

Epping Forest District LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES

Thursday 29 September 2022 – 17:00-18:05 hours

Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Chairman:	Councillor S Kane (ECC)
Panel Members In Attendance:	Councillor J McIvor (ECC) Councillor C Pond (ECC) Councillor M Vance (ECC) Councillor I Hadley (EFDC) Councillor A Lion (EFDC) Councillor D Wixley (EFDC)
Attendees:	Councillor B Scruton (Epping Town Council)
Officers:	Dan McClean – Highways Liaison Team Leader (Essex Highways) Jenny Boxall – Highways Liaison Officer (Essex Highways) Mandy Thompson – Service Manager, Technical (EFDC)
Secretariat:	Jackie Leither – Democratic Services Officer (EFDC)

Item		Owner
1.	Welcome and Introductions The Chairman welcomed Members, Officers and Guests present.	
2.	Apologies Apologies had been received from Councillor H Kane, Councillor C Whitbread, Councillor H Whitbread and Councillor K Williamson Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest pursuant to the Council's Code of Member Conduct.	
3.	Minutes RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2022, be agreed by the Panel as a true record.	

<p>4.</p>	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes of the previous meeting</p> <p>Councillor S Kane asked the HTL if there were any further updates on the availability of the ECC portal?</p> <p>The HTL advised that the report was due to Scrutiny but due to the death of Queen Elizabeth II the meeting was cancelled and it was now due to go on the 20 October. He would report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>Councillor A Lion advised that there would be a portal preview before it was launched.</p> <p>Councillor B Scruton asked if there were any updates on the Bell Common scheme?</p> <p>The HTL advised that this scheme was in the programme and was waiting to be signed off.</p> <p>Councillor S Kane referred to page 8 of the agenda and asked if there were any updates to parking and living on the highways?</p> <p>The HTL advised that he had made some enquiries but had not received an answer, he would therefore chase it up and report back to the next meeting.</p> <p>Councillor D Wixley referred to page 6 of the agenda regarding bus shelters and asked if there were any further updates?</p> <p>Councillor M Vance advised that he had written to Councillor L Scott, Portfolio Holder for Highways and had been advised that there will be an update later this year.</p> <p>The HTL updated Members on schemes for school streets and advised that this was being trialled in Colchester and stated that if any Member had any areas in their district where they thought a school streets scheme would relate to then to contact him with the details.</p> <p>Councillor C C Pond stated that he would be meeting with Councillor L Scott regarding a school street scheme in his ward.</p>	<p>DM/JB</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Report on Funded Schemes</p> <p>The HLT advised that this report provided an update on the current position of all the schemes which the Epping Forest LHP had recommended for inclusion in their 2022/23 programme. Members were also reminded that the costs supplied were budget allocations only and there was a possibility that a final scheme cost could change dependant on any issues which may arise, especially during detailed design and construction. The panel will be informed of any budget adjustments if they were required.</p> <p>LEPP 182008 – Old Shire Lane, Honey Lane, Farthingale Lane and Stoney Bridge Drive, Waltham Abbey. The HLT advised that this scheme was due to be done in two parts with the signage being installed first and the width restriction buildouts being installed towards the end of the year.</p>	<p>DM/JB</p>

	<p>Councillor S Kane advised that there had been one objection to this scheme by a resident of Horseshoe Close who had put gates at the back of his property which were in Old Shire Lane. He had however not applied for a crossover. This scheme would go ahead.</p> <p>LEPP192041 – Grange Crescent j/w Manor Road, Chigwell. Councillor A Lion advised that he was meeting with residents to talk about this scheme on the 8 October and asked if there were any updates.</p> <p>The HLT advised that he was still waiting for the feasibility study to be completed which should be in Q4 but he would speak to officers to see if he could get any further information and report back to Councillor Lion.</p> <p>LEPP202015 – Smarts Lane, Loughton. Councillor M Vance asked if the HLT could clarify that all the speed humps in Smarts Lane were being removed and not just the one outside of door number 175.</p> <p>The HLT advised that he would speak to officers to get clarity on what was being done and would report back to Councillor Vance.</p> <p>LEPP202029 - Horseshoe Hill/Crown Hill, Upshire. Councillor S Kane advised that residents did not want this scheme done, they would prefer speed cameras each end of the village, therefore the £103,000 cost of the scheme can go back into the fund and this scheme would start again with a new feasibility study which must be classed as preferential and could come from the £103,000.</p> <p>The HLT advised that he was waiting for a decision from ECC to see in the LHP's can fund speed cameras. If this was decided that they can ECC will need to write the policy before anything can be implemented.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the Panel noted the Funded Schemes report.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Report on Schemes Awaiting Funding</p> <p>The HLT asked Members to review the schemes on the list in red and remove those that were not supported or did not meet the criteria to go forward.</p> <p>LEPP192017 – Church Hill, Epping. Request for a one-way system to prevent Church Hill being used as a cut through. It was advised that this scheme did not progress as the introduction of a one-way system would generate higher speeds, which would have an impact on residents, pedestrians and cyclists.</p> <p>The Panel decided to leave this on the list until the next meeting due to the absence of the Ward Member.</p> <p>LEPP202039 – Lower Forest Road, (B1393 and B181) Epping – Speed limit reduction. The HLT advised that this scheme would be left on the list as it was being assessed by the Cabinet Member.</p> <p>LEPP202048 – A113 Romford Road j/w Little Bury Mill, Stanford Rivers –</p>	<p>DM/JB</p>

	<p>Traffic calming. This scheme did not meet the criteria for Traffic calming. The Panel agreed to remove this scheme.</p> <p>LEPP212001 – A414 Chelmsford Road, Ongar – Speed limit. This scheme did not meet the criteria. Councillor McIvor asked if this could be left on the list until the next meeting and asked where exactly this scheme was.</p> <p>The HLT advised that he would share the speed survey with Members and revisit this scheme at the next meeting.</p> <p>LEPP212004 – A121 j/w B194 Highbridge Retail Park, Waltham Abbey – Traffic management improvements. Councillor S Kane asked if there were any updates for this scheme as it was a casualty reduction site.</p> <p>The HTL advised that he had no updates but that he would speak to officers and report back to Councillor Kane.</p> <p>LEPP212033 – Coopersale Common / Houblons Hill – Traffic calming. This scheme does not meet the criteria,</p> <p>The Panel decided to leave this on the list until the next meeting due to the absence of the Ward Member.</p> <p><u>Passenger Transport</u></p> <p>The HLT advised that all Bus Shelters were on hold until ECC announce who had been awarded the County wide contract.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the Panel That the schemes as listed below have been agreed to be removed from the Schemes Awaiting Funding list as they were no longer supported or fitted the criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEPP202048 – A113 Romford Road j/w Little Bury Mill, Stanford Rivers – Traffic calming. 	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Councillor M Vance stated that the estimated costs seemed very low to the guides that were presented.</p> <p>The HTL advised that the allocated budget can change with each scheme and there could be issues that need to be looked at.</p> <p>Councillor McIvor advised that there was a problem at Stapleford Abbots Primary School with traffic. This was a high-speed road with lorries passing while children are trying to cross the road to the school. The parents bring their children to school have nowhere else to park but along the road and are therefore in between cars trying to cross.</p> <p>The HLO advised that they were waiting on a speed survey and an accident data report.</p>	

	<p>The HLT stated that he would be willing to meet up with Councillor McIvor on site to access the situation. Councillor McIvor stated that he would be willing to meet on site if it could be at the morning school drop off or afternoon pick up.</p>	
8.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Epping Forest District Local Highways Panel will be on Monday 9 January 2023 at 5pm on Zoom.</p>	