

BASILDON LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL – MINUTES AND ACTIONS

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| | PRESENT: | |
| Date: 11 December 2013 | Panel Members: Cllr Keith Bobbin, Cllr Kay Twitchen, Cllr Tony Hedley, Cllr Malcolm Buckley, Cllr Kerry Smith, Cllr William Archibald, Cllr Mark Ellis, Cllr Nigel Le Gresley | |
| Venue: Committee Room 5, County Hall | Other Attendees: Sean Perry(SP) – Strategy & Engagement Manager Natalie Szpigelman(NS) – Highways Liaison Officer Bev Sargeant – Senior Customer Services Officer, Chris Stoneham – Senior Customer Services Officer | |
| Apologies: Cllr Melissa McGeorge | | |
| Item: | Action: | Action Owner: |
| 1. | Welcome and Introductions Cllr Bobbin welcomed everyone to the meeting. | |
| 2. | Declaration of Interest None | |
| 3. | <p>Minutes of meeting held on 24 September 2013 to be agreed as correct record</p> <p><u>High Road North</u></p> <p>Cllr Buckley expressed the need for the build outs to be removed and stated that residents feel that the problem that existed prior to the introduction of the build outs has become worse due to their presence. NS advised that the engineer has suggested a feasibility study be undertaken to ascertain what alternative traffic calming measures could be considered. To be discussed further under 'Schemes for Consideration' item.</p> <p><u>Church Road, Southend Road/Janet Duke School</u></p> <p>Cllr Twitchen raised concerns regarding the delivery of these two schemes and wanted to make sure they were not over looked. To be discussed further under 'Schemes for Consideration' item.</p> <p>All other items agreed as a correct record.</p> | |
| 4. | <p>Schemes for consideration by Panel</p> <p><u>Church Road, Southend Road, Ramsden Bellhouse</u></p> <p>Awaiting results of feasibility study for the proposal of a designated right turn lane as sight line is restricted. Results to be brought back to LHP once completed.</p> | HLO |

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| <p>Schemes for Consideration by Panel:</p> | |
| <p><u>Janet Duke School</u></p> <p>PV2 results show that this location does meet the necessary criteria to introduce a crossing. Engineer recommendation is to initially see if the scheme to extend the keep clear markings has a positive outcome before proceeding with recommendation of a crossing. In any event, any installation will be subject to a safety audit and consultation with the extension of the existing markings being delivered next financial year; Panel Members unhappy with delay in progressing this scheme and wish to escalate to the Cabinet Member for his attention.</p> <p>SP also agreed to check the availability of any S106 money.</p> <p>Panel agreed to fund £5,000 for the preliminary design of a potential crossing at this location and recommended to approve the proposal for a crossing subject to funding once budgets for the next financial year are determined.</p> | <p>SP</p> |
| <p><u>High Road North, Landon</u></p> <p>Panel recommended that build outs be removed and alternatives looked at and agreed feasibility study and informal consultation with local residents regarding blocking off the road. The Engineers have advised that the build outs will not be removed until a suitable alternative has been found.</p> | |
| <p><u>Dry Street, Basildon</u></p> <p>Speed survey undertaken and results together with a report by Network Management taken to the Cabinet Member for his consideration. Decision to be brought back to next panel meeting. NS to share speed survey results with the panel.</p> | <p>HLO</p> |
| <p><u>A129 Southend Road</u></p> <p>PV2 carried out and criteria not met for signalised crossing. Engineers state that visibility good and a pedestrian crossing at this location is not a necessary requirement. Chris Stoneham confirmed that the study is carried out over a 12 hour period to capture key times.</p> | |
| <p><u>Langdon Hills, Forest Glade, Nightingales & Highview Avenue</u></p> <p>Awaiting speed survey results to ascertain extent of any speeding and what traffic calming measures could be considered. Bring back to next panel meeting.</p> | <p>HLO</p> |
| <p><u>Vange Primary School, London Road</u></p> <p>Following a site visit with Cllr Smith and the engineer a proposal for a guardrail outside the school frontage is being validated to determine whether this is a viable option. To pursue the possibility of installing a VAS sign the panel agreed for speed surveys to be undertaken.</p> | <p>HLO</p> |

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| | <p><u>Basildon Hospital, Nethermayne</u></p> <p>Congestion issues outside the hospital when cars exiting car park, proposal for new signals and CCTV to be installed, the hospital to fund the signals and panel asked to consider part funding for CCTV. Panel agreed to recommend the proposal although this would be subject to funding when the new financial year's budget has been determined.</p> <p><u>Greensted Infants and Juniors School, Timberlog Lane</u></p> <p>Panel agreed to recommend the funding for a design for the request to harden verge to eliminate potential trip hazard and allow two pushchairs to pass each other.</p> | |
| 6. | <p>Indicative Start Dates for Schemes Approved 2012-2013</p> <p>NS circulated a list of indicative start dates for schemes that were approved 2012-13.</p> <p><u>A176 Basildon to Billericay Cycle route</u></p> <p>This scheme has slipped to be delivered next financial year 2014/15. Panel requested a review of all cycle schemes.</p> | |
| 7. | <p>A.O.B</p> <p><u>Member Enquiries</u></p> <p>Panel Members raised some concerns with enquiry responses. Bev Sargeant agreed to highlight these issues with the team.</p> <p><u>Green Farm Lane</u></p> <p>Panel agreed to recommend funding for a speed survey to identify any speeding issues as raised by Cllr Tony Hedley.</p> | |
| 9 | <p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>TBA (private meeting)</p> | |

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| <p>Results to be brought back to next meeting.</p> | |
| <p><u>Wickford Station</u></p> | |
| <p>Although the panel raised concerns that digital time bus shelters could be vandalised, as these would be situated directly opposite the taxi rank the panel agreed to recommend funding for these to be installed. This scheme may need to be deferred if sufficient funds are not available.</p> | |
| <p><u>Elizabeth Way j/w Southwell Link, Laindon</u></p> | |
| <p>The panel agreed that once statutory undertakers' checks are carried out and provided there is sufficient space for mobility scooters and double buggies to pass, three cast iron bollards to be installed to prevent cars mounting the pavement.</p> | |
| <p><u>Manston Park, Shotgate</u></p> | |
| <p>With regard to part night lighting due to potential safety concerns at this location it has been agreed that the lights will remain on. Highway boundary check has confirmed that this is Highway maintainable land currently waiting on costs to upgrade lighting with more powerful lamps. To be brought back to next meeting.</p> | <p>HLO</p> |
| <p><u>Lee Chapel Primary School & Cherrytree Primary School, Church Road</u></p> | |
| <p>Panel agreed to recommend funding for speed surveys to be carried out to ascertain extent of perceived speeding with a view to introducing traffic calming measures. Results to be brought back to next meeting.</p> | <p>HLO</p> |
| <p><u>Irvon Hill Road</u></p> | |
| <p>Panel agreed to recommend funding for a speed survey to identify whether a request for a 20mph speed limit at this location would meet the criteria. Panel did not support the funding for an HGV survey to ascertain if there is an excessive number of HGVs using Irvon Hill Road. Results of speed survey to be brought back to the panel.</p> | <p>HLO</p> |
| <p><u>Billericay Station</u></p> | |
| <p>Bus drivers unable to stop at the bus stops outside the station due to drivers dropping off/picking up and parked cars in the lay-bys. SEPP has said that they would not enforce the bus stop when there are other TROs in the vicinity that they currently cannot enforce. Panel agreed to recommend funding for a full review of the station to identify recommended remedial action with costings.</p> | <p>HLO</p> |
| <p><u>Jersey Gardens</u></p> | |
| <p>Request for replacement of directional signage due to change of church name. Signs and posts already in place enabling adhesive signage to be placed on existing signs, Panel did not support the funding for this proposal and a request to be made to the Church to fund the signage.</p> | |