

COLCHESTER LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2021 - 10.00

ONLINE MEETING: MICROSOFT TEAMS

Chairman:	County Councillor Anne Brown
Panel Members:	County Councillors: John Baker, Dave Harris, John Jowers, Lee Scordis, Anne Turrell and Julie Young Borough Councillors: Lyn Barton and Dennis Willetts Parish Councillors: John Gili-Ross and Roger Mannion
Officers:	Essex Highways: Sonia Church – Highways Liaison Manager, Jon Simmons – Highways Liaison Officer, Martin Mason – Strategic Development Engineer Colchester Borough: Jane Thompson, Transport and Sustainability Project Officer Colchester Borough Council, Rosa Tanfield – Group Manager, Neighbourhood Services, Aaron Hunter- Neighbourhood Manager, Lee Copping –Operations Manager
Secretariat:	Colchester Borough: Jan Mooney – Democratic Services Officer

Item		Owner
1.	Welcome and Introductions: The Chair welcomed Councillors and officers to the meeting and as this was the last meeting before elections thanked Sonia Church and Jon Simmons for all their work.	
2.	Apologies for Absence None	
3.	Minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2020 With the alteration of CALC to EALC on Page 2 in relation to member training the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.	

<p>4</p>	<p>Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting</p> <p>Noted that Financial Year Quarter dates had been added to the front page of the report</p> <p>62 Berechurch Hall Road & Mersea Road, Colchester - Signs to Shopping areas Validation did not recommend additional signage as these would detract from the existing road signage. A request was made to review this again.</p> <p>Traffic management signage – Abberton Reservoir Layer Breton Hill, Layer Breton Issue of wildlife signage for the reservoir would be raised through members’ enquiries.</p> <p>John Gili- Ross raised the issue of the feasibility study for West Bergholt and that whilst some contributions from the community were assured, funds were still needed. It was pointed out up to three different developments were planned separately and this would impact the village. Planning applications were imminent. In order to move things forward Sonia Church agreed to request that the study be scheduled with funding early in the new financial year rather than being timetabled for reports in January.</p> <p>A request that the Panel look to secure funds from developers to cover crossings in future was made and Martin Mason agreed to pass this on to Matt Stiller.</p>	<p>JGR</p> <p>SC</p> <p>MM</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Update on Development Projects</p> <p>Martin Mason updated the Panel on current activity in Colchester explaining that he was responsible for larger schemes working with Colchester and Braintree, and also for working with them on their Local Plans.</p> <p>Section 2 of Colchester’s Local Plan is up for examination at the end of April and the largest site included is Middlewick Ranges with up to 1000 dwellings which may generate traffic. Modelling work for this had been undertaken by Alan Lindsay and he reminded the Panel that current policy was to encourage people to reduce travel through more walking and cycling.</p> <p>In West Colchester there is a new store planned at Tollgate and the closure of the Western bypass to enable widening of the dual carriageway.</p> <p>In North Colchester the Sports Hub is reaching completion.</p>	

	<p>An application was expected later this month that would see work on the East link road – A120 A133.</p> <p>Cllr Jowers raised the issue of new developments on Mersea and asked if a contribution had been sought for road upgrade of Daws Lane. New developments would mean more through traffic to East Mersea. Martin Mason explained that widening/improvements would encourage more traffic and as there was no awareness of a congestion problem or accident record there were currently no plans for improvements or to add a central white line to Daws Lane. He undertook to look again and check the history.</p> <p>He also clarified that when considering Planning applications each had to be taken on its own merits and Highways could only request measures that mitigated that specific proposal. It was noted that in respect of Brierly Paddocks outline planning permission had been granted and it was too late to now request a contribution for a crossing.</p> <p>In response to a query on a Southern bypass. it was noted that the number of homes built did not justify a new road and there would have been difficulties with heritage sites such as the Roman River Valley and Gosbecks.</p> <p>A touch crossing and cycle link for the school at Berechurch Hall Road was in negotiation.</p> <p>Issues of accidents at Tiptree Factory Corner could be escalated through the Cabinet member, this did not fall within the remit of Local Highway Panel (LHP) and it was clarified that any solution at that location would involve significant cost and there was no funded scheme to put forward at this time.</p> <p>Cllr Willetts proposed that for future years the Panel look to hold some contingency to deal with smaller schemes where developers' contributions are not sought but where the developments affect villages and local parish budgets may be called upon to make up shortfalls.</p> <p>It was agreed that it had been useful to have shared the Strategic Development overview and it was to the LHP to consider and assist forward thinking, looking at Local Plans and to this end it was suggested that the Panel may wish to commission in feasibility studies advance as they could be retained and used when appropriate.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Report on Funded Schemes 2020/21</p> <p>Financial Year Quarter dates had been added to front page of the report.</p>	

	<p>The Panel noted the following funded schemes and agreed:</p> <p>No. 1 Brinkley Grove Road, Mill Road, Colchester - Junction modifications LCOL002001 <i>Now completed</i></p> <p>No.2 – Maldon Road, Tiptree – 40mph buffer. LCOL182018 <i>Now completed</i></p> <p>No.3 – Salcott Crossroads, Raised kerbs, hardstanding, dropped kerbs and footpath to link across existing verge to new dropped kerb on The Street LCOL185010 <i>Suggested could be Maypole Road rather than Colchester Road</i></p> <p>No.4 – Mersea Tourism Signing – Investigation of East Mersea Tourism Signage to ensure it is all correct. LCOL182037 <i>Additional funding in 2021/22 of £2,000 for completion of design in Quarter 1 agreed</i></p> <p>No.5 – Apprentice Drive, Myland – Signage – School ahead warning signs. LCOL183016 <i>Now completed</i></p> <p>No.6 – Rowhedge Village – Small village and is a large cul-de-sac where the parish would like us to investigate the feasibility of a 20mph zone or speed limit. LCOL182047</p> <p>No.7 – Footpath 20, West Mersea – Surface upgrade 1.5m in width, approx. 365m in length, vegetation cut back with surfacing. LCOL168008 <i>Now completed</i></p> <p>No.8 – Creffield Road, Colchester – Local cyclists have suggested improvements due to near misses. LCOL194001 <i>Additional funding not needed and can be implemented within funds available</i></p> <p>No.9 -Nelsons Road, Trafalgar Road, Colchester - Dropped kerbs LCOL163016 <i>Now completed</i></p> <p>NO.10 Berechurch Hall Road Jw Berechurch Road, Colchester – Footway LCOL163014 <i>Now completed</i></p>	
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	<p>No.10(ii) – Mersea Road, Colchester – Tactiles at existing dropped kerbs and footway widening. LCOL173006 <i>To start 15 March</i></p> <p>No.11 – A134 j/w Nayland Road – Cycling improvements. LCOL191001 <i>Design finalised</i></p> <p>No.12 – Station Way, Marks Tey – Crossing Improvements. LCOL201001</p> <p>No.13 – Packards Lane j/w B1508, Wormingford – Signing. LCOL201001 <i>Completed</i></p> <p>NO.14 Station Road Wivenhoe – bus top improvements <i>Remedial works at cost of £4,000 agreed for 2021/22</i></p> <p>No.15 – Runkins Corner, Langham Lane, Boxted. – Signing. LCOL192045 <i>Completed</i></p> <p>No.16 _Circular Road North, Colchester - Bollard Bollard improvements on existing build-out LCOL182024 <i>Completed</i></p> <p>No.17 - Shrub End Estate -Walnut Tree Way school advisory 20mph with wig-wags LCOL182038 <i>Completed</i></p> <p>NO.18 -Iceni Way, nr King's Ford Infant School, Colchester - Build out improvements LCOL192029 <i>Ongoing</i></p> <p>No19 - B1025 Abberton to Peldon - Traffic management improvements Reduction in speed limit to 40mph LCOL192010 <i>Ongoing</i></p> <p>No.20 -B1026 Peldon to Salcott - Traffic management improvements LCOL192033 <i>Ongoing</i></p>	
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<p>6.</p>	<p>Report on Schemes awaiting funding</p> <p>Jon Simmons presented the report providing an update on the budget going forward, informing the Panel that additional funding of £200k had been made available to the Panel for the next Financial Year. It was agreed to look at allocation of these additional funds at the Panel meeting in June 2021.</p> <p>The Panel reviewed schemes and allocated funding as detailed below, giving priority to schemes that affected children walking to school and that had a green RAG rating. The Panel agreed that criteria should be discussed and set going forward to ensure a balance, taking into account differences between allocations for urban and rural schemes.</p> <p>As the funding split between areas was queried it was proposed that each Councillor, if they wished, could put forward one priority scheme of those remaining post allocation for inclusion/consideration in the 2021/22 programme by email to Sonia Church.</p> <p>FUNDING AGREED</p> <p>Safer Roads</p> <p>No.1 A134 Jw Nayland Road -Cycling improvements LCOL191001 <i>£91,000</i></p> <p>Traffic Management</p> <p>No.6 Trinity Street, Colchester – Signage review A signage review Requested to further instruct vehicles LCOL172005 <i>£6,000- link to Active Travel Fund schemes</i></p>	<p>JS</p> <p>ALL</p>

<p>(No 16. Goojerat Road/Circular Road West, Shrub End – Parallel crossing LCOL152021 <i>decision held until June meeting remove then if tree ownership issue not resolved)</i></p> <p>NO. 17 Wood Lane, Fordham Heath -20's plenty LCOL182045 £3,500</p> <p>No.20 Wick Road, Langham – Traffic management improvement LCOL 192012 £5,500 – <i>hold scheme as first reserve to be funded</i></p> <p>NO.23 B1025 The Strood, Mersea - Signage LCOL192025 £8,000</p> <p><i>No 25 West Stockwell Street – on hold</i></p> <p>No. 26 Millfields Primary School, Bowes Road, Wivenhoe - Traffic management Improvements near school LCOL192016 £16,000</p> <p>No. 28 Straight Road, Dedham Road j/w Carters Hill, Boxted - Crossing point improvements LCOL192039 £2,000</p> <p><i>No 29 High Street, nr Library, Wivenhoe - Parking – check to be made with NEPP</i></p> <p>No.30 Abberton Road, Chapel Road, Church Road and Fingeringhoe Road, Fingeringhoe - Signage LCOL192042 £3,500</p> <p>No. 34 Nr Oaks Academy School, School Road, Langham - Kerbs LCOL192058 £5,500 <i>to be low on list to implement</i></p> <p>No.35 Ambrose Avenue j/w Straight Road, Colchester - RAB improvements LCOL202002 £7,000</p> <p>No. 37 O/s Camulos Primary Academy, Whitmore Drive, Colchester – School signs LCOL202007 £3,000</p> <p>No.40 Scarletts Road, Colchester - Signing/lining improvements LCOL202010 £3,000</p>	
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<p>No.44 Cycleway between Havering Close and Cowdray Avenue, Colchester – Bollards LCOL202015 £8,500</p> <p>No.45 Broomegrove Infant& Junior School, Broome Grove, Wivenhoe – School Street LCOL202016 £20,000</p> <p>No: 46 Millfields Primary School, Bowes Road, Wivenhoe - School Street LCOL202017 £20,000</p> <p>No.48 Chappel Hill, Chappel - Gateway improvements LCOL202020 £5,000</p> <p>No.51 Wormingford Bridge, Mill Hill, Wormingford - Traffic management improvement LCOL202030 £10,500</p> <p><i>NO.53 James Parnell Drive on hold until next meeting</i></p> <p>No.54 Fordham Village - Gateways LCOL202026 £11,500</p> <p>No.57 Myland Primary School, Mill Road, Mile End – School Street LCOL202031 £20,000</p> <p>Walking</p> <p><i>Noted that £85K already allocated at December meeting to scheme at LCOL163004 The Commons zebra crossing.</i></p> <p>No.2 O/s The Co-op, Wimpole Road, Colchester - Zebra crossing improvements LCOL193020 £4,000</p> <p>No.6 St John's Road - Crossing improvements LCOL193001 £6,500</p> <p>No.8 Brinkley Grove Road, Mill End- Ped crossing improvements LCOL193003 £9,500</p> <p>No.9 Durham Road nr j/w Lincoln Way, Colchester - Dropped kerbs LCOL193005 £6,500</p>	
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	<p>No.13 Avon Way nr jw Magnolia Drive, Colchester Crossing point LCOL193009 £5,000</p> <p>No.14 Avon Way nr Hamlet Drive, Colchester Crossing point LCOL193010 £6,500</p> <p>No.19 Titania Close j/w Avon Way, Colchester Dropped kerbs LCOL203001 £6,500</p> <p>No.15 Footway between 34-36 Queen Mary Avenue and j/w King George Road, Colchester - Crossing point (includes dropped kerbs) LCOL193012 £10,500</p> <p>No.21 Blackheath Road nr Holt Drive, Colchester - Crossing improvements LCOL193014 £8,500</p> <p>No.25 B1508 Colchester Road, West Bergholt - Pedestrian crossing improvements feasibility study LCOL203009 £5,000 <i>Brought forward as validation nearing completion when figure will be available. n.b correct Division detail needed</i></p> <p>No.26 Chalfont Road & St Cyrus Road, Colchester - Dropped kerbs LCOL203010 £10,500</p> <p>CYCLING</p> <p>No.1 Monkwick Cycleway Improvements, Maypole - Cycle Route LCOL164001 £10,000</p> <p>SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL</p> <p>No.1 O/s 86-88 and o/s Copford Primary School, School Road, Copford - School Crossing Patrol LCOL206001 £4,500</p>	
7	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Agenda Prioritisation of allocations – criteria setting as first item for next meeting.</p>	

	<p>School Streets</p> <p>A request was made for an update on how implementation has gone to come back to a future Panel meeting.</p> <p>The Panel noted this was the Chair's last meeting and extended their thanks.</p>	
8	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting of the Local Highway Panel would take place on:</p> <p>22 June 2021, 10:00am online meeting, Microsoft Teams</p>	