

LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL – MINUTES AND ACTIONS

	PRESENT:
Date: 30th January 2017	Panel Members: Cllr Keith Bobbin, Cllr Anthony Hedley, Cllr Kerry Smith, Cllr Frank Ferguson, Cllr Mark Ellis,
Venue: Committee Room 4, County Hall	
Apologies: Cllr Malcolm Buckley, Cllr Nigel Le Gresley and Cllr Kay Twitchen	Other Attendees: Will Price – Highway Liaison Officer, Sonia Church-Highways Liaison Manager, Cllr Ray Howard – Deputy Cabinet Member, Bernard Foster- Basildon Council representative, Jasmine Wiles - Apprentice/Minute taker

Item:	Action:	Action Owner:
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Cllr Bobbin welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>In Councillor Buckley’s absence WP advised that there was one Potential scheme on the road on which he lives.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of meeting held on 14th Jan 2016 and matters arising</p> <p>Councillor Bobbin led the Panel through the previous meeting’s minutes.</p> <p>The Panel confirmed that these were a correct record of the meeting.</p>	
4.	<p>Approved Schemes List 2016/2017</p> <p>LBAS152002- Kennel Lane, Billericay, Weight Restriction</p> <p>WP noted Cllr Twitchen’s comments that this scheme needed to be finished without delay.</p> <p>LBAS152027- District Wide 20mph Designs</p> <p>Cllr Smith asked whether the listed schemes included the implementation of the work and also when the design work would be completed. WP explained that the costs were only for the design of the schemes and that the delivery could be commissioned at the Panel’s</p>	

request once designs were complete. WP anticipated that he would be able to supply designs and estimated costs for delivery at the March meeting.

LBAS155008 and LBAS155011- Noak Hill Road, Billericay, Laindon
Common bus stops LOCATION CHANGED TO MILL RD JUNCT
GRANGE RD

WP explained that there had been objections to the Mill Rd bus shelters, with some residents claiming that they would be an eye sore and would lower house prices. WP informed the Panel that this scheme still had the support of Cllr Twitchen. Cllr Hedley and the rest of the Panel also confirmed their support and requested that the shelters be installed.

LBAS161005- CR Site 51- Ballards Walk Zebra Crossing North of Great Knightleys, Basildon

WP informed the Panel that this scheme could not be delivered without a further £20,000 of funding. There was a long discussion during which the Panel voiced their concern at the size of the top up. WP advised that the road safety delivery schemes had been commissioned prior to completion of designs. For that reason he told the Panel that the estimated costs were far harder to predict at the time of commission than they would be in normal circumstances. He also gave examples of specific areas of the scheme that had transpired to be particularly costly, namely the need to install an extended length of buff anti-skid surfacing, the need to install a 'camouflaged' utility cover in an area of tactile paving, the need to install dropped kerbs in the vicinity of the scheme, and the need for an overnight road closure. The Panel took these reasons on board but still felt that the top up was excessive and disproportionate to the original scheme value of £14,500. Cllr Ellis suggested that there may be some S106 funding that can be used to fund the scheme top up. WP told the Panel he would explore this possibility before seeking sign off for the top up. **A top up of £20,000 was approved if no S106 funding was available.**

Cllr Ferguson raised an additional query re the need to slow traffic on Ballards Walk. There was some discussion on the subject and WP asked that any further improvement suggestions be submitted on a scheme request form.

	<p>LBAS161007- CR Site 67- Hatterill junction with Gower Chase, Laindon Panel agreed top up of £1750.</p> <p>LBAS162042- Moss Drive junction with Moss Close, Vange Cllr Smith asked when this scheme will be completed. WP explained that it is a 17/18 scheme.</p> <p>LBAS162058- Mandeville Way/ Florence Way Roundabout, Langdon Hills Cllr Smith and WP discussed the reasoning behind this scheme. WP and Cllr Smith arranged to visit the site together. Cllr Ellis and Cllr Ferguson also requested site visits which WP said he would be happy to arrange.</p>	WP
5.	<p><u>Potential Schemes List</u></p> <p><u>Budget Update</u> WP gave an account of the 2017/18 budget situation, as summarised on p12 of the reports.</p> <p>Safer Roads The Panel started by discussing the following schemes:</p> <p>LBAS171001 – 2 x 7 day video surveys at A127 Pedestrian Casualty Sites</p> <p>LBAS 171002 – Design of “Fatal Collision Site, Do Not Cross” signs and “Other Danger Ahead” warning signs between A132 Nevendon Interchange and A130/A1245</p> <p>LBAS 171003 – Feasibility Study into the provision of a pedestrian over-bridge between Hoverfields and Cranfield Park Road/Pound Lane and/or the extension of the 50mph limit further west to the junction with A132 Nevendon Interchange</p> <p>WP explained that Essex Highways were obliged to undertake fatal collision analysis and that these measures were either an extension or the outcome of that analysis. WP explained that the Panel was responsible for funding studies alike LBAS 171003 even if the outcome of that study was likely to be a major scheme.</p>	

	<p>LBAS 171001 and LBAS171002 - Approved by majority of Panel (rejected by Cllr Smith)</p> <p>LBAS 171003 – Unanimously rejected by the Panel</p> <p>Councillor Ferguson asked why the Panel were not given the option of high sided fencing in the central reservation. WP to ask road safety and feedback.</p> <p>LBAS171004- Broadmayne junction with Upper Mayne, Basildon – unanimously approved by the Panel</p> <p>Traffic Management</p> <p>LBAS172015- Church Road, Ramsden Bellhouse</p> <p>LBAS172029- Church Road j/w London Road, Wickford.</p> <p>Schemes not discussed as Wickford members were not present.</p> <p>LBAS172044- Adjacent to Wickford Cof E Infant School and LBAS172045- London Road, Wickford close to No 63</p> <p>Cllr Howard questioned the reduced cost of signalised crossing. WP explained that this is due to the design being funded separately.</p> <p>LBAS172010- Noak Hill Road outside Billericay School</p> <p>WP confirmed that ECC were unable to sell/pass land over to BBC to be maintained as a car park for legal reasons. Cllr Hedley suggested looking into other measures to improve the congestion in this area. WP and SC to attend a site visit with Cllr Hedley.</p> <p>LBAS172001- Highview Avenue, Basildon</p> <p>Cllr Smith queried why the cost of lighting the existing sign was so high. WP explained that the signs would need to be connected by UKPN and cost would depend on distance to electrical connections etc. The Panel confirmed that they would like to opt for option 2 and simply replace the existing sign with a larger replacement which met reflectorized standards.</p> <p>Panel Unanimously agreed funding for option 2.</p>	<p>WP</p> <p>WP & SC</p>
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	<p>shelters. WP to explore all alternative funding options before the March Panel meeting.</p> <p>LBAS175010- Mill Road close to junct with Grange Rd, Billericay WP explained that this scheme was a duplication of the scheme already on the Approved Works Programme. WP to remove scheme from the Potential Schemes List.</p> <p>Walking</p> <p>LBAS173001- Pound Lane, Basildon WP reminded the Panel that they had chosen to not fund this scheme in 16/17 and asked if they wished to fund the scheme in the 2017/18 programme. The Panel still did not wish to allocate funding to this scheme.</p> <p>LBAS172013- Westmede, Langdon Hills – funding approved</p> <p>LBAS173002- Underpass between Luncies Road and Chalvedon estate, Pitsea Cllr Bobbin asked how this was progressing. WP said that he had visited the site with the validating engineer and they didn't feel as though bollards would necessarily be effective. However, the validation was not yet complete. Further info to be provided at next meeting.</p> <p>PROW Panel Unanimously agreed not to fund the PROW schemes.</p>	
6.	<p>S106 WP explained to the panel that the S106 schemes listed were outside the remit of the LHP, but that the info was provided for their reference.</p>	
7.	<p>A.O.B. WP brought the Members Guide and the Terms of Reference to the - Panel Member's attention and explained that these documents could be found on the Essex County Council Website.</p> <p>Cllr Ferguson discussed his concerns surrounding air pollution. He suggested that the removal of bus lanes and no right turn/no left turn</p>	

	<p>junctions would decrease journey times and reduce air pollution throughout the Borough. SC and WP explained that this really fell into the category of a Transport, Strategy and Engagement scheme. SC and WP said they would speak to Cllr Ferguson after the meeting to discuss how he could look to progress his proposals.</p> <p>Basildon LHP closed 3:20pm</p>	
	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>21st March, Committee Room 5, 2pm.</p>	