

## BASILDON LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES

2pm, 21st MARCH 2017

### COMMITTEE ROOM 5, COUNTY HALL

<b>Chairman:</b>	Councillor Keith Bobbin
<b>Panel Members:</b>	Cllr Kay Twitchen, Cllr Tony Hedley, Cllr Malcolm Buckley, Cllr Kerry Smith, Cllr Frank Ferguson, Cllr Mark Ellis, Cllr Melissa McGeorge, Cllr Nigel Le Gresley
<b>Officers:</b>	Sonia Church (Highway Liaison Manager), Will Price (Highway Liaison Officer), Jasmine Wiles (Assistant Highway Liaison Officer)
<b>Other Attendees:</b>	Bernard Foster – Parish Council Representative

Item		Owner
1.	<p><b>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies:</b></p> <p>Cllr Hedley gave Cllr Howard's apologies. It was noted by Cllr Buckley that Cllr Howard was believed to be the longest ever serving Member with responsibility for Highways. All Panel Members voiced their gratitude toward Cllr Howard in what would have been his last Basildon LHP meeting as Deputy Cabinet Member.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Declarations of interest:</b></p> <p>Cllr Buckley noted there was one potential scheme on the road on which he resides.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Minutes of meeting held on 30th Jan 2017 to be agreed as correct record:</b></p> <p>The minutes were agreed as a correct record.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Matters Arising from Minutes of the previous meeting:</b></p> <p>Cllr Twitchen said that the issues with UKPN failing to install electrical connections needed to be escalated and resolved ASAP. This was agreed by the Panel. However, Cllr Buckley did note a case in which we had chased UKPN to connect, only to discover that the electrical main was our own responsibility in that location. He queried whether the same might be the case elsewhere.</p>	

	<p>Cllr Hedley queried when the Mill Rd bus shelters would be installed. WP said they would be installed ASAP in 17/18 and he would chase up.</p> <p>WP informed the Panel that he had looked into the possibility of high sided fencing at the A127 pedestrian casualty sites but had been told that it would cost several hundreds of thousands of pounds. This was acknowledged by Cllr Ferguson and the rest of the Panel.</p> <p>Cllr Hedley raised the congestion and parking issues surrounding Billericay school. There was a discussion on the subject. It was once again resolved that Sonia Church and Will Price would visit the area with the County Member.</p> <p>WP said that he had enquired whether the Basildon LHP had any funding available for the replacement bus shelter schemes. He had discovered that they had no funding available.</p>	<p><b>WP</b></p> <p><b>WP/SC</b></p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Works Programme Update 2017/18:</b></p> <p>WP outlined the budgetary situation as summarised on page 8 of the report. He recommended that the Panel commission/carry over schemes to the value of 140% of their budget to create a 'rolling programme'.</p> <p>Cllr Buckley suggested that the Panel might not wish to commission a full programme of works since there would be a number of new Members coming into the Panel after the elections in May whose priorities might not match those of the existing Members. Cllr Bobbin voiced his opinion that the schemes on the list represented a great deal of hard work on behalf of residents, Members and Officers and that as the current elected Members it remained their responsibility to commission a full programme of works. This view was supported by the Panel. WP also suggested that commissioning a full rolling programme would give new Members more choice if they did wish to amend the programme. SC said that we needed to commission a full programme in March to give the best possible chance of delivery. The Panel decided to carry over and commission new schemes as follows:</p> <p><u>17/18 programme - Existing Approved Schemes:</u></p> <p>Kennel Lane Billericay – LBAS152002 -£25,000</p> <p>Old Church Road – LBAS152024 - £5,500 (£1,500 top up approved)</p> <p>Brightside, Billericay – LBAS152003 - £10,000</p>	

<p>Noak Hill Road junction with Wash Road – LBAS161011 - £35,000</p> <p>Gardiners Lane North – LBAS152017 - £30,000</p> <p>Tavistock Rd, Laindon – LBAS152022 - £4,000</p> <p>Kenilworth Close/Mountnessing Rd – LBAS163014 - £11,500</p> <p>Meadow Rise - LBAS163016 - £5,000</p> <p>Moss Drive junction with Moss Close – LBAS162042 - £15,000</p> <p>Footpath from Lingcroft to Sparrows Herne – LBAS162049 - £5,000</p> <p>Sugden Ave – LBAS165003 - £7,000 (£1,000 top up approved)</p> <p><u>17/18 Programme – New Schemes to be Approved</u></p> <p>Outside Sunnymede School – LBAS172012 - £15,000</p> <p>Outside Merrylands School – LBAS172014 - £9,990</p> <p>Outside Hilltop School – LBAS172016 - £14,600</p> <p>Outside Great Berry School – LBAS172019 - £11,600</p> <p>Outside Northlands School – LBAS172021 - £7,700</p> <p>Cranfield Park Road – LBAS172008 – £8,000</p> <p>Highview Ave – LBAS172001 - £1,000</p> <p>King Edwards Rd junction with Briars Mead – LBAS172007 - £3,000</p> <p>Underpass between Luncies Rd and Chalvedon Estate – LBAS173002 - £4,000 (amended budget approved)</p> <p>A127 Casualty sites – LBAS171002 - £5,000</p> <p>Hill Ave Wickford, close to Beauchamps school – LBAS172026 - £5,000</p> <p>In front of 18 Waldegrave – LBAS172010 - £750</p> <p>St Edith’s Lane – LBAS172031 - £3,000</p> <p>Westmede – LBAS173013 - £2,500</p> <p>Broadmayne junction with Upper Mayne – LBAS171004 - £3,000</p>	
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**Reserve Schemes (Rolling Programme) – Approved Schemes**

In light of the casualty reduction expenditure, the LHP decided to 'downgrade' the following approved schemes to a reserve status (whereby they will only be brought into the programme if savings are made elsewhere):

CR site 51 – Ballards Walk – LBAS161005 - £35,000

A130 path leading to Rushbottom Lane – LBAS162001 - £1,500

London Road Wickford (close to 63) – LBAS152026 - £25,000

CR Site 53 – London Rd, Vange Hill Drive – LBAS161006 - £7,000  
(There was a discussion over the use of red anti-skid surfacing. Cllr Buckley asked when/if it was used as he understood it to be a maintenance liability. WP and SC said that we look to use high PSV surfacing rather than anti skid in the majority of circumstances now, but that anti-skid does still have a place in some schemes, particularly CR schemes).

Steeple View, Dunton – LBAS165001 - £7,000

Greenway, Billericay – LBAS165002 - £5,500

Clay Hill Road – LBAS002011 - £30,000 (WP informed the Panel that this scheme had been completed some time ago, but the stage 3 safety audit found improvements that could be made to the parking restrictions in the area. The Panel did not see this as a priority in relation to the other schemes on the list).

Twinstead, Wickford – LBAS152014 - £65,000

Mandeville Way/Florence Way roundabout – LBAS162058 - £2,000

**Reserve Schemes (Rolling Programme) – New Schemes to be approved**

Miles Gray Road – LBAS172022 - £15,000 (The Panel agreed that this should be privately funded)

Outside The Swan, Wickford – LBAS175001 - £20,000

Outside St Peters Primary School – LBAS 172013 - £16,000

Outside Janet Duke School – LBAS172015 - £20,770

Outside Wickford School – LBAS172017 – £7,200

	<p>Outside North Crescent School – LBAS172018 - £9,300</p> <p>Outside Greenstead School – LBAS172020 - £7,400</p> <p>Laindon Link – LBAS175003 - £7,000</p> <p>The Knares (westbound) junction with the Leysings – LBAS175006 - £7,000</p> <p>The Knares (eastbound) junction with the Leysings – LBAS175008 - £7,000</p> <p>The Knares junction with Rantree Fold – LBAS175007 - £7,000</p> <p>Southend Rd junction with Highcliffe Rd – LBAS175011 - £1200</p>	
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Potential Schemes List for consideration of Panel in 2017/18:</b></p> <p>Mountnessing Road Railway Bridge – LBAS172027 – Cllr Twitchen confirmed that the speed survey had shown the area to be unsuitable for a 20mph restriction. WP advised he was now in the process of validating edge markings on the bridge.</p> <p>Outside 139 Noak Hill Rd – LBAS172032 – Cllr Twitchen confirmed that this site had not met the PV<sup>2</sup> criteria and therefore that it could be removed from the Potential Scheme Lists.</p>	
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Appendix</b></p> <p><u>Highways Rangers</u></p> <p>WP informed Members of the new ranger process. He said that a ranger email address was soon to be set up where Members could directly send requests. Members voiced their unhappiness at the current standard of service and said they hoped that they would see an improvement. There was also a discussion around the kind of works that rangers can and cannot undertake.</p> <p><u>Section 106 Schemes</u></p> <p>Festival Leisure – HB16025 – Cllr Ellis asked when this would be completed. WP advised it was programmed for the first quarter of 17/18.</p> <p>Weight Limit Pound Lane – HB12022 – Bernard Foster asked what this scheme entailed. WP advised that he had asked the scheme engineer to include the Parish (including BF) within their consultation.</p>	

<b>9.</b>	<b>AOB</b>  Cllr Ellis advised that First Data were willing to pay for any measures outside their offices to prevent travellers. WP said he would be arranging validation ASAP.  The Panel took the opportunity to thank Councillor Bobbin for his excellent chairmanship in light of his decision not to stand at the next election.	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting:</b>  Mon 26th June, 2pm, Committee Room 4.	