

**ROCHFORD LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES
10 DECEMBER 2018 AT 2.00 PM**

**COMMITTEE ROOM 4, CIVIC SUITE, RAYLEIGH
Civic Suite, 2 Hockley Road, Rayleigh, SS6 8EB**

Chairman:	Cllr M Maddocks (ECC)
Panel Members:	Cllrs T G Cutmore, B T Hazlewood (RDC), G J Ioannou (RDC), Mrs J R Lumley (ECC), Mrs C E Roe (RDC), M J Steptoe (ECC) and I H Ward (RDC)
Officers:	S Church – ECC Highways Liaison Manager (ECC) (SC), D Maclean – ECC Highways Liaison Officer (ECC) (DM), S Scrutton - RDC Managing Director
Secretariat:	M Power – RDC Democratic Services Officer

Item		Owner
1.	The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.	
2.	Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs C A Weston (RDC).	
3.	Declarations of interest: Cllrs Mrs J R Lumley, Mrs C E Roe and I H Ward each declared a non-pecuniary interest in the items on the agenda by virtue of being Members of Rayleigh Town Council. Cllrs T G Cutmore, M J Steptoe and G J Ioannou each declared a non-pecuniary interest in the items on the agenda by virtue of membership of Ashingdon Parish Council, Barling Magna Parish Council and Stambridge Parish Council respectively.	
4.	The Minutes of meeting held on 27 September 2018 were agreed as correct record.	
5.	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Rayleigh Town Centre - on the potential schemes list.</p> <p>High Street Zebra Crossing, Great Wakering - Passenger Transport had assessed and confirmed that although the bus stop flag is further up the road, this would cause an obstruction if the bus were to stop there. The Passenger Transport team could advise if there were other alternatives. DM to update Cllr Steptoe.</p> <p>Casualty Reduction schemes – there was no update available at</p>	DM

	<p>the meeting. The only scheme identified will now be funded by the maintenance team.</p> <p>Junction Pointers Lane and Wakering Road - pattern of collisions, poor visibility. No funding has been allocated by the Panel. One side of the road is MOD land. DM to liaise with the maintenance team as the area being maintained is on the highway.</p>	<p>DM</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Approved Works Programme Update 2018/19:</p> <p>Under the Direct Delivery Team arrangement, it had been possible to add both of the following schemes to the 2018/19 works programme at no additional cost to the Panel's budget:-</p> <p>(1) Ferndale Road, Rayleigh – Junction Visibility (2) Ashingdon Road – Road Roundel (Cllr Cutmore asked to be advised of where exactly vegetation needed clearing.)</p> <p>Ashingdon Road j/w Hall Road Panel should not need to fund this scheme as the site is part of the Rochford Cycle Action Plan.</p> <p>Spa Road, Hockley/Southend Road, opp white Hart, Hockley, Southend Road, Hawkwell – zebra lighting upgrade. The designs would be completed this financial year, works to be undertaken in 2019/20 if the Panel decides to progress. (A report that not all the lights are working on this crossing should be reported as a maintenance issue.)</p> <p>Hullbridge Road, Rawreth – zebra lighting upgrade. This scheme to be added back into the works programme.</p> <p>Sutton Road j/w Shoplands Road – roundabout Feasibility study expected to be complete by March 2019.</p> <p>Rawreth Lane and Laburnum way – Culvert Works The additional £11,500 needed for culvert clearing works can be funded by savings already made (several schemes in the programme have cost less than budgeted). Once completed, the Flood Team will implement works. At the side of the houses the culvert is filled by the roots of willow trees - RDC had put gravel in the culvert. A new culvert is required to even out water levels and flow - any previous designs to be looked at.</p> <p>Eastwood Road, opp Sainsbury's, Rayleigh – signalised crossing. It is not yet known whether £26,000 will be the final figure for the works.</p> <p>In response to a question, it was confirmed that savings made by</p>	<p>DM</p> <p>DM</p> <p>DM</p> <p>Proceed DM</p>

	<p>an underspend can be used for other schemes within the same financial year. However, if any of the budget has not been spent by the end of the financial year, it cannot be carried forward. Therefore, it is important that there are further schemes identified so that any underspend can be allocated to other schemes. Rochford has back-up schemes for this reason. The Panel was reminded that schemes to be considered for the next financial should be put forward in time for the March meeting of the Panel. A scheme agreed in the current financial year but not delivered until the following year would be funded from the following year's budget.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Potential Schemes List for Consideration:</p> <p>At the March meeting of the Panel the capital budget for 2019/20 will be known and schemes can be allocated accordingly.</p> <p>Rochford Town Centre, Market Square regeneration - Feasibility study to look into possible improvements suggested in the Rochford Town Centre Area Action Plan.</p> <p>Victoria Avenue, Cheapside West, Rayleigh – Traffic Management Improvement - Feedback from residents has been positive. An update will be provided at the March meeting to advise whether the scheme would be feasible financially.</p> <p>Eastwood Road/High Street – pedestrian railings - Railings regularly damaged - a feasibility study will determine the best option for this site.</p> <p>Lark Hill Road, Canewdon – horse warning signs and carriageway markings - Although the speeds recorded along this road do not meet policy, Cllr Bentley, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, had agreed that the policy objection would be lifted and a 40mph speed limit could potentially be implemented. The Panel resolved that the design and TRO would be funded in this financial year, for implementation early 2019/20. £23,000 allocated from Panel's existing budget.</p> <p>Thorpe Road, Hawkwell – HGV signage - installation of a 'Not Suitable for HGVs' sign to be placed at the southern end of Thorpe Road.</p> <p>Lower Road, Hullbridge – Speeding. Due to the layout of the carriageway nothing suitable for the site. Community speed watch programme.</p> <p>Church Road, Hockley – HGV Restriction and advanced warning signage.</p>	<p>Proceed</p> <p>DM</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Remove</p> <p>Agreed</p>

<p>Clyde Crescent, Rayleigh – Parking Improvements. Anti-social parking. If the cost of improving parking provision is prohibitive the matter could be passed to SEPP in respect of possible parking restriction. Remove from Potential Schemes List and discuss other options.</p>	<p>Remove</p>
<p>Star Lane, Great Wakering – extension to 30mph speed restriction. In validation. Cllr Steptoe to be provided with copies of the speed surveys.</p>	<p>DM</p>
<p>New Road/Shoebury Road, Great Wakering – traffic calming and pedestrian survey. In validation. Cllr Steptoe to be provided with copies of the speed surveys.</p>	<p>DM</p>
<p>Priory Chase, Rayleigh – bollards on footway. Refer to SEPP and remove from potential schemes list.</p>	<p>Remove</p>
<p>Send information on SEPP items to Cllr Steptoe.</p>	<p>DM</p>
<p>Church Lane, Ashingdon – Pedestrian signage. Agreed.</p>	
<p>Old London Road – Junction Safety Stambridge Road, Stambridge – speed limit reduction Barrow hall Road, Barling – traffic calming All in validation – further information at the Panel meeting in March 2019.</p>	<p>DM</p>
<p>Hall Road, Rochford – Speed Limit Reduction. Request that the scheme goes back into validation and further speed survey undertaken (the most effective speed survey positions to be determined). Because of the speed of the traffic coming from the roundabout, the second phase footpaths coming through (existing footpath is on the road edge going towards Rochford, although this would be acceptable legally) and future increase in pedestrian use.</p>	<p>Remove</p>
<p>Hanover Bridge, Watery Lane/Beeches Road – weak bridge signage. – agreed.</p>	
<p>A129 London Road, Rawreth – traffic island – awaiting cost.</p>	
<p>Hullbridge Road, Rawreth – zebra lighting upgrade. A feasibility study to be put on hold.</p>	
<p>Zebra Lighting Upgrade: Spa Road, Hockley; Southend Road, opp White Hart, Hockley; Southend Road, Hawkwell. Schemes to be converted to ‘design only’.</p>	
<p>Canewdon, Ashingdon and Stambridge – weight limit review. Awaiting results of design.</p>	

	<p>Eastwood Road, opp Sainsbury's Rayleigh – signalised crossing. Results of design at the March 2019 meeting of the Panel.</p> <p>Pedestrian Crossing – London Road, Rayleigh. Liaise with relevant teams to see if the crossing can be sited in a more suitable location – at a cost of £120,000 from the LHP budget/joint funding. SS confirmed that there is no S106 contribution available from the Timber Grove development. A site visit to be arranged to establish where best to site the crossing – Essex Highways, Cllrs Maddock and Mrs Lumley.</p>	
8.	<p>Section 106 Update</p> <p>Sutton Road/Purdey's Way - scheme cancelled. DM to advise the exact location of the suggested bus stop location and share with STP. DM to establish if the planning agreement allows for the Section 106 monies to be used for a different scheme.</p>	DM
9.	<p>Speed Surveys</p> <p>Lark Hill Road, Canewdon - Results to be sent to Cllr Ioannou.</p> <p>Great Wheatley Road. A survey has been requested and will be added to the list.</p> <p>Results of the Shoebury Road and Star Lane, Great Wakering surveys to be provided to Cllr Steptoe.</p>	DM DM DM
10.	<p>Highway Rangers Update</p> <p>Crown Hill – these works are not suitable for the Rangers service. Maintenance team will undertake works. A notice will be sent to the residents who requested the vegetation clearing works. DM to ascertain where the highway boundary is.</p> <p>Sutton Road – removal of kerbing – unsuitable works for Rangers – will be done by Maintenance team.</p> <p>Brook Road, Rayleigh – overhanging vegetation. This can be kept on the Rangers list. The ECH Maintenance team can cone off the area to stop cars parking to allow the work to be undertaken - DM to liaise with Highways Rangers.</p>	DM DM
11.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>Creek Ferry Road. Accidents and lorries losing loads. Speeds in excess of 50mph are seen. This is a national speed limit road. Request for 'Sharp Bend' signage. Cllr Ioannou to liaise with Cllr Cutmore, the ECC County Member.</p>	



<p>Apton Hall Road and Brays Lane. Request from residents that the speed limit be reduced further due to safety concerns because of the sharp bends. Scheme request to be submitted by County Member.</p> <p>Victoria Road. Authority has been received from the Police to do a speed survey. Request that the survey is for 24 hours and covers the evening. The Panel was advised that all speed surveys have been put on hold until the start of the new financial year.</p> <p>Sandhill Road and Eastwood Rise. Reports that the rules of the roundabout are often ignored, with confusion around who has right of way, which is dangerous. However, LHP funding can only be allocated to formally adopted roads. S Scrutton to forward relevant documentation to Cllr Maddocks surrounding the legal issues of adoption of this road.</p> <p>Grove Road/Brocksford Avenue/Albany Road - parking on the corners during school times. Engineers to look at the entrances and exits across Grove Road from Clarence Road to The Chase. This is a major bus route and should be referred to SEPP as the issue can cause obstruction to buses. Check with Passenger Transportation team to see if they have received any complaints.</p> <p>Wigwag signs school in Barling. Need to allocate funding from this Committee. The signs are often damaged because of where they are positioned, so it wouldn't be appropriate to repair them again. Panel could approve scheme to move the warning signs to a safer position - application to be made to take this to validation.</p> <p>VAS signs. There are 420 VAS signs in Essex to maintain from the LHP revenue budgets. There is still the option of installing new VAS if they meet criteria following a speed survey (any location that has speeds of 5mph over the speed limit).</p> <p>Brays Lane/Ashingdon Road junction. An application was submitted to give priority to this location following an accident involving a child. The road has heavy lorry traffic and is a cycle route. DM to liaise with the S106 team to see if S106 monies available to use in this respect.</p> <p>Scheme for improvement to signage from the A127 slip road at Rayleigh Weir. The two lanes from A127 – option for a right turn and a straight on – better signage or lining. This can be added to the Potential Schemes list and validated by March.</p> <p>Stambridge Road - variation of speed limits. This is on the potential schemes list. Speed surveys have been undertaken and results awaited – DM to email Cllrs Ioannou and Cutmore with</p>	<p>DM</p> <p>DM</p>
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	results. DM confirmed that he will record any scheme requests received after LHP paperwork has gone out.	
12.	Date of Next Meetings – 18 March 2019. The meeting started at 2.00 pm and closed at 3.55 pm.	