

COLCHESTER LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL – MINUTES AND ACTIONS

	PRESENT:	
Date: 21 March 2013	Panel Members: CC Member Anne Brown (Chair); Colchester Cllr Martin Hunt (Chair), , CC Member Lyn Barton, , Colchester Cllr William Quince, Colchester Cllr Lesley Scott-Boutell, Parish Cllr John Gili-Ross	
Venue: Grand Jury Room, Colchester Town Hall		
Private Meeting		
Apologies: CC Member Margaret Fisher, CC Member Kevin Bentley, CC Member Julie Young, ECC Officer Bev Sargeant Senior Customer Services Officer	Other Attendees: CC Member Penny Channer ECC Officer Alan Lindsay Principal Area Transportation Co-ordinator, ECC Officer Rob Macdonald Highways Liaison Officer, ECC Officer Rosemary Wilkins, Cycling Officer	
Item:	Action:	Action Owner:
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions:</p> <p>Chair Cllr Anne Brown opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the private meeting, including Cllr John Elliott and Martyn Warnes representing Tiptree and Cllr Oxford representing Gilbert School who have been invited to update the panel on their respective schemes.</p>	
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest:</p> <p>None.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of meeting held on 29 January 2013:</p> <p>Panel members agreed as correct record</p>	
4.	<p>Private meeting – Invite only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Cllr John Elliott and Martyn Warnes – schemes IT843 Ransom Road, IT323 New Road, IT315 Vine Road, COL41 Ransom Road/Church Road/Tiptree junction and COL 36 Church Road o Cllr Oxford – IT319 Gilbert School <p>The above speakers all spoke on their particular proposal and put forward a case for consideration of panel members.</p> <p>Martyn Warnes prioritised the schemes in order – 1) Ransom road, 2) church Road, 3) New Road 4) Vine Road. Martyn would like to further investigate the cul se sac option that has failed validation and would not like us to consider making Ransom Road a one-way.</p> <p>Cllr Elliot supports the blocking up of ransom road and as a minimum would like a one way street with weight limit.</p>	

	<p>The panel requested that a document of the schemes is produced as it was confusing what was being asked for. It was suggested that Tiptree produce a similar document to West Bergholt at the previous meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Gili-Ross will ask West Bergholt if this document can be shared.</p> <p>In future all speakers should provide a map so that the panel can understand the scheme request.</p> <p>RM suggested further investigating the cul de sac however if this was not possible asked if the low weight limit and one way system would be something Tiptree would like. Both agreed that this would be a good option providing a footway was added. RM to investigate further</p> <p>Cllr Brown asked if there were any other plans for schemes in the area – RM to investigate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cllr Oxford discussed the request for a light controlled pedestrian crossing. It has been 9 years since the first proposal and since then the Highwoods estate has grown and the school numbers continue to rise. The original scheme was not viable as the sight lines and visibilities were against policy. The suggestion to move the crossing further down also had concerns as it did not follow the line of desire. After communicating with the school, they have agreed to move their entrance to align with the proposed crossing and block off their existing entrance to pedestrians. Cllr Oxford provided supporting letters from Shane Taylor, NEPP, the school Head and Governor, Sir Bob Russell and Cllr Turrell. Cllr Oxford also provided a large petition. <p>RM was asked to comment on the proposal and supported Cllr Oxford in what had been reported. RM suggested that we agree to drawings and surveys, which are worked with the school entrance change and surveys to be completed. Agreed</p> <p>Cllr Hunt recommended that schemes related to school and safety should be high priority. Scheme was agreed in principal however would need to wait till drawings and surveys are complete and new budget allocated.</p> <p>Cllr Brown wanted to know if any developer money is available as the school is growing.</p>	<p>Tiptree PC</p> <p>Cllr John Gili-Ross</p> <p>Rob Macdonald</p> <p>Rob Macdonald</p> <p>Rob Macdonald</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Cycling Schemes:</p> <p>Cycling Officer, Rosemary Wilkins (RW), in attendance.</p> <p>Maps and schemes were provided of the extract from cycling community's top priority schemes deemed suitable for consideration by the Local Highways Panel, and the members looked through the list. The schemes have been prioritised and there are no other avenues for funding.</p> <p>Cllr Gili-Ross asked if there was a cycling Journey planner, and for it to be linked to our websites. RW explained that there is a government</p>	<p>RW</p>

	<p>website and we would investigate linking the two sites.</p> <p>Cllr Will Quince requested all routes prioritised and notes on what context we are looking at.</p> <p>Number 18 was identified as being in the wrong Colour coding</p> <p>Cllr Will Quince suggested that we invite ward Cllrs with schemes to support the schemes.</p> <p>Action – relevant ward Cllrs to be invited to next meeting</p> <p>It was agreed that as we are not allocating any money today that we would consider these schemes at the next meeting.</p>	<p>RW</p> <p>RM</p>
6.	<p>Potential Schemes for consideration of the Panel:</p> <p>Bus Stop: 150014005014, Post Office. Address: Maldon Road, Birch. Top up of funding agreed as current funding would supply a base and kerbs or a shelter but not both. £4,500 Agreed</p> <p>COL42 Maldon Road, Colchester to remove a dropped kerb. £2,000 agreed</p> <p>This year's budget has been allocated therefore it was agreed that the panel members would not consider further schemes until the next meeting.</p>	
7.	<p>AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cllr Gili-Ross asked about scheme Delivery and if all schemes agreed were guaranteed to progress. RM is hoping to have dates for the schemes that will be distributed when available. All schemes recommended have been signed off By Cllr Louis however schemes could come back to the panel after drawings and stats have been completed. ○ Rangers – the panel agreed to next years rangers (up to £75,000) which will later be reviewed. The panel want to have updates on the work that they have completed and also information on the scope of their work 	
8.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>It was agreed that due to the upcoming elections, the next LHP meeting will be held in June – date to be confirmed.</p>	

