

**ROCHFORD DISTRICT LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL  
NOTES OF MEETING HELD 22 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**County Councillors:** Cllrs T C Cutmore, M Hoy and C G Seagers

**District Councillors:** Cllrs B T Hazlewood, J R Lumley and M J Steptoe

**Officers:** G Speller (ECC Highways Liaison Officer), B Gould, Principal Transport Strategy and Engagement officer, A Thurston, Technical Director (ECH) and M Power (RDC Minutes)

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Key observations</b>	<b>Decision/Action</b>
Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from Cllrs G J Ioannou, T E Mountain, R Howard and S Church (ECC Highways Liaison Manager)	
Declarations of Interest	Cllrs Steptoe, Mrs Lumley and Hazlewood each declared an interest in items on the Agenda by virtue of being a Member of Barling Parish Council, Rayleigh Town Council and Hockley Parish Council respectively.	
Notes of the meeting on 15 June 2016	The notes of the meeting of 15 June 2016 were agreed as a correct record. It was noted that Cllr Steptoe had declared an interest by virtue of being a Member of Barling Parish Council, not as Chairman.	
Major schemes update across South Essex, including Fairglen Interchange	The Panel received a presentation from Beverley Gould and Andrew Thurston.  <b>Rayleigh Town Centre Modelling.</b> The two options demonstrated to the Panel at a previous meeting had shown that very little improvement in the traffic flow would be seen if either option were to be adopted. The recommendations arising out of these two options	

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	<p>were in respect of upgrading two zebra crossings within the town centre to signalised crossings (at a cost of in the region of £130-150,000 for each crossing) and installing bus laybys (which was not possible due to utilities underneath the ground).</p> <p>Since the last presentation a third option had been modelled, which included diversions in the Eastwood Road/Castle Road/Websters Way area: the modelling showed that this is not a viable option.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that the LHP would not support any of the options, as there are no significant traffic flow benefits identified, nor an improvement in air quality in the Rayleigh town centre AQMA.</p> <p>Although no improvements would be made currently to the Rayleigh town centre traffic system, the data gained from the model can be useful to provide information for future schemes.</p> <p><b>The ECC Pipeline Projects – South Essex</b> was currently being developed; proposed schemes would feed into the Local Plan.</p> <p><u>Fairglen Interchange and surrounding area project update</u>: this is an ECC priority and Central Government is being lobbied for funding of £17m for the short term (2030) scheme. Works are due to commence in early 2017, jointly with Southend and Havering Councils and Transport for London.</p> <p>Bids to the Department for Transportation/SELEP are also being made for the development of the longer term scheme for the junction.</p> <p>An Incident Management Package strategy will be developed to</p>	<p>B Gould</p>
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	<p>protect the A127 corridor to ensure that no development will impact on the corridor. The Strategy documents are currently with the Strategic Transport Board and will be shared with the Panel when they are updated.</p> <p>ECC will be running public information sessions in October/ November this year and there will be information on the ECC website.</p> <p>The signalised junction and road widening of the Southend Airport access road is at the design stage and will be brought to the Panel within the year: works to commence 2018/19.</p> <p>An Integrated Transport package in respect of Rayleigh town centre, Rochford town centre, the cycle strategy and routeways would be worked in with the Town Centre Area Action Plans. (A Member asked if works on Watery Lane could be added to the package.) A presentation would be made to Rayleigh Town Councillors. None of these schemes is suitable for LHP funding. The signals at Rayleigh Weir are being upgraded.</p>	
<p>Indicative Programme List for Schemes Approved</p>	<p><b>Magnolia Road 20mph limit:</b> This has been escalated and will complete imminently.</p> <p><b>Rawreth Lane and Laburnum Way – improvements to prevent future flooding.</b> The option to raise the banks of the ditch (at a cost of £28,600) was recommended – this would give greater capacity (GS to circulate details to Panel). The Flood Management team confirmed that it is the responsibility of the LHP to resolve this issue and provide the funding. This item would be discussed further at the</p>	<p>G Speller</p>

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	<p>LHP December meeting.</p> <p><b>Golden Cross Parade, Ashingdon Road:</b> to install new signs and lining – <u>completed</u>.</p> <p><b>Ferry Road, Hullbridge opposite Waxwell Road:</b> It was confirmed that the objection was that the 20mph limit be extended further along the road and is currently in CMA to either adopt the request or deliver the scheme as originally planned.</p> <p><b>Hambro Hill/Upper Lambricks:</b> provide a ‘bend ahead’ warning sign. Delivery is planned this year.</p>	<p>G Speller</p> <p>G Speller</p> <p>G Speller</p>
<p>Rochford LHP 2016/17 Budget Summary</p>	<p>It was noted that the cost of the Rawreth Lane and Laburnum Way works were not included in the £252,000 ‘value of potential schemes’. As part of the rolling programme £29,400 has already been allocated to date towards next year’s budget.</p>	
<p>Potential Schemes for Consideration of the Panel</p>	<p>The Panel was advised that it would be good practice to identify the programme for 2017/18 by December. The March 2017 allocation meeting could then focus on finalising the schemes to be put forward. The Panel was asked to consider the potential capital schemes in advance of the December Panel meeting so that priority schemes could be identified.</p> <p><b>Barling Road, Barling:</b> request for bollards to deter drivers from driving over the verge. Scheme not supported. <u>Delete item from list.</u></p> <p><b>Hyde Wood Lane, Canewdon:</b> lack of signage and kerbing at</p>	<p>Panel Members</p> <p>G Speller</p>

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	<p>'unofficial' laybys. The Panel were asked to consider whether to spend £3,000 for a design to work out construction costs if the scheme were to proceed. Panel were advised that this scheme would involve land acquisition and would make delivery costs extremely high.</p> <p><b>Cagefield Road, Stambridge:</b> grasscreting at the eastern cul-de-sac end. This will not proceed due to the area not being part of the public highway. GS to liaise with Cllr Cutmore.</p> <p><b>Sutton Road j/w Shoplands Road:</b> visibility issues at the junction. Landowner to cut back vegetation to enable visibility. Panel to consider whether to fund feasibility study £5 - £7,000. GS to speak to Road Safety team to look at location.</p>	<p>G Speller/Cllr Cutmore</p> <p>G Speller</p>
<p>Rangers Work Summary/ Section 106 Schemes</p>	<p>The Panel noted the <b>Highways Rangers</b> job list for the period 1/6/16 to 12/9/16. The Panel requested sight of the Rangers maintenance regime (GS).</p> <p><b>Cycling Facilities, Rawreth.</b> This has been commissioned and will go ahead. M Valentine will be the contact officer at ECC.</p> <p><b>106 schemes.</b> In future all schemes that are being delivered/in the pipeline will be included. GS to ascertain what monies may be available for use by LHP and provide an update at December's meeting.</p>	<p>G Speller</p> <p>G Speller</p>
<p>Barling Road, Barling – Unbound Footway</p>	<p>The Panel considered the proposed scheme to investigate the installation of a footway (the completed design was appended to the</p>	

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Construction	report). Residents have indicated that they would be in agreement if the scheme were to be progressed. The works would cost in the region of £30,000. Further discussion would take place at the LHP December meeting.	G Speller
Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An online LHP request form has now been designed that will allow the form to be filled in and returned electronically.</li> <li>• The Panel wished to record its thanks to Gregg for his attendance at site visits across the District.</li> <li>• Cllr Seagers tendered his resignation as Chairman of the Panel. Cllr Hoy was agreed as Chairman for the remainder of 2016/17.</li> </ul>	
Date of next meeting	Thursday 15 December at 2 pm	

The meeting started at 2 pm and ended at 4.20 pm.