

ROCHFORD LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES

18th December 2023 AT 10.00AM

REMOTE MEETING

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

Item		Owner
1.	The Chairman welcomed the meeting of the LHP.	
2.	Apologies were made for Cllr Shaw	
3.	Matters arising from the previous meeting.	
4.	The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 th October 2023 were agreed as a correct record.	
5.	<p>JD update Cllr Steptoe in relation to the Wig Wag lighting on Wakering High St. Requesting that this issue will need to be put through as an LHP scheme.</p> <p>DM updated the Panel on the new process of requesting validations using the online system for submitting schemes, he will re send out the information.</p> <p>JD updated Cllr Steptoe on the status of the Brays Lane scheme, it is ready as a Feasibility study to be funded at the next round of commissioning.</p>	DM

	<p>Cllr Steptoe confirmed that the funding for Brays Lane will be coming from the Development contribution and has already been allocated. JD to organize the funding to be paid to the relevant account.</p> <p>Cllr Lumley asked if we still have the program that was used to run the first modelling survey for the Rayleigh town Centre as the LHP paid for it, JD to investigate.</p> <p>DM updated the panel on how to apply for a speed survey if the parishes wish to fund them. DM to draft an email to all parish clerk detailing the correct process to apply for a speed survey.</p> <p>JD updated the panel on the Ashingdon Rd Primary School issues. Due to safety concerns a pedestrian crossing is unable to be located where the existing crossing point is, a suitable location needs to be found.</p> <p>Cllr Hoy updates the panel as to the issues surrounding the Watery Lane scheme. JD to contact Cllr Hoy outside of the panel to fully understand the issues surrounding the scheme.</p> <p>JD updated Cllr Steptoe/panel with the progress of the South St, Rochford scheme.</p> <p>Cllr Steptoe questions the need for a controlled crossing on Southend Rd, Rochford. JD is seeking clarification on this point.</p> <p>JD confirmed that scheme LROC203001 Little Wheatley Chase - was the only slipped scheme that was recommissioned at £91,000 from the current year's budget allocation, with delivery set for the February half term in 2024.</p> <p>DM updates the panel on the proposed changes to the LHP. A Chairmans panel has been established to take the higher priced schemes away from the panels to enable them to run smoother with smaller costed schemes. Cllr Newport expresses his concerns as to why the Chairmans panel is needed.</p> <p>Cllr Lumley asked for clarification as to the slippage and the monies which the panel has lost. DM confirmed that there was a mid-year budget adjustment, and the £2.4 million monies were not released which meant that each panel didn't receive their £200,000 allocation. A recruitment freeze also meant that Essex Highways couldn't replace engineers that had moved on and that we couldn't commit to delivering everything that the panels had recommended for delivery.</p> <p>Cllr Lumley asks if section 106 monies are available why does the panel still have to fund a scheme and does the panel ever see the money again. DM confirms the scope for 106 money and how it is accessed. A clear</p>	<p>JD</p> <p>JD</p> <p>JD</p> <p>DM</p> <p>JD</p> <p>JD</p> <p>DM</p>
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	<p>process is currently being drafted and will be shared with all members when completed.</p> <p>JD updates the panel where the PROW 71 scheme is presently at.</p> <p>Cllr Newport raises a question in respect of SEPP monies and believes the panel needs a clear definition of how the monies can be allocated. DM confirms that he will be working with SEPP in the coming months to understand the new process and how the money can be accessed and will report back as soon as possible. Cllr Lumley agrees further clarification needs to be sought.</p> <p>JD updates the panel with the status of all funded schemes. Cllr Hoy declares to the panel an interest in the Lesney Gardens scheme.</p> <p>JD updates the panel on schemes awaiting funding.</p> <p><u>Schemes removed.</u></p> <p>LROC222023 - Rawreth Lane scheme has been removed due to Development management undertaking the repositioning of the terminal signs. LROC212012 – Old London Rd, Rawreth, Signage LROC222019 – Bull Lane, Signage LROC222021 – Poynters Lane, Signage LROC222026 – Rochford Square, yellow box. Scheme amalgamated with scheme LROC172094 - Rochford Town Centre Square improvements. LROC233029 – Ashingdon Rd, zebra crossing.</p> <p>Cllr Lumley expresses concern for the VAS unit on London Rd and would like it repaired asap.</p> <p>Cllr Steptoe raises concerns about the lack of validations. JD confirmed that he is in regular contact with the design department and will ensure requests are put through.</p> <p>The next meeting was agreed as the Monday 25th of March 2024 at 10am via teams.</p> <p>The meeting ended at 12.11am.</p>	