

**ROCHFORD LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES
16 MARCH 2020 AT 2.00 PM**

CIVIC SUITE, RAYLEIGH

Civic Suite, 2 Hockley Road, Rayleigh, SS6 8EB

Chairman:	Cllr M Maddocks
Panel Members:	Cllr G J Ioannou (RDC), Cllr Mrs C E Roe (RDC), Cllr Mrs C A Weston (ECC), Cllr Miss A Marriott (EALC representative).
Officers:	S Church – ECC Highways Liaison Manager D Maclean – ECC Highways Liaison Officer (DM)
Secretariat:	M Power – RDC Democratic Services Officer

Item		Owner
1.	The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.	
2.	Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs T G Cutmore (RDC), Mrs J R Lumley (ECC), M J Steptoe (ECC) and I H Ward (RDC).	
3.	Declarations of interest in items on the agenda: Cllr Mrs C E Roe declared a non-pecuniary interest by virtue of being a Member of Rayleigh Town Council.	
4.	The Minutes of meeting held on 16 December 2019 were agreed as correct record.	
5.	<p>Funded Schemes 2019/20</p> <p>Rochford Town Centre, Market Square Improvements. Engineers to carry out surveys as part of study, although this may have to be put on hold due to likely reduction in traffic due to COVID-19.</p> <p>Rochford Town Centre is the only scheme which is yet to be completed from the 2019/20 programme; all others are complete.</p> <p>Schemes Awaiting Funding The Panel considered which schemes to put forward for delivery in 2020/21.</p>	



	<p>In addition to the annual funding allocated to the LHP, there is likely to be access to SEPP surplus funding; final approval to allocate these funds would be provided by SEPP when it meets in June.</p> <p>PROW 285 Improvements between Sunny Road, near Westrings School, Hockley - since printing the report, an estimate of £16,000 had been provided for implementation of the scheme. Funding for this scheme has been approved by SEPP. DM to make enquiries as to how the funds are transferred to ECC to allow this scheme to commence.</p> <p>The Panel resolved that the Eastwood Road, Rayleigh signalised pedestrian crossing (estimated cost £185,000) should be funded in 2020/21 as a priority. The implementation team is aware that it is in the pipeline and that it is on the back of a serious accident. There are two schools in the vicinity that would benefit greatly from having a crossing. (Cllr Mrs C Roe declared a non-pecuniary interest by virtue of her husband having been hit on the crossing three times). As the scheme has been designed and costed, it should be possible for the works to be implemented during the summer holidays 2020, but it was noted that this would mean relying on the fact that the additional SEPP funding would be allocated to the LHP.</p> <p>It was further resolved that implementation of the five schemes on page 9 of the report scheduled to be delivered in 2020/21 (the five schemes which due to overspend in 2019/20, the panel agreed to move delivery to 2020/21), would be delayed until later in the year – assuming the Panel at that time still wishes to progress them. This would allow the Eastwood Road signalised pedestrian crossing scheme to be completed as soon as possible.</p> <p>Two grasscrete schemes in Rochford Garden Way, Rochford and Twyford Avenue, Great Wakering - £53,500 had been estimated for completion of these schemes; however, the schemes would need to be revalidated and re-costed, which might result in an increased cost, leaving less funding available for other schemes. These schemes to be delayed until later in the year to enable prioritisation of the Eastwood Road signalised pedestrian crossing scheme.</p>	<p>DM</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>DM</p>
5.	<p>Schemes awaiting funding</p> <p><u>Safer Roads</u></p> <p>Pointers Lane, j/w Wakering Road, Great Wakering. Vegetation cutting did not resolve the issue. A Feasibility Study</p>	

	<p>will therefore be carried out to determine whether a junction redesign could resolve the issue.</p> <p>Spa Road, Hockley – Eldon Road, Hockley. Junction / crossing point redesign due to fatal collision.</p>	
	<p><u>Traffic Management</u></p> <p>The Chase, Rayleigh – speed table. It was felt that residents would be in favour of the installation of a raised table. The effect on drainage of the scheme could be included in the feasibility study. Agreed to fund.</p> <p>Ashingdon Road, Rochford – Bollards There may be a cheaper option available - Cllr Mrs Weston to visit the site with DM.</p> <p>High Street, Great Wakering – bus cage. The only safe option would be to move either the bus stop or the zebra crossing so that buses do not have to stop on the crossing zig zags. Moving the bus stop to a layby outside the old police station may be a workable solution - confirmation would be sought that this would be feasible. A countywide audit in November would include assessment of this shelter and whether this location meets the criteria required. There would be a likely cost of £12-14,000 for a new shelter plus removal of the old shelter and changes to the kerbing; a total £35,000. It was noted that the LHP would be responsible for the work, rather than the bus company.</p> <p>Cherry Orchard Way, Rochford – Country Park Signage. Rochford District Council to fund this scheme.</p> <p>Pedestrian Crossing – London Road, Rayleigh. Remain on the list until development compete.</p> <p>Ashingdon Road, Rochford – Zebra Crossing Upgrade. Upgrade recommended £14,500. Panel agreed to fund this scheme, although it cannot commence until SEPP funds have been released.</p> <p>The Westerings, Hockley – Pedestrian Guard Railing. The 'Division' should be amended on the report.</p> <p>PROW 285 Improvements – Hockley. SEPP have agreed to fund. DM to advise District Councillors as to the extent of the footpath owned by ECC.</p>	<p>DM</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>DM</p> <p>DM</p>
8.	Any Other Business	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20mph outside Stambridge primary school and pre-school. Cllr Ioannou raised the possible issue of there being two national speed limits in between the proposed 20mph stretch of road; DM advised that all such issues will be assessed as part of the validation. A 20mph speed limit cannot be placed on PR1 and PR2 roads; only on local roads and is only advisory. DM to discuss with Cllr Ioannou after the meeting.• Cllr Ioannou advised that vehicles are parking on the pavement outside Stambridge Primary School. He believed that a crossing outside the school is needed as pupils must cross the road to get to the school. DM and Cllr Ioannou to review the site.• Hockley library – the pavement outside and the toilets are in a bad state of repair and maintenance. DM advised that this is maintenance issue; a site visit to be arranged with Cllr Mrs Weston and DM. DM advised that the option of broadening the remit of the Panel to meet aesthetic improvements was to be investigated.	<p>DM</p> <p>DM</p> <p>DM</p>
9.	Date of Next Meeting – 15 June 2020 (provisional).	

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and closed at 3.40 pm