

## UTTLESFORD LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES

7 JANUARY 2019 18:00

COMMITTEE ROOM, UDC OFFICES, LONDON ROAD, SAFFRON  
WALDEN, ESSEX, CB11 4ER

<b>Chairman:</b>	Cllr Simon Walsh (ECC)
<b>Panel Members:</b>	Cllr John Moran (ECC) – Vice Chairman, Cllr Susan Barker (ECC), Cllr Ray Gooding (ECC), Cllr Heather Asker (UDC)
<b>Officers:</b>	Rissa Long – Highway Liaison Officer, (Essex Highways), Ian Henderson – Senior Road Safety Engineer (Essex Highways), Jeremy Pine – Planning Policy/Development Management Liaison Officer (UDC), Thomas Eng – Assistant Highways Liaison Officer (ECC)
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Anna Mawson - Democratic Services Officer (UDC)
<b>Also Present:</b>	Barrie Barnes (UALC), Danielle Frost and Terry Moore - Great Dunmow Town Council, Vanessa Callan – Public Speaker

Item		Owner
1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions:</b>  The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made	
2.	<b>Declarations of interest:</b>  Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mills.	
3.	<b>Minutes of meeting held on 24 September 2018 to be agreed as correct record:</b>  The minutes of the Uttlesford Local Highways Panel meeting held on 24 September 2018 were approved as a correct record.	
4.	<b>Matters Arising from Minutes of the previous meeting:</b>  None	
5.	<b>Casualty reduction schemes 2019-20</b>  The Senior Road Safety Engineer for Essex Highways delivered two casualty reduction site reports;	

	<p>1) B1052 Little Walden Road, Nr Stonebridge Farm 2) A120 j/w B1383, Bishops Stortford</p> <p>The recommendations in the reports were agreed.</p>	
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Public Questions (10 minutes):</b></p> <p>Mrs Vanessa Callan spoke to the panel in relation to Mill End; the road outside the High House Nursery. Mrs Callan advised that there had been a fatality along that stretch and that a member of staff had also been hit outside the nursery.</p> <p>The Panel and Mrs Callan spoke about the various issues and possible solutions and the Chairman thanked Mrs Callan for raising the issue to the Panel.</p> <p>Great Dunmow Parish Council raised an issue with Woodside Way/Woodlands Park roundabout. They reported that there had been more incidents of southbound vehicles not stopping and on occasion traversing the roundabout. There had been a recent incident where the driver was arrested under suspicion of driving offences. Residents have been disturbed by the collisions.</p> <p>The Highway Liaison Officer advised the panel that the police hadn't been aware of this until the recent impact; this is because there have been no injuries to date, but there had been damage to the roadsides and roundabout. The panel discussed various remedial ideas, The Highway Liaison Officer said that Highways can go out and take a look however there were unlikely to be measures that would mitigate against dangerous driving practices.</p> <p>Cllr Barker asked the Highway Liaison Officer if the CCTV of the collision could be released and if the information that someone had been arrested could be released to the media as a deterrent.</p> <p>The Great Dunmow Parish Council also raised the issue of the Woodlands Estate towards the Helena Romanes School, the footpaths were impassable and this didn't encourage people to walk instead of driving, exacerbating the traffic issues locally.</p> <p>The Highway Liaison Officer said that she would speak with the public rights of way team and coordinate some dates and visits to the area.</p>	
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Works Programme Update 2018/19:</b></p> <p>The Highway Liaison Officer updated members on the approved works programme and highlighted the following schemes:</p>	



	<p><b>#7 Ashdon primary (LUTT162065)</b>– Advisory 20mph outside the school</p> <p><b>#8 Walden Rd, Little Walden (LUTT162066)</b>– Speed limit amendments</p> <p>Advised that speed limits would be dealt with towards the end of the financial year.</p> <p><b>#14 Hollow Road, Widdington (LUTT172016)</b>– Advanced height restriction signage.</p> <p><b>#15 North Hall Bridge, Quendon (LUTT172017)</b>– Advanced height restriction signage.</p> <p>Advised unable to complete this financial year due to the need for a Basic Asset Protection Agreement with Network Rail.</p> <p><b>#21 The Endway, Great Easton – Installation of footway phase one (LUTT173001).</b></p> <p>There were two stages and the cut-off point of £130k was reinforced. The footpath may be reduced from 1.7m to 1.2m in width which was still within the safe zone but not deemed normal width, which would see some money saved.</p> <p><b>#24 High Easter Road Barnston (LUTT162067)</b>– Mini roundabout – additional £13k agreed.</p>	
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Potential Schemes List for consideration of Panel in 2019/20:</b></p> <p>The Highway Liaison Officer said that the panel would work to the 18-19 budget figures as the 19-20 figures were not yet available</p> <p><b>#2 Chelmsford Rd, Barnston (LUTT182020)</b>– Road widening works. Agreed to fund the design but that we acknowledged that the works may be beyond financial remit.</p> <p><b>#5 Church Street, Saffron Walden (LUTT173002 &amp; 172012)</b>– Corner of Church Street and Market Hill to protect historic building. The panel discussed the junction and that a survey of the area needed to be done to ascertain possible remedial action. Due to the layout of the buildings and the access requirements the area poses a great challenge to try to protect the overhanging historic buildings. The Highway Liaison Officer advised that they needed a package of measures for the whole area.</p> <p><b>#13 Dunmow Rd, Leaden Roding (LUTT172030)</b> – Traffic Calming. Unable to install Vehicle Activated Signage, however existing signage would be enhanced.</p>	



<p>The Highway Liaison Officer said that a number of low value schemes would be passed to the direct delivery team and would probably be implemented under the estimated costs.</p> <p><b>#15 Bolford Street, Thaxted (LUTT172031)</b>– 40mph buffer. The Highway Liaison Officer said this would be ok and that the costs had not been established yet.</p> <p><b>#16 Walden Road, Hadstock</b> – footway. Not agreed by panel</p> <p><b>#17 Walden Road, Hadstock (LUTT172037)</b>– traffic calming.</p> <p><b>#19 Walden Road, Little Walden (LUTT172035)</b>– Improve safety on the approach to Stonebridge. The panel agreed to progress the additional measures that had been identified which did not form part of the Casualty Reduction scheme.</p> <p><b>#20 Audley End Road, Audley End (LUTT172034)</b> – Speed limit reduction. The panel discussed that vehicles were slowing rapidly, and failing to indicate before turning into the overflow carpark due to there being a derestricted section of road from Saffron Walden. There is no footpath and visitors are walking in the road to reach Audley End. The Highway Liaison Officer advised that they also needed to be encouraged to use crossing sites.</p> <p><b>#21 Manuden Road (LUTT162043)</b> – Awaiting land acquisition, recommended to proceed.</p> <p><b>#22 Rosemary Lane junction with North Street, Great Dunmow (LUTT162052)</b> – Roundabout realignment. The Highway Liaison Officer advised that following a discussion with the Great Dunmow Town Council there may be a different way forward that has been identified.</p> <p><b>#36 Ashdon Rd, Saffron Walden (LUTT182006)</b> – Improving Traffic flow. Panel agreed to a feasibility study, The Highway Liaison Officer spoke about including the town council and considering the emerging neighbourhood plan.</p> <p><b>#41 Cambridge Road, Quendon (LUTT182013)</b> – 30mph extension. 40mph buffer recommended.</p> <p><b>#42 Stortford Rd, Leaden Roding (LUTT182015)</b>– 30mph extension. Meets criteria and costs to be £10k.</p> <p><b>#47 Saffron Walden Market</b> Amendments. The board queried the cost. The Highway Liaison Officer advised that this was to carry out the works from start to finish in their entirety. Cllr Moran asked if the SW BID team could be involved. Not approved</p> <p>Cllr Barker said that it is not satisfactory methodology to request</p>	
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	funding part way through the year as costs and budgets have already been allocated.	
<b>9 &amp; 10.</b>	<b>Appendix</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Highways Rangers</b> The board congratulated the rangers on their good work. The Highway Liaison Officer said that the rangers will undertake parish visits upon request.</li><li>- <b>Section 106 Schemes</b> The Highway Liaison Officer referred the board to the section 106 report in the agenda pack.  The board discussed the need for planning to take action in enforcing developers in implementing highways improvements as a direct result of development and that it was important to identify section 106 funding for improvements.</li></ul>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>AOB</b> <p>Cllr Barker raised the 30mph limit on Ongar Road, there have been accidents due to the series of bends and excessive speeds.</p> <p>The Highway Liaison Officer said she would take it back to the team.</p>	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting:</b>  11 March 2019 18:00	

*Meeting close 7:30pm*

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