



Uttlesford Local Highway Panel Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday 16th January 2017

Time 18:00 hrs

Venue: Uttlesford District Council Offices, Saffron Walden

Chairman ECC Member Simon Walsh

Panel ECC Member Susan Barker, ECC Member Ray Gooding,

Members ECC Member John Lodge,

UDC John Freeman (Vice-Chairman), UDC Member Alan Mills, UDC Member Robert Chambers, UDC Member Geoffrey Sell, Parish Rep

Alan Townsend, Parish Rep John Davey

Other Essex Highways - Rissa Long - Highways Liaison Officer, Sonia

Attendees Church – Highway Liaison Manager

UDC Officers -. Kerry Vinton

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| | 1. | Welcome and Introductions o Apologies for absence | Chairman | Verbal |
| 1-6 | 2. | Minutes of meeting held on 12 th September 2016 and matters arising | Chairman | Verbal |
| 7-11 | 3. | Update on schemes approved in 2016-17 | RL | Report 1 |
| 12-27 | 4. | Potential scheme list Summary of potential schemes received for consideration in 2017-18 | RL | Report 2 |
| | 5. | Any other business o New terms of reference | Chairman | Verbal |
| | 6. | Dates of next meeting: o 27 th March 2017 at 6pm Please can members ring: 01799 510548 or email kvinton@uttlesford.gov.uk if they are unable to attend any of these meetings. Any non-panel members who wish to speak at the Uttlesford Panel meetings must submit their request including the questions to be asked a week before the meeting. Any issues raised must have the support of the relevant County Councillor | Chairman | Verbal |

HIGHWAYS PANEL held at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at 5pm on 12 September 2016

Present: Councillor S Walsh (Chairman)

Councillors S Barker and J Lodge (Essex County Council). Councillors J Davey and A Townsend (Uttlesford Association of

Local Councils).

Councillors R Chambers, A Mills and J Freeman (Uttlesford

District Council).

Officers in attendance: S Church (Highways Liaison Manager – (Essex Highways), R Long (Highways Liaison Officer – Essex Highways), G Glenday (Assistant Director – Planning - UDC) and K Vinton (Democratic and Electoral Services Officer – UDC).

Also Present: Councillor V Ranger (UDC)

HP9 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Gooding.

HP10 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2016 were received and signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to an amendment to show that Councillor Chambers had given his apologies for that meeting.

HP11 MATTERS ARISING

The Highways Liaison Officer updated the Panel as follows:

(i) HP2 - Potential Schemes

Duck Street, Wendens Ambo – implementation of a 20mph zoneAs the scheme was not unanimously supported the Cabinet Member had requested a report outlining the justification for the scheme. The Highways Liaison Officer said she would bring a report on the outcome to members before the next meeting of Highways Panel.

High Easter – extension to speed limit

Although Members had initially agreed not to fund the scheme, a slightly different option had now been proposed. The parish council was happy to proceed with 40mph buffer on the outskirts of High Easter towards Chelmsford.

Thaxted Road, Wimbish – reduction in speed limit to 30mph

The Highways Liaison Officer said this scheme was in a similar situation to the Wendens Ambo proposal. Members would receive an update before the next panel meeting.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Chairman invited Cllr Ranger, Member for Gt Dunmow South and Barnston to speak.

Councillor Ranger said he had concerns for the residents of Barnston and those who travelled through the village. He said the B1008 was re-designated from the A130 following the A120 being made a dual carriageway, with the promise the road would become quieter, this has not happened and Essex County Council is aware traffic volume has increased year on year.

The Highways Panel had made some consideration on a pedestrian crossing; it was unclear how much this had progressed.

The primary issue was that of Buttles Hill, having brought this to the attention of the Highways Panel previously believing there was an ongoing appraisal for the road. At the point the road narrows it is impossible for two Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) to pass, with a footpath on one side of the road currently overgrown by the grass verge. HGVs travelling up the hill are mounting the footpath in order to pass HGVs heading in the opposite direction.

Councillor Ranger asked the Highways Panel to consider making recommendations to other bodies in the preplanning, the road is a priority route (PR1) and has to left clear of any traffic calming in the event of any diversions from A131/A120. If traffic were to be diverted along the B1008 unfamiliar drivers may cause a bottle neck at the narrowest point of the road.

Councillor Ranger invited members of the panel to walk down the footpath to the school site at 08:30 in order to experience the traffic volumes he describes.

Councillor Barker said a traffic survey of B1008 had been completed in respect of the local plan. Evidence from Cllr J Aldridge, Ford End Parish Council, indicates 37,000 vehicles are using the road.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Ranger for his statement and invited the Highways Liaison Officer to respond.

The Highways Liaison Officer said the Highways Panel agreed funding to complete a feasibility study into the width of the road at Buttles Hill, this is expected to be made available in time to consider funding in the 2017/18. She had nothing more to report at this stage.

The Highways Liaison Manager said work on a technical note regarding Ford End was being drafted and Councillor Aldridge will be meeting with Councillor Johnson in the Highways surgery on 13th September to be appraised of its content. The Highways Liaison Manager said the volume of traffic using the B1008 is currently 32,000 per week. The parish will be putting in to the cabinet member to reduce the PR1 status to PR2 following the formal process. Highways have looked at speed reduction measures through the village, the

option of a mini round-a-bout would not be going ahead, as it does not meet Essex County Council policy nor does it meet the national standards under the design guide for roads and bridges due to the sight lines.

When available the technical note for Ford End will be shared with the Highways Liaison Officer as it contains information relevant to Barnston and if permitted will be shared with the parish and the Highways Panel.

Councillor Ranger said the parish has looked to endorse a weight limit through Barnston, the Highways Liaison Manager suggested undergoing a survey similar to that completed in Ford End to establish where the HGVs are travelling to, proposing Barnston wait until the Ford End results are available which will assist Barnston with their continued investigations.

The Highways Liaison Officer said she had no record of a formal scheme application for a traffic calming scheme for High Easter Road and asked that the parish formally submit the scheme on the usual form.

HP12 UPDATE ON SCHEMES APPROVED IN 2016-17

The Highways Liaison Officer updated the panel on the following schemes:

(i) High Street, Hempstead – phase 2 of the footway construction

A date in November has been made available for the removal of the vegetation, the tree and the utility posts.

Arrangements are being made with local bus operators in order to reroute buses during works. All work to be completed by January 2017.

(ii) Byway 30 and 31 Debden and 36 Wimbish, and Jacks Lane, Takeley – refurbishment of the byways

Parts of the works have been undertaken by volunteers. The Highways works will start shortly, the gang allocated will make this project their next priority.

Members asked about the following schemes:

(iii) Ashdon Road, Saffron Walden – installation of pedestrian build out as designed in 2015-16

The Highways Liaison Officer said along the top of the common there are limited waiting bays followed by double yellow lines, a slight amendment to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) covering the limited waiting resulted in a couple of metres being removed from the parking bays. The TRO was part of amendment 40. The Highways Liaison Officer said she did not anticipate any problems with TRO regarding access.

(iv) Dunmow Road, Great Easton – 2 x permanent VAS to replace the mobile VAS currently in operation for each direction on the approach to the school The Highways Liaison Officer said the posts with two sign faces will be set in a good enough position to have 70metres worth of detection on both sides of the road.

Councillor Freeman queried why the posts could not be positioned one on the Dutton Hill side of the school and other by the council houses. The Highways Liaison Officer said the choice of position was what the parish initially requested, as it was the school area they are wanted to protect. She said the speed limit outside the school is of a short distance and for the VAS had to be installed within 70 meters of the speed limit.

The Highways Liaison Officer offered two reasons why the posts could not be erected on the grass verge opposite the school, (i) the verge does not belong to Highways (ii) there was a sight line issue.

She said the chosen locations were no means final.

There is meeting scheduled with the sign manufacturers, it was suggested Councillor Freeman and a representative of parish council be invited to attend. Councillor Walsh said he would attend if Councillor Freeman was not available for the meeting.

(v) Bardfield Road, Thaxted - parish council lead concerns about speeding on the Bardfield Road. Request for the existing traffic calming measures to be re-evaluated

The Highways Liaison Officer said the Highways Panel had agreed to the funding for the investigations into what is required for the area. This scheme together with other feasibility studies will be completed towards the end of 2016/17; it will then be up to the panel to decide on funding a scheme. The Highways Liaison Officer said Highways had completed speed surveys in the area which had been found inconclusive.

(vi) High Street Saffron Walden Southbound and High street Saffron Walden Northbound – request for RTPI Unit

The Highways Liaison Officer said there were no Real-Time Passenger Information (RTPI) units in Uttlesford; the technology has only just become available to make installation possible.

The Highways Liaison Manager said a similar project was being rolled out in Chelmsford but it was experiencing some difficulties with the installation of the RTPI equipment on to the buses, there was no issues installing them on to bus stops.

Councillor Lodge said he had noticed RTPI on bus stops across neighbouring Cambridgeshire, the Highways Liaison Manger said Cambridge County Council had paid for the RTPI bus improvements.

HP13 POTENTIAL CAPITAL SCHEMES

The Highways Liaison Officer said her report was for information and invited Councillors to raise any queries about the schemes or highlight anything missing the parishes had already requested. She said to allow Highways the time to complete the surveys and validations required for a new scheme, she will need all new evidence sent to her. Correspondence will be sent out to the parish councils informing them of the deadline for information.

The Highways Liaison Manager proposed the panel set a provisional program during the January 2017 meeting, putting in place all resources and information enabling the sign off new schemes in March.

Councillor Barker asked if the Highways Liaison Officer had received two new requests from Gt Dunmow Town Council

- (i) Railings outside the Library
- (ii) A request for 50mph along the old A120

The Highways Liaison Officer said she had not seen either application prior to producing her report.

Although it was unclear who owned the land outside the library the council has erected temporary railings. The Highways Liaison Officer said there had been a question of boundary when completing the White Street amendments, highlighting the requirement for all the information to come in from the parish in order to help investigations.

The Highways Liaison Officer said the panel had agreed funding for some schemes in 2017-18 and when the feasibilities studies have been returned there will still an opportunity for members to make amendments to the 2017-18 program.

Councillor Freeman said footpath 38 in Thaxted needed to be re-instated; the Public Rights of Way Officer (PROW) had visited the site and identified a ditch required some drainage. The Highways Liaison Officer said the PROW Officers often submitted schemes to Highways on behalf of the parish, she will follow it up.

HP14 HIGHWAYS RANGERS

The Highways Liaison Officer said the Rangers had been continuing with their good work. The Rangers have a slight back log of work due to a heavy work load.

The Highways Liaison Officer said the Rangers would not replace kerb stones, they can remove them to make safe and in some scenarios they can reset them but only within the parameters of the equipment they have, anything in addition would fall under a formal maintenance request via the Essex website.

Since Essex County Council had adopted the roads from the developer there had been lack of road maintenance in and around the Priors Green Estate in Little Canfield. It appears there has been no communication from Essex County

Council to Uttlesford District Council with regards to the general maintenance of these roads.

Councillor Walsh said this process was beyond the Highways Panel. Highways Liaison Manager said Essex County Council contracts the road maintenance to Ringway Jacobs, they had taking on the estate roads without updating the contracts and not to adding the roads into the system of maintenance. Councillor Barker had been informed Uttlesford District Council has to commission for the maintenance to be completed.

The Highways Liaison Officer reminded the panel how to make a request to the Highways Rangers via the report function on the Essex County Council website.

HP15 **SECTION 106 REPORT**

The Highways Liaison Officer said the report lists the schemes where section 106 funding has been allocated and Ringway Jacobs have been commissioned to deliver.

The report was noted.

HP16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Mills said the diversion surrounding the closure of Station Road, Felsted was sending traffic down Stebbing Road, a completely unsuitable road for the diversion. Councillor Mills asked why the road has been closed for six weeks, when it had been closed previously for twelve weeks with traffic lights. Councillor Walsh said Essex County Council has to respond to requests from developers for road closures, adding the senior officer responsible will be on site Tuesday 13th September. Extra signage has been arranged to go to the end of Stebbing Road to discourage vehicles from using it. Council Walsh said he appreciated the situation remains frustrating for local residents.

The Highway Liaison Officer said surveys for two Quiet Lane requests in Littlebury have been undertaken, survey reports will be available to the parish and the full validation will be completed shortly afterwards.

The Highways Manger said there were no Quiet Lane schemes to be delivered in this financial year.

HP17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on 16th January 2017 at 6pm

The meeting ended at 5:45pm

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| Ref | Task Name | Estimated Finish | CMA approved | Cost Code | Works Description | Allocated Budget | Comments | | | | |
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| 2016/17 | 2016/17 Financial year | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | High Street, Hempstead | Jan-17 | 12/04/2016 | LUTT163006 | Phase 2 of the footway construction works | £130,000 | Members agreed at the Extraordinary meeting in October to fund the completion of this footway. The works have been booked in to commence on the 9th January under a full road closure. It is expected that the duration will be approximately 6 weeks. | | | | |
| 2 | Ashdon Road, Saffron Walden | COMPLETED | 12/04/2016 | LUTT163003 | Installation of pedestrian build out as designed in 2015-16 | £20,000 | See appendix 1 for completed photos | | | | |
| 3 | Park Road, Little Easton | COMPLETED | 12/04/2016 | LUTT163002 | Introduction of a small section of footway outside the Almshouses | £15,000 | See appendix 2 for completed photos. | | | | |
| 4 | B1417 Braintree Road, Felsted | Quarter 4 | 12/04/2016 | LUTT162005 | Scheme to look at the implementation of reflector posts on the approach to the dangerous bend where vehicles are leaving the road and assessment of existing signage | £5,000 | | | | | |
| 5 | Byway 46-31, Badcocks Farm to Gatehouse Farm, Stebbing | COMPLETED | 12/04/2016 | LUTT168005 | Refurbishment of byway | £50,000 | See appendix 3 for completed photos. | | | | |
| 6 | Byway 30 and 31 Debden and 36 Wimbish | COMPLETED | 12/04/2016 | LUTT168001 | Contribution towards refurbishment of the byway | £40,000 | See appendix 4 for completed photos. | | | | |
| 7 | Jacks Lane | COMPLETED | 12/04/2016 | LUTT168004 | Refurbishment of the byway | £32,000 | | | | | |
| 8 | School Street, Great Chesterford | Feb-17 | 12/04/2016 | LUTT163007 | Extension of footway from the junction with Carmel Street towards the shops and pram crossings | £20,000 | The installation works have been programmed in for the 20th February 2017. | | | | |
| 9 | Newport railway bridge advanced signage | Quarter 4 | 12/04/2016 | LUTT162023 | Implementation of works for the Newport bridge following on from the signage study undertaken in 2015-16 | £67,500 | Agreement has been reached on the specifics of all of the signs involved in the scheme and the scheme is awaiting the final target costing and confirmation of dates from Network Rail before the works are programmed. | | | | |

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| 10 | Slip Road off Chelmsford Road, Hatfield Heath | Quarter 4 | 12/04/2016 | LUTT162022 | Feasibility study - to look at options for improving pedestrian safety outside the shops where vehicles mount the kerb | £3,000 | |
| 11 | Chelmsford Road, Barnston road widening | Quarter 4 | 12/04/2016 | LUTT162033 | Feasibility study - to look into widening the road leading into Barnston where currently there is conflict when two larger vehicles meet | £3,000 | |
| 12 | Catons Lane, Saffron Walden | Quarter 4 | 12/04/2016 | LUTT163001 | Design - for a possible footway linking the Car park to existing footpath on Little Walden Road | £3,000 | Virgin Media cabinets would need to be relocated with the estimate coming it at £150,000 with potential construction costs of £40,000. The possibility of installing a footpath on the opposite side of the road was explored however not deemed viable due to it being part of the conservation area and not part of the desire line for pedestrians. Officers recommend that this scheme is not progressed. |
| 13 | Gaces Acre | COMPLETED | 12/04/2016 | LUTT162029 | Directional signage for car park | £1,500 | |
| 14 | Dunmow Road, Great Easton | Quarter 4 | 12/04/2016 | LUTT162027 | 2 x permanent VAS to replace the mobile VAS currently in operation for each direction on the approach to the school | £17,000 | The installation of the wide based posts for all the Uttlesford VAS signs commenced early January with the signs to be installed by Solagen once all of the posts are completed. |
| 15 | Walden Road, Hadstock | Quarter 4 | 12/04/2016 | LUTT162026 | Pedestrian in road signage | £1,000 | |
| 16 | Walden Road, Hadstock | Quarter 4 | 12/04/2016 | LUTT162025 | VAS sign on the approach into the village | £8,500 | The installation of the wide based posts for all the Uttlesford VAS signs commenced early January with the signs to be installed by Solagen once all of the posts are completed. |
| 17 | Clavering Road, Wicken Bonhunt | Quarter 4 | 12/04/2016 | LUTT162028 | 30mph VAS | £8,500 | The installation of the wide based posts for all the Uttlesford VAS signs commenced early January with the signs to be installed by Solagen once all of the posts are completed. |

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| 18 | Ross Close, Saffron Walden | Quarter 4 | 12/04/2016 | LUTT162020 | Scheme to look at amending the existing traffic calming features in the vicinity of Katherine Semar school | £15,000 | Site vists have been undertaken and nearby residents have been approached to to ascertain the issues which had been reported. |
| 19 | Debden Green crossroads | Quarter 4 | 12/04/2016 | LUTT162019 | Possible scheme to realign the Henham Road junction to improve the visibility | £3,000 | The intial analysis of this location is that any realignment works would be extremely costly due to the presence of a major culvert under the road. Further investigations into highway boundaries is to be undertaken to ascertain if sight lines can be improved through removing vegetation that might be encroaching. |
| 20 | Entry points into Manuden | Quarter 4 | 12/04/2016 | LUTT162017 | New Glasdon gateway features to replace existing damaged structures | £10,000 | |
| 21 | Belchams Lane junction with Cambridge Road, Quendon | Quarter 4 | 12/04/2016 | LUTT162010 | Feasibility study - to address concerns about the visibility at the junction due to the road alignment. | £3,000 | The initial study has been completed and has identified the need to undertake a topo survey which there would not be sufficient funds to complete within this allocation. It is likely that the realignment of this junction would cost in the region of £200,000. A topgraphical survey and detailed design would be required if this was to be considered further as a potential scheme. These would need to be funded from the 2017-18 budget. |
| 22 | Bardfield Road, Thaxted | Quarter 4 | 12/04/2016 | LUTT162006 | Parish Council lead concerns about speeding on Bardfield Road. Request for the existing traffic calming measures to be re-evaluated. | £3,000 | The initial study has determined that it would not be possible to replace the existing speed cushions with something more effective as it would contravene the Essex Speed Management Strategy whereby vertical traffic calming is not permitted on a PR2 road. Other possible measures could include a chicane effect or an average speed camera, however these are both measures which are more suited to an urban environment as oppose to the rural setting that is Thaxted. |
| 23 | Rookery Lane, Wendens Ambo | Quarter 4 | 12/04/2016 | LUTT162003 | Sign review in the vicinity of the level crossing. | £3,000 | |
| 24 | A1060 Leaden Roding | Quarter 4 | 12/04/2016 | LUTT162011 | TRO and design works for a small extension to 30mph speed limit installed as part of the 2011 speed limit review which omitted several properties which would meet the criteria. | £7,000 | The investigations have identified that there are no viable locations for the terminal signs to be relocated to without contravening the Essex Speed Management Strategy. It will be necessary to cancel this speed limit extension as a scheme. |

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| 25 | Feathers Hill, Hatfield Broad Oak | COMPLETED | 12/04/2016 | LUTT162001 | New 30mph VAS sign to replace the existing 40mph VAS. | £8,500 | |
| 26 | The Endway, Great Easton | Quarter 4 | 12/04/2016 | LUTT163009 | Design - for new footway to link towards the primary school | £3,000 | The initial investigations on site have identified the need to undertake a topographical survey to identify the land levels and the presence of existing drainage facilities etc. If the panel wished to pursue this as a scheme then the topo and detailed design would need to be funded from the 2017-18 budget. |
| 27 | Margaret Street, Thaxted | 2017-18. Financial year | 12/04/2016 | LUTT162031 | Implementation of feasibility study undertaken in 2015 for junction realignment at jct with Weaverhead Lane | £17,500 | Panel agreed scheme as part of the second priority batch for implementation in 2017-18. |
| 28 | Saffron Walden town centre | 2017-18. Financial year | 12/04/2016 | LUTT163010 | Town centre pram crossings | £12,000 | Panel agreed scheme as part of the second priority batch for implementation in 2017-18. |
| 29 | Town Street, Thaxted | 2017-18. Financial year | 12/04/2016 | LUTT162021 | Implementation of amendment works to the bus stop and pedestrian build out following on from feasibility study undertaken in 2015 | £20,000 | Panel agreed scheme as part of the second priority batch for implementation in 2017-18. |
| 30 | Thaxted Road, Debden | 2017-18. Financial year | 12/04/2016 | LUTT162018 | Creation of a formal layby at Smiths Green where cars are currently parking on the verge | £30,000 | Panel agreed scheme as part of the second priority batch for implementation in 2017-18. |
| 31 | Newport Road, Debden | 2017-18. Financial year | 12/04/2016 | LUTT162004 | Road realignment works | £77,000 | Panel agreed scheme as part of the second priority batch for implementation in 2017-18. |
| 32 | Footpath 86 (Cinder Alley) Thaxted | 2017-18. Financial year | 12/04/2016 | LUTT168003 | This is a surfaced PROW linking Copthall Lane with the school. The proposed scheme would be to improve the surface and the drainage | £15,000 | Panel agreed scheme as part of the second priority batch for implementation in 2017-18. |
| 33 | Byway 46-34 Between Lubberhedges Lane and Long Green Lane, Bardfield Sailing | 2017-18. Financial year | 12/04/2016 | LUTT168002 | Refurbishment of byway | £35,000 | Panel agreed scheme as part of the second priority batch for implementation in 2017-18. |
| 34 | Howe Lane Great Sampford | 2017-18. Financial year | 12/04/2016 | LUTT165006 | Replacement wooden shelter | £8,500 | Panel agreed scheme as part of the second priority batch for implementation in 2017-18. |
| 35 | The Red Lion Great Sampford | 2017-18. Financial year | 12/04/2016 | LUTT165005 | Replacement wooden shelter | £8,500 | Panel agreed scheme as part of the second priority batch for implementation in 2017-18. |
| 36 | High Street Saffron Walden Southbound | COMPLETED | 12/04/2016 | LUTT165004 | Request for RTPI unit | £9,500 | Works arranged from a different budget. |
| 37 | High Street Saffron Walden Northbound | COMPLETED | 12/04/2016 | LUTT165003 | Request for new passenger shelter and Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) unit | £15,500 | Works arranged from a different budget. |

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| 38 | Rowntree Way, Saffron Walden | COMPLETED | 12/04/2016 | LUTT165002 | Parish council have requested the replacement of old Adshel shelter with a large wooden shelter (TBC) | £11,000 | Works arranged from a different budget. |
| 39 | The Moors, The Street, Little Dunmow | 2017-18. Financial year | 12/04/2016 | LUTT165001 | Request for wooden shelter from Parish Council. | £6,500 | Panel agreed scheme as part of the second priority batch for implementation in 2017-18. The Parish Council have earmarked a £2k contribution. |

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| 40 | Uttlesford general | 2016-17 | 12/04/2016 | LUTT162032 | pot of money for undertaking surveys | £11,000 | | | | | |





UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL WITH ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL HIGHWAY PANEL – 16th JANUARY 2017 REPORT 2 – POTENTIAL CAPITAL SCHEMES

It is believed that the Capital budget for the Uttlesford Local Highways Panel will remain the same as the 2016-17 allocation meaning that there will be a capital budget of £236,000 for 2017-18. This figure excludes the matched funding offered in 2016 and could be subject to change once a decision is reached on the allocation of funding for Casualty Reduction.

By the end of financial year it is expected that Uttlesford will have delivered the entire programme of the priority schemes that the Panel had recommended, meaning that there will be no re-profiled schemes to fund in 2017-18.

There are however schemes to the value of £230,000 which had been provisionally recommended as part of the 2016-17 rolling programme. Members are requested to review the schemes identified as 2017-18 below and make a decision on their inclusion in the confirmed programme for progression in the new financial year before then considering the potential schemes list.

It is recommended that schemes to the value of 140% of the budget are agreed so as to form a rolling programme.

The budget summary is as below:

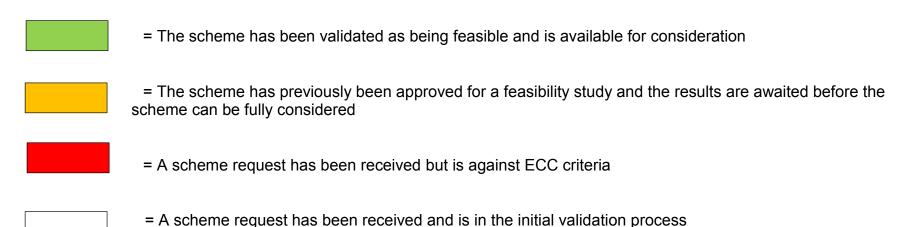
| 2017-18 Uttlesford LHP budget sum | mary |
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| Capital Budget (TBC) | £236,000 |
| Rolling programme (140%) | £330,400 |
| Schemes included as part of 2016-17 rolling programme | £230,000 |
| 2017-18 | £64,400 |

| LOCATION | CODE | DESCRIPTION | COST | COMMENTS |
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| Margaret Street, Thaxted | LUTT162031 | Implementation of feasibility study undertaken in 2015 for junction realignment at jct with Weaverhead Lane | £17,500 | This scheme would be beneficial to improving the visibility for vehicles exiting Margaret Street onto Weaverhead Lane. |
| Saffron Walden town centre | LUTT163010 | Town centre pram crossings | £12,000 | Specific sites have been identified since the £12,000 sum was agreed in 2016 so a new cost estimate is awaited. |
| Town Street, Thaxted | LUTT162021 | Implementation of amendment works to the bus stop and pedestrian build out following on from feasibility study undertaken in 2015 | £20,000 | The installation money is not necessary now as the Parish have requested that we revisit the design stage to see if there is an alternative to the proposals previously offered. Officers recommend removing this from the programme. |
| Thaxted Road, Debden | LUTT162018 | Creation of a formal layby at Smiths Green where cars are currently parking on the verge | £30,000 | |
| Newport Road, Debden | LUTT162004 | Road realignment works | £77,000 | The original feasibility for this scheme was completed in 2015 and it is likely that the design and costs would need to be revisited. If the panel wished this scheme to proceed it is recommended that this is revised to proceed with the detailed design in 2017-18. |
| Footpath 86 (Cinder Alley) Thaxted | LUTT168003 | This is a surfaced PROW linking Copthall Lane with the school. The proposed scheme would be to improve the surface and the drainage | £15,000 | The works are still required. |

| Byway 46-34 Between Lubberhedges Lane and Long Green Lane, Bardfield Sailing | LUTT168002 | Refurbishment of byway | £35,000 | Panel agreed scheme as part of the second priority batch for implementation in 2017-18. |
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| The Moors, The Street, Little Dunmow | LUTT165001 | Request for wooden shelter from Parish Council. | £6,500 | Panel agreed scheme as part of the second priority batch for implementation in 2017-18. The Parish Council have earmarked a £2k contribution. |

The value of the schemes currently on the potential list stands at £494,000 with further value set to be added to this once any outstanding feasibility studies and validations have been returned.

The following list identifies all of the scheme requests which have fed into the Uttlesford LHP. The RAG column acknowledges what the status of the scheme request is as below:



Safer Roads

| Total Value of | £20,000 |
|----------------|---------|
| schemes | £20,000 |

| Ref | Location | Description | Parish | Scheme stage | Allocated Budget | l Comments | RAG |
|-----|---|--|--------------|----------------|---------------------|---|-----|
| 1 | B1256 Braintree Rd jw Braintree Rd - safer roads scheme | Implementation of CR scheme designed in 2015 | Great Dunmow | Implementation | TBC | The site has been subject to a further safety review which will be completed in January before a decision on the need to progress with any measures is decided. | A |
| 2 | B1383 Stansted Road jw A120 - safer roads scheme | Implementation of CR scheme designed in 2016 - 1) Implementation of Chevroflex Ultra Sight Screen to restrict the visibility to the right of the Stansted Road junction | Stansted | Implementation | £20,000 | | G |

Traffic Management

| Total Value of schemes | £208,000 |
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| Ref | Location | Description | Problem | Parish | Estimated cost | Comments | RAG |
|-----|--|---|---|---------------|----------------|--|-----|
| 1 | Newport Road, Debden | Road realignment works | The alignment of the road on the bends encourages larger vehicles to cut the corner which is in turn eroding the edge of carriageway and causing a safety issue when two larger vehicles meet | Debden | £10,000 | Scheme previously recommended as part of the 2017-18 rolling programme but will require revisiting for the detailed design and further investigations. | G |
| 2 | Main Road, Felsted - 2nd VAS | Request for a second VAS sign to face opposite direction to sign funded by LHP in 2014/15 | Speeding concerns | Felsted | | The speed survey indicates a mean speed of 34.8mph. The Parish have been advised that this falls short of meeting the criteria however they have asked that Cabinet Member approval is sought to progress this. Funding can not be sought until a CMA has been approved. | R |
| 3 | A1060, White Roding - Speed reduction mesures | White Roding has been subject to a reduction in the speed limit during the 2011 speed limit review but concerns have arisen about the compliance with the limit | Speeding through the village | White Roding | £6,000 | The validation has been completed and suggests that a review of the existing signage is undertaken. The site is to then be reassessed after a year and if there is still a speeding problem then VAS can be considered. | G |
| 4 | Duck Street, Little Easton - speed limit request | Request to introduce speed limit | The Parish Council want to pursue a speed limit to join up the two sections of Little Easton | Little Easton | £7,000 | The validation concurs that a 40mph buffer between the two sections of the village with a 30mph limit would be feasible. | G |

| Ref | Location | Description | Problem | Parish | Estimated cost | | RAG |
|-----|---|---|---|--------------|----------------|--|-----|
| 5 | The Street, High Easter - 40mph buffer speed limit | Proposal to introduce a 40mph buffer on Chelmsford Road | The Parish feel that the existing 30mph speed limit does not extend far enough and they would like to incorporate additional properties | High Easter | TBC | The speed surveys have indicated that there could be scope for a 40mph buffer which would fit with the Essex Speed Management Strategy. A further survey has been requested to ensure that this would be an appropriate measure. | |
| 6 | London Road - Newport VAS | VAS Sign | Speeding problem | Newport | £8,500 | The site meets the criteria and can be formally considered. | G |
| 7 | Town Street, Thaxted - buildout realignment | Further design work for the bus stop and pedestrian buildout works following on from initial feasibility study undertaken in 2015 | The bus stop is located outside the Post Office on the corner of Orange Street where the junction is very wide. Visibility isn't good and the way the bus has to park restricts parking on Town Street which is already limited | Thaxted | £3,000 | Initial design options didn't fit the requirements of the Parish so a third option has been discussed with the Parish which can be reinvestigated. | G |
| 8 | Langley Upper Green - new layby | Request to look at formalising a layby | | | | In validation. | |
| 9 | Uttlesford SLR sites | Signage review to reassess the 2011 SLR sites. | Concern that some of the signage locations do not match with the legal orders | | £5,000 | Panel previously recommended funding that needs to be confirmed for 2017-18. | G |
| 10 | Crix Green Felsted - speed limit extension | Possible extention to speed limit | _ | Felsted | | In validation | |
| 11 | Dunmow Road, Little Canfield - replacement gateway | Request to replace the existing village gateway feature with a newer version | Existing feature is old and falling apart and consideration is wanted to be given to installing something with a bigger visual impact for vehicles | | TBC | In validation | |
| 12 | Rosemary Lane jct with North Street, Great Dunmow - mini roundabout realignment | Study to look at realigning the junction leading on to the mini roundabout | Existing arrangement does not provide much deflection meaning vehicles are not stopping to give way to North Street traffic | Great Dunmow | TBC | In validation | |

| Ref | Location | Description | Problem | Parish | Estimated cost | Comments | RAG |
|-----|---|--|--|----------------|----------------|---|-----|
| 13 | Hatfield Forest approach - advanced warning low bridge signage | Review to look at advanced warning signage for the low bridge | Currently there is a lack of signage on the approach to the Hatfield Forest Road warning of the low bridge. Subsequently large vehicles are realising too late and having to turn in driveways to avoid the bridge | Takeley | TBC | In validation | |
| 14 | Quendon, Stansted, Ugley - advanced warning signage for width restrictions | Confusing or insufficient signage to alert drivers to width and weight restrictions | Implementation of the different elements of the review of weight limit signage and width restrictions in the vicinity of Quendon, Stansted and Ugley | | £105,000 | Study undertaken in 2015-16 with recommendations made for each element. Members could choose to fund all as a package of measures or complete in a phased approach. | G |
| 15 | Saffron Walden town centre - WEIGHT LIMIT REVIEW | Review of weight limits in and around Saffron Walden | Concerns raised about the confusing weight limits in and around Saffron Walden | Saffron Walden | £5,000 | | G |
| 16 | Wicken Road, Wicken Bonhunt - 2nd VAS | Request to consider a second VAS for the Clavering end of the village | Speeding concerns following the reduction of the speed limit from 40 to 30mph | Wicken Bonhunt | £8,500 | A further speed survey has been requested at the Clavering end of the village to determine if the site meets the criteria for an eastbound VAS. | |
| 17 | Top Road, Wimbish - verge | Request to look at converting verge opposite the school to hardstanding to faciltate parking for the school | Erratic parking during school times is blocking the road and making it unsafe for pedestrians to cross between the parked cars | Wimbish | | In validation. | |
| 18 | Manuden Road / The Street Manuden - kerbing | Request for kerbing to be installed from the start of the new development for a distance of approximately 200m | Mud and debris from the verges is being washed down the road and is contributing to flooding problems. The RJ maintenance team have advised that kerbing the verges would help with alleviating some of this problem | Manuden | TBC | Awaiting potential costs. | |

| Ref | Location | Description | Problem | Parish | Estimated cost | Comments | RAG |
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| 19 | Ashdon Road between Chaters Hill and Highfields - zebra crossing | Request to consider a zebra crossing | Residents on the northern part of town have trouble reaching the town centre area due to the lack of crossing facilities | Saffron Walden | | In validation. Requires a PV² assessment. | |
| 20 | B1038 Junction with Stortford Road - junction improvements | Request for safety improvements at the junction | A sharp junction is leading to vehicles going straight over the road over a footpath in to a bush on the otherside of the junction | Clavering | | In validation. | |
| 21 | B1053/B1054 section between Radwinter and Hempstead - deer warning signage | Request to look into Deer signage to make drivers more aware | There is currently no signage warning drivers that Deer could run out into the road which is causing harm to both the wildlife and vehicles | Radwinter | | In validation. | |
| 22 | Langley Lower Green, Speed Limit | Request to look into a change in speed limit to match up wioth Langley Upper Green | Langley Rally School which holds events/races on a weekly basis. After each event there is a fair amount of traffic going through Langley Lower Green | Langley | | In validation. | |
| 23 | B1417 Braintree Road, Felsted - safety measures as recommended in the feasibility study | Implementation of measures on the approach to the old railway bridge on Braintree Road where several vehicles have left the road on the dangerous bend | Several non-statistical accidents have occurred during icy weather on the sharp bend | Felsted | | Awaiting the completion of the feasibility study | A |
| 24 | Belchams Lane junction with Cambridge Road, Quendon - junction realignment | Topo survey and CCTV analysis as suggested in the feasibility study to address concerns about the visibility at the junction due to the road alingment | Lack of visibility exiting the Belchams Lane junction onto Cambridge Road | Quendon and Rickling | £10,000 | The initial investigations have identified the need to undertake a topo survey to allow a design to be completed and an accurate estimate to be provided | A |

| Ref | Location | Description | Problem | Parish | Estimated cost | Comments | RAG |
|-----|---|--|--|----------------|----------------|--|-----|
| 25 | Debden Green crossroads - realignment of the junction | Implementation | The visibility exiting the Henham Road is not good and there are regularly near misses with vehicles on the Debden road which is derestricted | Debden | TBC | Awaiting the completion of the feasibility study | A |
| 26 | Ross Close, Saffron Walden - school safety measures from feasibility study | Request to look at amending the existing traffic calming features in the vicinity of Katherine Semar school | Dangerous driver behaviour during school pick up times. Possible scheme to look at a 20mph limit and also to consider improving the existing traffic calming features | Saffron Walden | | Awaiting the completion of the feasibility study | A |
| 27 | Slip Road off Chelmsford Road, Hatfield Heath - amendments to the existing island | Implementation of works following on from a feasibility study to look at options for improving pedestrian safety outside the shops where vehicles mount the kerb | Existing footway is very narrow and when cars are parked on the slip road vehicles travelling through need to mount the kerb due to the reduced width | Hatfield Heath | | Awaiting the completion of the feasibility study | A |
| 28 | Chelmsford Road, Barnston - road widening works | Possible road widening following on from feasibility study undertaken in 2015- | Parish are concerned about the width of the road leading into Barnston as when two lorries meet one needs to mount the footway thus endangering pedestrians | Barnston | | Awaiting the completion of the feasibility study | A |
| 29 | Watery Stones, Pelham Road- Cheveron signs | Request for possible cheveron signs to indicate a sharpe bend and ro look at replacing existing railings due to damage | Sharpe bend is no seen and would like indicating signs | Clavering | | In validation | |
| 30 | Valance Road, Clavering- Signage | Request for possible sharp bend warning signs. | Drivers are aproaching the bend and not realising just how sharpe it is. | Clavering | | In validation | |

| Ref | Location | Description | Problem | Parish | Estimated cost | | RAG |
|-----|--|---|--|----------------|----------------|---|-----|
| 31 | Newport railway bridge - advanced warning signage | Implementation of the advanced warning signage as designed in feasibility study undertaken in 2015- | | Newport | | Scheme recommended for funding 2016-17 but was not able to be completed in this year so funds were diverted to complete the Hempstead footway scheme. The Uttlesford Panel have aleady committed to funding this as a priority scheme in 2017-18. | |
| 32 | The Downs/ North Street/ The Causeway- Mini Roundabout improvements | Look into improvements at a mini roundabout to help reduce the speed of traffic | Cars are not slowing down on the approach to the mini roundabout as from The Causeway and North Street they have clear visibility | Great Dunmow | | In validation. | |
| 33 | B1256 between Sewege works roundabout and Queen Vic roundabout | Request to reduce the existing D-restricted limit to 50mph and additional signage for the flitch way crossing point | People are struggling to cross over the Flitch way as it is badly sign posted and traffic is travelling so fast as they are unaware of the crossing point. | Great Dunmow | TBC | In validation. | |
| 34 | Mill Lane jw Crayfields | Request for a yellow hatch marking to reduce the amount of parking at the junction | When bollards are down parking is an issue on the junction | Great Dunmow | TBC | In validation. | |
| 35 | New Street j/w Haslers Lane | Request for a yellow hatch marking to reduce the amount of parking at the junction | When bollards are down parking is an issue on the junction | Great Dunmow | TBC | In validation. | |
| 36 | Pound Hill/ Station Road, Little Dunmow | Request for a reduction in speed limit 40mph to 30mph, also consider a VAS sign and wish for the speed limit to link up to the B1256 | Speed limit not extended far enough | Little Dunmow | TBC | In validation. | |
| 37 | Littlebury Green Road | Request for Quiet Lanes | Narrow roads with residents walking on them a quiet lane may help reduce traffic | Littlebury | TBC | In validation. | |
| 38 | Bacon End, Great Canfield- 40mph limit | Request to reduce the existing D-restricted limit to 40mph | People are using Bacon End as a cut through which is increasing the speeds of traffic | Great Canfield | TBC | In validation. | |

| Ref | Location | Description | Problem | Parish | Estimated cost | Comments | RAG |
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| 39 | Water Lane, Radwinter - Quiet Lane | Request for a Quiet Lane | The road is narrow with no carridgeway markings and many people use this to walk there dogs | Radwinter | TBC | Awaiting speed survey results. | |
| 40 | Bullocks Lane, Hope End- No Through Road | Request for ' No through road' signage | There are no signs to advise vehicles at the Hope End junction which causes vehicles to get stuck down Bullocks Lane | Great Canfield | TBC | In validation. | |
| 41 | B1256 - junction at Little Dunmow | Request to reduce the existing D- restricted limit to 40mph | Vehicles approach the junction at speed | Little Dunmow | ТВС | In validation. | |
| 42 | Sampford Road/Walden Road- 40mph buffer | Request fot a 40mph buffer on walden road Thaxted to incorporate the Sampford road junction and also to cover the Bellropes estate on Sampford Road | On Sampford Road there is currently no speed limit to cover the new housing estate on Bellropes Meadows | Thaxted | TBC | In validation. | |
| 43 | Request for measures to | | Vehicles are driving down Museum Street the wrong way as they are entering the road where there is a no entry | Saffron Waldern | TBC | In validation. | |

Walking

| Total Value of | £21,000 |
|----------------|---------|
| schemes | £21,000 |

| Ref | Location | Description | Problem | Parish | Scheme stage | Cost Code | Estimated cost | Comments | RAG |
|-----|--|---|---|----------------|----------------|------------|----------------|---|-----|
| 1 | Thaxted recreation ground footway | New footway across the recreation ground. | No direct route for pedestrians to walk to the town so instead cut across the recreation ground | Thaxted | Implementation | | TBC | Permission is sought from Hunts charity who own the land required on the recreation ground. Scheme cannot progress until permission is granted then detailed designs and legal works would need to be undertaken prior to construction. | |
| 2 | Sampford Road, Thaxted - new footway | The Footway along the Sampford road is incomplete between Bellrope Meadow and the new Knights' development. | During the winter months the verge becomes muddy and slippery because of the lack of footway | Thaxted | Feasibility | LUTT163005 | £3,000 | Design works will determine what the cost of a footway will be. | G |
| 3 | Saffron Walden town centre | Town centre pram crossings | Lack of pram crossings hindering pedestrian movement I the Town Centre area | Saffron Walden | Total scheme | LUTT163010 | £12,000 | Panel previously recommended funding that needs to be confirmed for 2017-18. | G |
| 4 | Ashdon Road, Saffron Walden - pedestrian refuges | Possible amendment to existing pedestrian refuges | Existing refuges are not wide enough to accommodate pushchairs. | Saffron Walden | Feasibility | LUTT163011 | £3,000 | Validation suggests project is viable but needs a feasibility. | R |
| 5 | Peaslands Road, Saffron Walden - pedestrian refuge amendments | Proposal to look at widening the pedestrian refuge outside the Lord Butler Leisure Centre | Existing refuge not wide enough for prams to wait safely on | Saffron Walden | Feasibility | LUTT163012 | £3,000 | | |
| 6 | Thaxted Road, Saffron Walden - new pedestrian refuge | Request to consider installing a pedestrian refyge | No current crossing facility from users of the skate park when visiting the shops on Thaxted Road | Saffron Walden | Design | LUTT163013 | | In validation. | |

| Ref | Location | Description | Problem | Parish | Scheme stage | Cost Code | Estimated cost | Comments | RAG |
|-----|---|-----------------------------|---|----------------|----------------|------------|----------------|---|-----|
| 7 | Catons Lane, Saffron Walden - Implementation of footway designed in 2015-16 | existing toothath on Little | There is currently no provision for pedestrians to walk safely out of the free car park or from the football club | Saffron Walden | Implementation | LUTT163001 | | Awaiting the completion of the feasibility study | Α |
| 8 | The Endway, Great Easton - Installation of new footway | | Lack of footway connecting | Great Easton | Implementation | LUTT163009 | TBC | Awaiting the completion of the feasibility study. | A |

Public Rights of Way

| Total Value of | £245,000 |
|----------------|----------|
| schemes | 2243,000 |

| Ref | Location | Description | Problem | Parish | Scheme stage | Cost Code | Estimated cost | Comments | RAG |
|-----|---|---|---|----------------|--------------|------------|----------------|---|-----|
| 1 | Byway 30 and 31 Debden and 36 Wimbish - continuation of byway surfacing | Resurfacing of this entire network | Severe ruts and major problems for horses at nearby riding school for the disabled | Debden | Total scheme | LUTT168004 | £40,000 | Continuation of the works undertaken in 2016. | G |
| 2 | Byway 3 Great Canfield - drainage and surface improvements | Resurfacing and drainage improvements | | Great Canfield | Total scheme | LUTT168005 | £45,000 | | G |
| 3 | Byway 75 Debden - | Drainage and surface improvements | | Debden | Total scheme | LUTT168007 | £45,000 | | G |
| 4 | Byways 24/22/99 Tilty/Broxted and Thaxted | Surface improvements | | Thaxted | Total scheme | LUTT168008 | £90,000 | | G |
| 5 | Bridleway 36 Clavering | Further surface improvements following on from works undertaken in 2014 | | Clavering | Total scheme | LUTT168010 | £25,000 | | G |

Passenger Transport

| Total Value of | £0 |
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| schemes | £U |

| Ref | Location | Description | Parish | Cost Code | Estimated cost | Comments | RAG |
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| 1 | Waltham Hall Road, Takeley - bus stop relocation | Request to look at relocating the bus stop | Takeley | LUTT165007 | TBC | Highway boundary has been requested prior to the site being formally validated. | |

Cycling

| Total Value of | 02 |
|----------------|----|
| schemes | 20 |

| Ref | Location | Description | Problem | Parish | Scheme stage | Estimated cost | Comments | RAG |
|-----|---|---|---|-------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|-----|
| 1 | Various locations, Saffron Walden - cycling schemes | Possible cycle tracks for various points leading into the town centre | The Town Council have identified areas which they feel could be linked well by cycle tracks | Saffron Walden | Feasibility | TBC | | |

Appendix 1

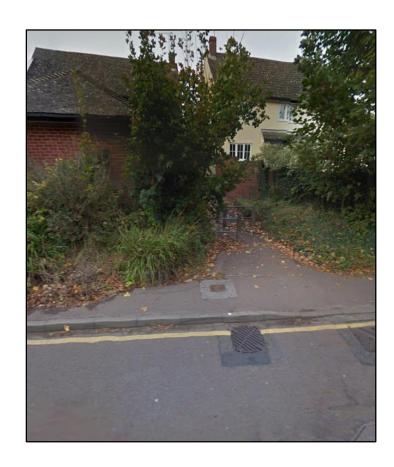
Ashdon Road, Saffron Walden build out

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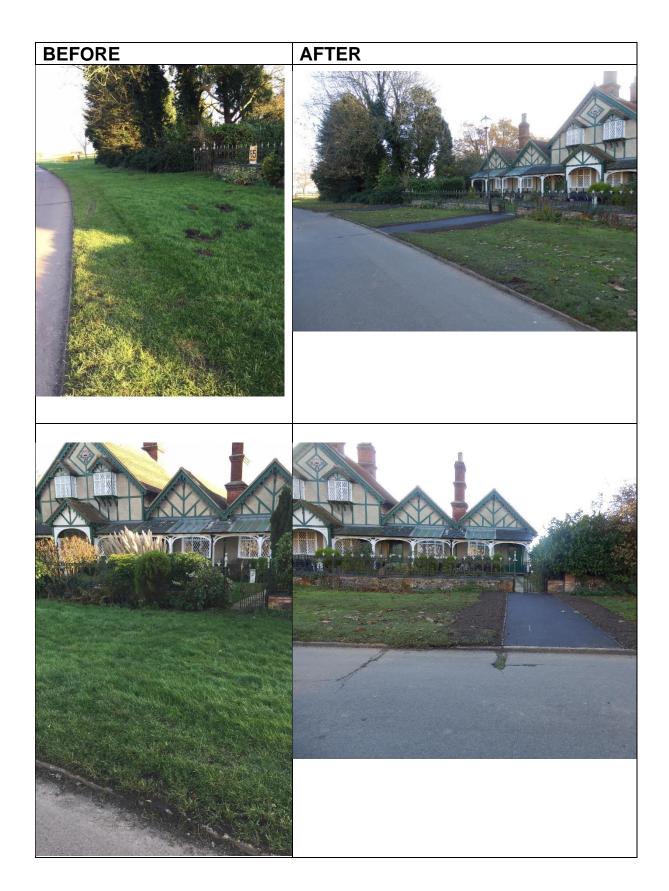


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Appendix 2 Footways on Park Street in Little Easton



APPENDIX 3 STEBBING BYWAY 31- 46







Appendix 4 DEBDEN BYWAY 30





