Leader</p> <p>Essex Highways: Jon Simmons – Highways Liaison Officer</p>
Secretariat:	Colchester City Council: Madeline Roelofsma – Democratic Services Officer

Item		Owner
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions:</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Councillors and officers to the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Elizabeth Alake-Akinyemi, Cllr Lewis Barber, Cllr Mark Cory, Cllr Simon Crow, Cllr John Jowers, Cllr David King, Cllr Lee Scordis.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on the 16 September 2025</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2025 were confirmed as a correct record.</p>	

<p>4.</p>	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>Regarding Minute 4, Paragraph 1, Councillor Cunningham had emailed Councillor Cory and confirmed that the Clifton Terrace scheme could not be considered through the LHP Process.</p> <p>Regarding Minute 4, Paragraph 2, the request for a flow chart had been resolved.</p> <p>Regarding the action at Minute 6, Paragraph 6 (Mersea Road/Stansted Road), Councillor Harris had spoken to residents. Although there was some support for a T Junction, most felt that the issue could be resolved with some flaring. The Panel would like to understand why a bit could not be shaved off the mini roundabout. It was agreed that Councillor Harris should share the findings of his consultation with the Highways Liaison Officer, so he could seek clarity from the engineers.</p> <p>Highways Liaison Officer confirmed that he was in discussion with the Integrated Passenger Units about the contract for bus shelters that fell outside the remit of the Essex Wide Bus Shelter contract and would update the panel in due course.</p> <p>Regarding Minute 7, Paragraph 1, the Highways Liaison Team Leader reported that the company that had been going to supply the parts for speed indicator devices had gone out of business. Alternative quotes for repair were being sought and he would provide an update once more information on timing was available.</p> <p>Regarding Minute 7, Paragraph 2, the Highways Liaison Officer had provided Cllr Çufoğlu with contact details for the North Essex Parking Partnership. He was also in discussion regarding workable coordination with lights and would provide an update shortly.</p>	<p>Cllr Harris/ Highways Liaison Officer</p> <p>Highways Liaison Officer</p> <p>Highways Liaison Team Leader</p> <p>Highways Liaison Officer</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Report on Funded Schemes 2025/26 and 2026/27</p> <p>The Panel considered a report which provided an update on the position of schemes which the Panel recommended for inclusion in its 2025/26 and 2026/27 programmes. The Highways Liaison Officer confirmed that £148,900 remained available from the original budget of £750,000.</p> <p>At the last meeting Panel had asked for the outstanding funds to be ringfenced for the Clifton Terrace Scheme. However, the Portfolio Holder had now confirmed that this was not possible under the Local Highways Panel (LHP).</p>	

Councillor Hagon enquired whether the panel had considered holding back the budget in case approved schemes that were due to be delivered over the next 2 years ran over budget.

The Highways Liaison Officer responded that there were four schemes that had been committed to but already required top-ups:

Scheme 13 page 9: Church Lane, Colchester – Pedestrian Crossing Improvements. The road safety audit process had identified that the scheme required additional works. The original allocated budget was £12,900, and a top-up of £21,000 was required.

Scheme 28 page 11: Roberts Road j/w Brigadier Grove, Colchester – RAB improvements. £66,400 had originally been allocated, but now that they had been out to supply chain partners, a top-up of £29,000 was needed.

Scheme 30 page 11: Rainsborowe Road, Colchester – Roundabout Improvements. The scheme had originally been allocated £21,400. Having gone out to tender, costs had come in much higher. As a result, a top-up of £37,000 was required.

Scheme 32 page 12: Bounstead Road/Berechurch Hall Road/ Berechurch Road, Colchester – Junction Improvement. The original budget was £73,700, and the envisaged top-up was £44,000.

The Highways Liaison Officer concluded that the four schemes required a total top-up of £131,000. The LHP had £148,900 left to allocate, so these top-ups would take the majority of the available budget.

The panel discussed the four schemes in some detail. Concern was expressed that the wider picture had not been considered when schemes were costed. The Highways Liaison Team Leader clarified that when a scheme was originally considered, they did try to look at the wider picture. Once a scheme was commissioned and designed it went through the road safety audit and it was unusual to have a large scope increase at that point. He also highlighted that these were the last of the supply chain schemes. Others were direct delivery and Essex Highways would have more control. It was therefore highly unlikely that any significant further top-ups would be required.

The possibility of using member-led funding to cover additional costs was raised, however this was not feasible.

In all cases, either the additional funds would have to be found, or the scheme delayed. The Highways Liaison Team Leader explained that if a scheme were cancelled, there would be abortive costs. He therefore recommended progressing with all four schemes.

COLCHESTER LOCAL HIGHWAY PANEL REPORT 1 - FUNDED SCHEMES LIST

At the June 2025 Panel meeting Members were asked to recommend funding towards schemes they wished to see included in a two-year Rolling Programme of Works, covering 2025/26 and 2026/27. The Panel prioritised those schemes they wished to see included within the works programme. These prioritisations were then circulated to all Panel Members to gain agreement.

This report provides an update on the current position of all the schemes the Panel has recommended for inclusion in their two-year Rolling Programme of Works.

2025/26 and 2026/27 Budget Summary		
LHP Funding		
1	LHP Budget	£750,000
2	LHP Scheme Funding Recommendations following June 2025 Panel	£732,100
		£17,900
		Remaining budget to allocate

Within the programme the dates given as Quarters 1 to 4, refer to the financial year 2025/26 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

The schemes shown as Next Financial Year will be delivered in 2026/27.

Due to the associated abortive costs, only schemes that can be delivered by the end of the 2026/27 financial year can be commissioned. As such the Panel are asked not to recommend funding towards Design Only Schemes or Feasibility Studies.

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.

Funded Schemes 2025-26

Total Value of Schemes	£732,100	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	Dedham Parish - Traffic management improvements	Traffic management improvements from feasibility study/review	Constable	Dedham CP	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LCOL212035	£18,000	Study recommends Village Gateways at Ardleigh Road & Birchwood Road. Works planned for 2026/27 Quarter 2	Next FY
2	Boxted Primary School - Traffic management improvements	Traffic management improvements to encourage pedestrian access to school	Constable	Boxted CP	Walking	Total Scheme	LCOL213007	£15,000	Completed February 2026	Completed
3	Little Horkesley - Pedestrian warning signs	Pedestrian warning signs	Constable	Little Horkesley CP	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LCOL212047	£5,300	Completed February 2026	Completed
4	Fossett's Lane and Fossett's Lane - Quiet Lanes	Originally measures to address cut-through driving, revised request to consider Quiet Lane status	Constable	Fordham CP	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LCOL212049	£12,000	Validation - (1) Ponders Road is a PR2 and cannot be considered as a Quiet lane. (2) Fossetts Lane (j/w Rams Farm Road to j/w Mill Road) can be considered as a Quiet Lane. (3) Rams Farm Road 85th%ile speeds too high to be a Quiet Lane. (4) Chappel Road can be considered as a Quiet Lane. Works planned for 2026/27 Quarter 2	Next FY
5	Stansted Road j/w Queen Elizabeth Way, Colchester - Dropped kerbs	Dropped kerbs/tactile paving	Maypole	Colchester Unparished	Walking	Total Scheme	LCOL223003	£14,200	Validation - Recommends new dropped kerbs/tactile paving on Stansted Road. Works planned for 2026/27 Quarter 1	Next FY
6	Warren Lane nr Joe Frimin Close, Stanway - Warning signs	Pedestrian warning signs	Stanway and Pyefleet	Stanway CP	Walking	Total Scheme	LCOL223005	£14,200	Completed January 2026	Completed
7	Chapel Corner, B1508 Main Road, Wormingford - Bus stop improvements	Bus stop infrastructure improvements	Constable	Wormingford CP	Passenger Transport	Total Scheme	LCOL225004	£18,200	Was Design Only scheme now a Total Scheme. Works were planned for 2026/27 Quarter 1. Design has identified that land is required for footpath to bus stops. If land acquisition is feasible, this would require additional funding and increase duration of scheme. Panel need to consider cancelling scheme	TBC
8	School Lane, Great Horkesley - Quiet Lane	Quiet Lane	Constable	Great Horkesley CP	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LCOL222008	£6,800	Validation - Recommends design and implementation of Quiet Lane, start/finish points to be agreed during consultation stages . Works planned for 2026/27 Quarter 1	Next FY

Funded Schemes 2025-26

Total Value of Schemes **£732,100**

Completed Update Cancelled

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9	Cowdray Avenue, Colchester - Cycle route improvements	Signing/lining improvements to existing off-road cycle route	Mile End and Highwoods	Colchester Unparished	Cycling	Total Scheme	LCOL224001	£24,700	Validation - Recommends review of existing signing, lining, vegetation and implement any changes identified. Scheme previously elevated to Chairman's Panel. Works planned for 2026/27 Quarter 2	Next FY
10	London Road/Coach Road, Great Horkeley - Warning signs	Crossroad warning signs	Constable	Great Horkeley CP	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LCOL222019	£7,500	Completed February 2026	Completed
11	Scarletts Road j/w Belmont Place, Colchester - Road marking	No entry road marking	Abbey	Colchester Unparished	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LCOL222023	£1,900	Completed September 2025	Completed
12	Bridleway 25/Cross Lane, West Mersea - Signage	Signage improvements - Horse & Rider, No Through Road	Mersea and Tiptree	West Mersea CP	Public Rights of Way	Total Scheme	LCOL228001	£5,300	Completed January 2026	Completed
13	Church Lane, Colchester - Pedestrian crossing improvements	Pedestrian crossing improvements/dropped kerbs	Drury	Colchester Unparished	Walking	Total Scheme	LCOL223010	£33,100	Scheme Road Safety Audit identified additional works were needed as part of scheme. Dec 2025 Panel agreed to scheme Top Up, budget adjusted. Now programmed 2026/27 Quarter 1	Next FY
14	St John's Road j/w A137, Colchester - Signage improvements	Signage improvements	Parsons Heath and East Gates	Colchester Unparished	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LCOL222061	£15,000	Completed January 2026	Completed
15	Wren Close to Warren Lane, Stanway - Barriers	Improvements to staggered barriers	Stanway and Pyefleet	Stanway CP	Walking	Total Scheme	LCOL233002	£8,300	Completed February 2026	Completed

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16	Clay Lane Grove - TRO/Parking Restrictions	To change times of existing parking restrictions	Parsons Heath and East Gates	Colchester Unparished	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LCOL232025	£6,100	Validation - ECC do not endorse blanket 'all day' times for stopping or waiting restrictions outside schools. However the existing TRO's can be amended to provide some additional coverage, these new times being 0800 – 0930 and 1430 – 1600. ECC do not provide waiting / stopping restrictions for Nursery schools. Works planned for 2026/27 Quarter 2	Next FY
17	Plume Avenue - 20's Plenty	School 20's Plenty	Drury	Colchester Unparished	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LCOL222055	£5,800	Completed February 2026	Completed
18	New Church Road - Parking sign changes	Change time plates associated with waiting restrictions outside school.	Constable	West Bergholt CP	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LCOL232029	£4,900	Validation - ECC standard times for waiting restrictions outside schools is 08.00 – 9.30 and 14.30 – 16.00. We, we can look to amend both parts of the signage timings to match these, or just the finish times as per the validation request. Works planned for 2026/27 Quarter 2	Next FY
19	Church Road - Traffic management improvements	20mph speed limit	Constable	Wormingford CP	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LCOL232034	£12,000	Validation - 30mph posted speed limit - North bound 23.9mph and South bound 23.5mph - A 20mph limit would need a minimum length of 600m, which would put the proposed restriction outside the Village. 20mph now being considered through CMA. Works planned for 2026/27 Quarter 3	Next FY
20	Baden Powell Drive - Signs	Pedestrian/Playground warning signs	Drury	Colchester Unparished	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LCOL242001	£12,000	Completed February 2026	Completed
21	Whitehall Road - KEEP CLEAR	KEEP CLEAR road marking	Abbey	Colchester Unparished	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LCOL242009	£2,300	Completed September 2025	Completed
22	Rectory Road - Traffic management improvement	VAS/SID or Traffic management improvement	Stanway and Pyefleet	East Donyland CP	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LCOL242015	£12,800	Completed January 2026	Completed
23	Harrison Road - Dropped kerbs/tactile paving	Dropped kerbs/tactile paving	Maypole	Colchester Unparished	Walking	Total Scheme	LCOL243006	£15,700	Validation - Recommends dropped kerbs/tactile paving at two locations. Works planned for 2026/27 Quarter 1	Next FY

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24	Footpath 5 off Tollgate Road, Stanway - PRow access improvements	Step and surface improvements to footpath to encourage pedestrian use - Land acquisition	Stanway and Pyefleet	Stanway CP	Public Rights of Way	Total Scheme	LCOL198003	£40,300	At June 2025 Panel agreed to change Design Only Scheme to Total Scheme. Works planned for 2026/27 Quarter 3	Next FY
25	Upland Drive - Pedestrian guard railing	Pedestrian guard railing	Parsons Heath and East Gates	Colchester Unparished	Walking	Total Scheme	LCOL243009	£19,500	Completed February 2026	Completed
26	Mersea Road - Bend signs/lines	Improvements to bend signs/lines	Maypole	Colchester Unparished	Traffic Management	Total Scheme	LCOL242047	£17,400	Validation - Recommends improvements to chevron signage. Works planned for 2026/27 Quarter 2	Next FY
27	Avon Way nr j/w Magnolia, Colchester - Crossing point	Dropped kerbs and tactile paving	Wivenhoe St Andrew	Colchester Unparished	Walking	Implementation	LCOL193009	£8,000	Objections received in 2024/25 and CMA progressed, scheme recommissioned in 2025/26. Works planned for 2026/27 Quarter 1	Next FY
28	Roberts Road j/w Brigadier Grove, Colchester - RAB improvements	Roundabout improvements	Abbey	Colchester Unparished	Traffic Management	Implementation	LCOL192031	£95,400	Completed Febraury 2026	Completed
29	Malting Road, Peldon - Bus stop improvements	Improvements to bus stops, raised kerbs/tactile paving, flag/pole	Stanway and Pyefleet	Peldon CP	Passenger Transport	Implementation	LCOL205002	£26,100	East side stop completed December 2025. West side stop planned for 2026/27 Quarter 1 due to ditch	Next FY
30	Rainsborowe Road, Colchester - Roundabout improvements	Improvements to existing roundabout	Maypole	Colchester Unparished	Traffic Management	Implementation	LCOL202043	£58,400	Compeded March 2026	Completed
31	Straight Road nr j/w Windmill Close, Boxted - Bus stop improvements	Raised kerbs and crossing point	Constable	Boxted CP	Passenger Transport	Implementation	LCOL205003	£34,800	Compeded March 2026	Completed
32	Bounstead Road/Berechurch Hall Road/Berechurch Road, Colchester - Junction improvement	Realign junction of Bounstead Road and Signage Improvements	Maypole	Colchester Unparished	Traffic Management	Implementation	LCOL192027	£117,700	Dec 2025 Panel agreed to scheme Top Up, budget adjusted	Q4

Funded Schemes 2025-26

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33	Bridge 1413, Newbridge Hill, West Bergholt - TRO Review	Review needed of bridge 5 Tonne Structural Weight Limit and 7.5 Tonne Environmental Weight Limit	Constable	West Bergholt CP	Traffic Management	Implementation	LCOL222018	£12,300	Completed February 2026	Completed
34	Hythe Quay - Pedestrian crossing improvements	Pedestrian crossing improvements	Abbey	Colchester Unparished	Walking	Implementation	LCOL213002	£24,600	Estimated scheme cost from Design funded in 2024/25	Cancelled
35	Hythe Quay, Colchester - Pedestrian crossing	Pedestrian crossing improvements near existing footbridge	Abbey	Colchester Unparished	Walking	Design	LCOL213002	£6,500	No Design Only scheme in 2025/26 or 2026/27	Cancelled