

CHELMSFORD CITY LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES

23 JANUARY 2020

at 13:00 at the Civic Centre, Chelmsford

Chairman:	County Councillor Bob Massey
Panel Members:	<p>Chelmsford City Council – Councillors Jeremy Lager, Jennie Lardge, Chris Shaw and Mike Steel</p> <p>Essex County Council – County Councillors John Aldridge, Jenny Chandler, Jude Deakin, Ian Grundy, Mike Mackrory, Dick Madden and Stephen Robinson</p> <p>Representing Parish Councils – Councillor Wendy Daden</p>
Officers:	Michael Adewole and David Green - Chelmsford City Council, Jon Simmons, Sonia Church and Ian Henderson - Essex Highways
Secretariat:	Brian Mayfield - Chelmsford City Council

Item		Owner
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed those present.</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor John Spence.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting on 12 September 2019 were agreed as a correct record.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p><i>LCHE152057 – Old Moulsham, Chelmsford</i> – Speed surveys had been completed at 11 of 12 locations in the area to help determine initial compliance with the 20mph zone They had shown a slight reduction in average speeds between 2013 and 2019 but a review</p>	JS

	<p>of all the data was yet to be completed. The full set of data would be provided to the Panel's members.</p> <p><i>LCHE174002 – Church Lane/Lawn Lane</i> – The Panel were told that this scheme had been removed from the Schemes Awaiting Funding List, as requested.</p> <p><i>Batching of cycle schemes</i> – Councillor Mackrory advised the Panel that following a five a side meeting between CCC and ECC, County Councillor Bentley had agreed that all the LHP cycling schemes for Chelmsford be listed and sent to him as the ECC Cabinet Member as the basis for a funding bid to central government. In noting that Section 106 funds were also available for funding schemes, the Panel expressed the view that all possible funding sources should be co-ordinated to maximise the chances of the cycling schemes being carried out. Councillor Robinson also told the meeting that a City Council Working Group on moving around Chelmsford would be looking to establish a clearer link between the responsibilities of the County Council and those transportation issues the City Council wished to influence. By forming stronger joint working between the two councils it was hoped that schemes such as a joined up cycle network were more likely to come to fruition.</p> <p><i>Public Rights of Way</i> – The Panel was told that the comments around match funding from the Parish Councils had been added to the Schemes Awaiting funding List</p> <p><i>Section 106 funding</i> – The Panel would receive a report after the next round of meetings to match available Section 106 funding to LHP schemes.</p> <p><i>LCHE165022, Metsons Lane, Highwood</i> – The Panel was told that the Parish Council did not now support the provision of the bus stops but that it was important to be aware of the views Barrow Farm Riding for the Disabled, which operated from nearby stables, about the proposal. Whilst data on passenger number was not available, there were 11 buses in both directions Monday to Sunday and if hard standings were provided the number of passengers could be expected to increase. The Panel AGREED that the scheme should proceed with a budget adjustment unless there were insuperable objections from Barrow Farm Riding for the Disabled. Councillor Aldridge was awaiting a response from them on the matter.</p> <p><i>LCHE162060, Springfield Green crossing improvements</i> – The County Council had been told that the Planning Inspectorate had given an 11 month lead in period for de-registering part of the village green, which would delay this scheme. Efforts would be made to press for an earlier decision.</p>	<p>JS</p>
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	<p><i>LCHE175010 Gowers Avenue, Great Baddow</i> – The scheme was on hold pending a new procurement process for the provision of bus stops. It was possible that the scheme could go ahead sooner outside of the normal procurement process if the Parish Council agreed to fund it, but this would be checked and Councillor Chandler kept informed.</p>	
5.	<p>Presentation on Casualty Reduction Schemes</p> <p>Ian Henderson attended the meeting to report on the following five casualty reduction schemes proposed for 2020/21, currently on the Schemes Awaiting Funding list:</p> <p>LCHE191005 – Westway j/w Robjohns Road LCHE201001 – A414 Main Road j/w Hulls Lane, Sandon LCHE201003 – A414 j/w Bulimers Way, Writtle LCHE201002 Rettendon Turnpike j/w Burham Road, Rettendon LCHE201004 A130 Howe Green Interchange, Galleywood</p> <p>The updates on the schemes were NOTED.</p>	
6.	<p>Funded Schemes 2019/20</p> <p>The Panel received an update on the schemes in the Funded Schemes Programme for 2019/20. The total cost of the programme, including Safer Roads and Commissioned Schemes, was currently £547,500.</p> <p><i>LCHE154007 Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford</i> – The design of the scheme was being finalised and would be shared as soon as it was completed.</p> <p><i>LCHE152005 Chignal Hall Lane j/w Mashbury Road, Chignal Smealy</i> – Additional funding of £7,100 was agreed for this scheme.</p> <p><i>LCHE142002 Main Road, Broomfield</i> – It was agreed to return this scheme to the design phase in 2019/20 pending a decision on the location of the gateway by the Parish Council and to then look at its implementation in 2020/21.</p> <p><i>LCHE172026 Writtle Road j/w A1060 Westway</i> – This would remain at the design stage in 2019/20 whilst objections to the TRO were considered by the ECC Cabinet Member, who would decide if the TRO should progress and, if agreed, it would be carried out in the first quarter of 2020/21.</p> <p><i>LCHE191002 Lawn Lane j/w Brackenden Drive, Springfield</i> – A feasibility study would be carried out in 2019/20 with a view to carrying out the scheme in 2020/21.</p>	

	<p><i>LCHE172043 Church Street, Great Baddow</i> – In view of the delay to this scheme as a result of works in nearby roads associated with the Army and Navy Flyover the scheme was now programmed for Quarter 1 2020/21 and permission had been obtained to carry forward the funding.</p> <p><i>LCHE162060 Springfield Green, Springfield</i> – As a result of the delay on the decision about de-registering part of the village green by the Planning Inspectorate, funding for this scheme would be carried forward to 2020/21.</p> <p>AGREED that the update on Funded Schemes 2019/20 be noted.</p>	
7.	<p>Schemes Awaiting Funding</p> <p>The Panel received details of the latest version of the list of Schemes Awaiting Funding, which contained schemes with a total estimated cost of £1,710,629. It had been agreed at the last meeting that a sub-group should meet to decide which of the schemes awaiting funding should be given initial priority in 2020/21. Schemes with a total cost on £356,000 had been prioritised by the sub-group. The Panel was asked to review the prioritised schemes on the new list and to consider the funding mechanisms for those schemes it wished to see delivered in 2020/21.</p> <p>AGREED that the following schemes be approved as the initial priorities for funding in 2020/21 and considered further at the Panel's next meeting:</p> <p><u>Safer Roads:</u></p> <p>LCHE191005 – Westway j/w Robjohns Road LCHE201001 – A414 Main Road j/w Hulls Lane, Sandon LCHE201003 – A414 j/w Bulimers Way, Writtle LCHE201002 Rettendon Turnpike j/w Burham Road, Rettendon LCHE201004 A130 Howe Green Interchange, Galleywood</p> <p>LCHE191006 – Pentland Avenue, Chelmsford – This scheme would be funded by the Parking Partnership but the works to progress through the LHP process. Councillor Daden would be provided with the results of a previous feasibility study into the possible provision of echelon parking.</p> <p><u>Traffic Management:</u></p> <p>LCHE142040 – Highwood Road, Edney Common to Loves Green LCHE132043 – High Street, Stock LCHE152115 – Admirals Park Estate - Speed surveys</p>	JS

	<p>LCHE162148 - Hatchfields, Great Waltham LCHE162151 – Chelwater, Great Baddow LCHE172020 – Church Green, Broomfield LCHE182016 - Ford End Primary School LCHE182032 – Thames Avenue, Chelmsford LCHE182031 – Cherwell Drive, Chelmsford LCHE182053 – Milburn Crescent, Chelmsford LCHE182036 – Writtle College, Cow Watering Lane LCHE182064 – Andrews Place, Chelmsford LCHE182065 – Chequers Road/Lodge Road, Writtle LCHE182071 Daffy Wood/Nell Way, Copperfield Road, Chelmsford - Cycling to be included as part of the design of this scheme LCHE192002 – Galleywood Village gateway patches LCHE192005 – Metsons Lane, Highwood LCHE192006 – A414 Maldon Road nr j/w Hyde Lane, Danbury LCHE192004 – St Johns School, Little Baddow Road, Danbury LCHE192028 – Ford End average speed cameras, match funding to £75,000</p> <p>AGREED that the following schemes identified by the sub-group as priorities not be approved:</p> <p>LCHE152124 – Highwood Road, Loves Green to Edney Common. LCHE172041 – The Green, Writtle - A validation be carried out on a scheme that would only involve enhancing the current pedestrian refuge. LCHE182037 – St Michaels and Galleywood Schools, Barnard Road, Galleywood – This scheme not to proceed. Existing crossing patrol and associated wigwags/signs to be retained. LCHE182054 –Wayfinder Signage - A decision on whether to proceed with this scheme be deferred pending the Panel considering information on the location of the signs.</p>	<p>JS</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p><i>CIL monies</i> – Councillor Mackrory advised that when considering schemes in parish areas, the Panel should bear in mind that CIL allocations were available to many parish councils, which may choose to fund schemes in their areas from that source if they could not be funded by the LHP.</p> <p><i>Warren Farm Development</i> – It was pointed out that this development was likely to have highway implications and that the LHP would need to work with all parties to address those issues.</p> <p><i>Cycle Paths</i> – It was asked whether works to these should be included in highways maintenance budgets. Sonia Church said that discussions on the revenue budget for next year were taking place and bids to the DfT being considered to improve the existing cycle</p>	<p>SC</p>

	routes. Updates on those routes and their maintenance would be given at the next meeting. <i>A130/132 route based study</i> – Sonia Church would find out the position on this and advise the Panel.	SC
9.	Date of Next Meeting Thursday, 12 March 2020 at 1pm in the Marconi Room, Civic Centre, Chelmsford	

The meeting closed at 14:59

Chairman