

## ROCHFORD LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES

24 JULY 2023 AT 10.00AM

### REMOTE MEETING

<b>Chairman:</b>	Cllr Mrs June Lumley (ECC)
<b>Vice-Chairman:</b>	Cllr Mike Steptoe (ECC)
<b>Panel Members:</b>	Cllr Michael Hoy (ECC), Cllr James Newport (ECC), Cllr Mrs Laureen Shaw (ECC)
<b>Officers:</b>	Dan Maclean – Highways Team Leader James Drabwell – Highways Liaison Officer
<b>Secretariat:</b>	None appointed

Item		Owner
1.	The Vice Chairman welcomed the meeting of the LHP.	
2.	Vice Chairman is standing in place of Cllr Lumley to chair the meeting. Apologies for Cllr Hoy and Cllr Lumley.	
3.	The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2023 were agreed as a correct record.	
4.	Dan Maclean updated the panel on the slippage with the current position that Cllr Scott has said that the funds will be forthcoming, but confirmation is yet to be received. As soon as this comes through the panel will be notified. Cllr Shaw will be meeting with him tomorrow so will endeavor to ask him what the position is on the slippage. Cllr Steptoe is also meeting on Thursday this week so will also ask him then. Cllr Steptoe asked about the CCTV surveys and when they will be validated. JD commented that he is still waiting for this update himself.	<b>JD</b>

	<p>Cllr Steptoe asked for updates about wig wag lights.  Dan Maclean updated the panel that prior to the panels being set up there was a maintenance schedule in place. When the panels were structured, they didn't include a maintenance provision for them so it sits with the LHP to maintain. With a limited budget it makes it more difficult to ensure these are repaired but officers can visit the affected site and collect the serial number from the sign so as the fault can be determined in the first instance. As it stands at the moment the costs for repairing the wig wag lighting does sit with the LHP.</p> <p>Cllr Steptoe has requested the wig wags outside the school in Gt Wakering High Street be investigated for repair.</p> <p>Dan Maclean confirmed that locality funding wouldn't be able to transfer into the LHP budget as it's a revenue function so wouldn't be able to transfer the balance across, however he will provide an update upon further investigations.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw asks about Brays Lane and what can be done to help the traffic calming and provide a crossing for the school children, other e. JD replied that there isn't any space for a zebra crossing due to too many dropped kerbs in place. Any zebra crossing would be located far outside any desire lines and wouldn't be used. JD to go back to the engineers to revisit the issue and explore other possibilities.</p> <p>Item 5.1 Panel Funds, Cllr Shaw spoke to Cllr Scott who commented that he will speak to Cllr Lumley at the upcoming Chairmans meeting.  Cllr Lumley to enquire what is happening with the panels' funding.</p> <p>Cllr Newport asks if there is any update regarding Castle Rd crossing.  JD comments that headway has been made by way of maintenance replacing the lighting column, JD to visit the site to confirm if these works have taken place.</p> <p>Cllr Steptoe still has concerns as to the turnaround on validations. JD has verbal updates on multiple schemes to speak about later in the meeting.</p> <p>JD/DM updates the panel regarding speed surveys. The panel only has a small budget for surveys and if not careful could run out of money to fund a desperately needed survey later in the year, however it is the members money so you can ultimately spend it wherever you feel its best. We must have a clearly defined goal for a scheme proposal and not just fund surveys at the resident's request.  Surveys can also be funded by the Parish councils however the cost is slightly increased and would require a PO being raised by the Parish.  Dan Maclean to liaise with the portfolio holder to request lobbying the Police to pay for any speed survey that they request.</p>	<p><b>JD</b></p> <p><b>DM</b></p> <p><b>JD</b></p> <p><b>JD</b></p> <p><b>DM</b></p>
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	<p>Cllr Newport highlights a typo to the title of the funded schemes list JD confirms this is just a typo and apologies.</p> <p>JD reports on the progress of Little Wheatley Chase zebra crossing February half term is the scheduled date to implement the scheme subject to a successful CMA following an objection being received. JD to submit his evidence to counter the objection raised.</p> <p>Cllr Steptoe raises funded scheme Watery Lane and asks if width restriction signage be included, JD to investigate.</p> <p>JD provides verbal updates on scheme validations,</p> <p>LROC222506 – Down Hall Rd. Scheme proposal refused. Although another site has been highlighted there are issues within this site such as a telegraph pole carrying cables that would need surveying, also the likelihood of objections is great. The location of the proposed stop would obstruct drivers' visibility as the road bends to the left.</p> <p>LROC212004 – Lesney Gardens Validation approved; K barriers can be installed although may not completely solve the issues. Land dedication could be explored if the emergency access to remain.</p> <p>LROC222020 – Coronation Close Validation refused. JD to follow this up as work has already been completed in the previous scheme.</p> <p>LROC222025 – Grange Rd Shops Validation Approved, recommended to proceed to Design only. Land and utilities to explore.</p> <p>LROC233029 – Ashingdon Rd Crossing Validation refused.</p> <p>LROC222021 – Poynters Lane Signage Validation refused. The signage will have little effect and the vegetation will obscure the sign, only locals use the road.</p> <p>LROC215010 – Poynters Lane Hard standing Further investigation is needed – JD to follow up why.</p> <p>JD to confirm the West Street Yellow Box Junction scheme is to be amalgamated with Rochford Town Square improvements.</p> <p>JD to contact Road Safety to gather accident data reference Ashingdon Rd School.</p>	<p>JD</p> <p>JD</p> <p>JD</p> <p>JD</p> <p>JD</p> <p>JD</p> <p>JD</p> <p>JD</p>
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	<p>Hawk Hill/Beeches Hill Rd scheme is ok to remove this scheme as the GVW sign is working when only associated weighted vehicles approach.</p> <p>LROC223028 – South Street Rochford Zebra crossing lighting. Cllr Shaw to ask Street Lighting about this scheme as she is meeting with them soon.</p> <p>LROC203004 – Southend Rd Crossing point, Cllr Steptoe has requested to be involved with the Feasibility study as he is concerned that the wrong type of crossing will be implemented and that would cause further traffic disruption to the locality.</p> <p>JD to help with a location for a potential VAS unit on Hall Rd Rochford close to the Cock Inn Public House near to the Badger sign. JD to visit the site and to locate the previous application.</p> <p>The next meeting was agreed as the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 10am via Teams.</p> <p>The meeting ended at 11.05am.</p>	<p><b>JD</b></p> <p><b>JD</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Shaw</b></p> <p><b>JD</b></p>