

Minutes

Braintree District Local Highways Panel

24th March 2016

(Comprising representatives of:-

Essex County Council
Braintree District Council
Braintree Association of Local Councils)

Present:-

Councillor R Walters (Chairman)
Councillor J Abbott (from 6.05pm)
Councillor M Banthorpe
Councillor J Bendall
Councillor D Gronland
Councillor R Mitchell
Councillor Lady Newton
Councillor B Rose
Councillor D Smith

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Councillor Mrs M Cunningham (Braintree District Council) was also in attendance.

Officers

Sonia Church - Essex Highways
Matt Valentine - Essex Highways
Adam Hill - Braintree District Council
Samir Pandya - Braintree District Council
Alison Webb – Braintree District Council

Apologies for absence were received from Mr P Partridge (Braintree District Council) and Councillor J Pike (Essex County Council).

1 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following interests were declared:-

Councillor J Abbott declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 8 - Schemes for Consideration by the Panel and specifically scheme LBRA152089 Park Road and the Northern section of Church Road, Rivenhall - A review of current measures including signage and lining and consideration of possible measures such as a speed limit reduction and no overtaking markings, as he lived in Park Road, Rivenhall.

Councillor M Banthorpe declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 6 - Braintree District Local Highways Panel Budget and specifically scheme LBRA152020 Brunwin Road j/w Shalford Road, Rayne – Extension of double yellow lines to 29 Shalford Road as Braintree District Council's Elected Member for Rayne.

Councillor R Mitchell declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 8 – Schemes for Consideration by the Panel and specifically scheme LBRA003001 Inworth Road, Feering - New footway, as he was a resident of Inworth Road.

Councillor D Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 6 - Braintree District Local Highways Panel Budget and specifically scheme LBRA152020 Brunwin Road j/w Shalford Road, Rayne – Extension of double yellow lines to 29 Shalford Road as a Member of Rayne Parish Council.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Councillors Abbott, Banthorpe, Mitchell and Smith remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion when the Items were considered.

2 **MINUTES**

DECISION: That the Minutes of the meeting of Braintree District Local Highways Panel held on 18th January 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 **MATTERS ARISING**

INFORMATION:

Minute 3 – Matters Arising (Minute 5 - Braintree District Local Highways Panel Budget)

Members of the Panel were advised that it had not been possible to submit a detailed report on performance against the budget to this meeting as the final figures on completed schemes would not be available until the end of April 2016.

4 **QUESTION TIME**

INFORMATION: There were four statements made. Details of the people who spoke at the meeting are contained in the Appendix to these Minutes. The comments made are summarised below.

Councillor Sparks reiterated Earls Colne Parish Council's support for the extension of the 40mph speed limit by 300m at B1024 Coggeshall Road, South of America Road, Earls Colne on the ground that it would improve safety. Councillor Sparks stated that the proposed scheme had the support of Braintree District Council and Essex County Council Members also. It was subsequently agreed by the Panel, that although this scheme did not meet

the required criteria, it should be referred to the Cabinet Member for Highways Delivery for consideration with the support of the Chairman of the Panel (Minute 7 refers).

Councillor Mrs Cunningham indicated that an additional pedestrian crossing located near to the junction of Cressing Road and Stubbs Lane, Braintree was required due to an increase in the number of pupils attending Alec Hunter Academy who crossed Cressing Road at this point. Councillor Mrs Cunningham reported that a child had been knocked down by a car and had suffered head injuries. A safe passage for children going to and from school was required.

Matt Valentine, Essex Highways stated that, subject to a feasibility study being approved, a report on this scheme would be submitted to a future meeting of the Panel.

Mr Konig indicated that the description of the proposed work relating to scheme LBRA142037 – Broad Road, Braintree should state 'speed limit extended to 30mph to Thistley Green Road.' Mr Konig expressed concern that since the last meeting of the Panel the anticipated completion date of this scheme had been put back from May 2016 to November 2016 without explanation and that this was now the fifth completion date that had been given. Mr Konig expressed concern about the high speed of vehicles and the affect on vulnerable members of the community including those at Fern Lodge Residential Home for disabled people, Larch Wood Care Home for the elderly and Cypress Gardens for people with a learning disability who had to cross Broad Road. Mr Konig asked the following questions:-

1. Every scheme in the later year than this one has an earlier implementation date. Why?
2. The latest implementation date is now the fifth date given. Why have there been so many slippages and what are the reasons?
3. What assurance can be given that this is the last and final date that the new speed limit will actually be put into operation? Will Members and Officers ensure that this is done by this date, if not earlier?

Matt Valentine, Essex Highways agreed to forward the information requested to Mr Konig by E-Mail and to copy the E-Mail to all Members of Braintree District Local Highways Panel. A report would also be presented to the next meeting of the Panel to explain why the implementation date had slipped.

Councillor Lager commented as follows:-

Scheme LBRA152014 – Cut Throat Lane, Witham
Has this scheme been approved? It does not represent value for money and it is not a high priority.

Action By: Alison Webb to check past Minutes to clarify if the scheme has been approved.

Scheme LBRA142006 – B1018 Braintree Road, Cressing
Support putting this scheme on hold.

Scheme LBRA162004 - Chipping Hill Bridge, Chipping Hill j/w Powers Hall
End, Witham

On 15th February 2016 Witham Town Council supported recommendations put forward by Essex County Council Highways to improve visibility, but did not consider that traffic lights would be an appropriate solution in the Conservation Area. Witham Town Council suggested that the stop line on the Chipping Hill side of the bridge should be moved back.

Scheme LBRA162005 - Chipping Hill, Witham
No objection.

Scheme LBRA162006 - Guithavon Valley, Witham

A raised platform in the road would be more effective. The passageway is very rarely used and could be closed.

Scheme LBRA162008 - Pelly Avenue, Witham

Suggest put this on hold pending the publication of Witham Town Council's report on parking.

Scheme LBRA162010 - Mill Lane/Guithavon Valley, Witham
Witham Town Council opposed the installation of 'domes'.

Scheme LBRA162014 - Guithavon Valley, Witham

A raised platform at the junction of Guithavon Valley and Guithavon Rise would be a better solution.

Scheme LBRA152140 - B1389 Hatfield Road, Witham

Significant additional housing is likely adjoining Hatfield Road and a more strategic approach is required to enable people on foot to cross the road safely.

Scheme LBRA162028 - Rectory Lane, Rivenhall

Rectory Lane from Forest Road to the Old Rectory/Lodge should be closed to vehicular traffic in view of significant additional housing expected in the future. (Councillor Lager was advised that such a proposal would have to be dealt with separately to the Quiet Lane proposal).

5 **BRAINTREE DISTRICT LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL BUDGET**

INFORMATION: Details of Braintree District Local Highways Panel's capital and revenue budgets were reported.

It was noted that on 9th February 2016 Essex County Council had agreed its budget for the forthcoming financial year, which included a decision to reduce the funding allocated to Local Highways Panels by half. This meant that

capital funding amounting to £407,789 would be available for expenditure by Braintree District Local Highways Panel in 2016/17.

Members were advised that, in the circumstances, schemes which had already been recommended by the Panel for approval but had yet to be implemented had been re-profiled to be delivered and funded from the 2016/17 budget. These schemes, the details of which are set out below, had a total value of £440,000.

Re-profiled Schemes

LBRA142018 – Installation of a central safety refuge, junction of Bridge Street and Colchester Road, Bures Hamlet
Predicted Spend in 2016/17 - £23,000

LBRA142020 – Installation of kerbing to over-run area due to continual damage to the village green, Colneford Hill/Colne Park Road, White Colne
Predicted Spend In 2016/17 - £18,000

LBRA142021 – Installation of concrete kerbing around the Colne Park Road section of the village green, Village Green, White Colne
Predicted Spend in 2016/17 - £4,100

LBRA142037 – Extension of 30mph speed limit signs, Broad Road, Braintree
Predicted Spend in 2016/17 - £7,000

LBRA141001 – Casualty reduction scheme, Deanery Hill/Church Lane, Bocking
Predicted Spend in 2016/17 - £2,000

LBRA142061 – Installation of 2 No. additional height restriction warning signs North and South bound, Coggeshall Road, Feering
Predicted Spend in 2016/17 - £6,800

LBRA142122 – Extension of the existing 30mph speed limit North by an additional 100 metres, Church Road, Rivenhall
Predicted Spend in 2016/17 - £6,000

LBRA151002 – Casualty reduction scheme, Courtauld Road, North-bound approach to Julien Court Road, Braintree
Predicted Spend in 2016/17 - £4,500

LBRA152002 – Installation of a 20mph speed limit in the vicinity of St Giles Primary School, Church Street, signage and Traffic Regulation Order (including lit terminal signs) Church Street, Great Maplestead
Predicted Spend in 2016/17 - £7,000

LBRA152008 – Installation of signage and Traffic Regulation Order for 7.5T weight limit, Castle Hedingham
Predicted Spend in 2016/17 - £31,800

LBRA152011 – Feasibility study. The survey results have highlighted a problem with vehicles entering and exiting Inworth Road. The feasibility study will provide a report of what can improve the junction with cost options.
London Road j/w Inworth Road, Feering
Predicted Spend in 2016/17 - £15,500

LBRA152014 – Conversion of two pedestrian accesses to ramped access; upgrading one pedestrian access steps with handrail, Cut Throat Lane, Witham
Predicted Spend in 2016/17 - £24,120

LBRA152016 – Installation of 30mph roundel at top of Dragons Teeth by the 30mph speed limit terminal sign along London Road and Inworth Road, Entrances to Feering Village
Predicted Spend in 2016/17 - £1,000

LBRA152020 – Extension of the double yellow lines (approximately 20m) along Shalford Road to the top of the ramp outside property No. 29, Brunwin Road j/w Shalford Road, Rayne
Predicted Spend in 2016/17 - £1,000

LBRA152070 – Installation of new signage and re-routing of HGVs to stop the conflict of HGVs getting stuck along this road, Oak Road, Rivenhall
Predicted Spend in 2016/17 - £44,000

LBRA152060 – Removal of the two Church End arms of the junction and in their place provide a single arm square to the road. This would reduce the number of conflict points from three to one. This would also involve installing new kerbing at the bell mouth, Ashton's Corner, B1053 Braintree Road j/w Panfield Road and Church End, Panfield
Predicted Spend in 2016/17 - £52,000

LBRA152078 – Installation of a tactile crossing at the junction and improve the gradient, Newland Street j/w The Grove, Witham
Predicted Spend in 2016/17 - £45,000

LBRA153006 – 1) Widening of the Northern refuge island, add tactile paving, replace bollards and add sign plates; 2) Excavate verge and lay new footway along Church Street; 3) Grove Field – Re-profile footway for addition of tactile paving (2 sites) and excavate verge and lay new footway; 4) Install new lining near Grove Field; 5) Install 2x VAS, A131 High Garrett, Braintree
Predicted Spend in 2016/17 - £80,000

LBRA152019 – Installation of additional advanced warning '6.6 width restriction' sign and sub plate by the bench along Finchingfield Road; remove 'road narrow' sign and sub plate from BT pole in Church Street; install new post with 'road narrow' sign and sub plate and '6.6 width restriction' sign, Church Street, Steeple Bumpstead
Predicted Spend in 2016/17 - £7,100

LBRA153001 – Installation of 46m of footway following existing f/w width from Ranulph Way past the property along Church Road known as Gables, back edging and up to the footpath with kerbing. The back edge to be soil and seeded. Optional - installation of three bollards to prevent vehicles mounting the kerb, Church Road, Hatfield Peverel
Predicted Spend in 2016/17 - £51,800

LBRA152042 – Implementation of a 'one way' Traffic Regulation Order with the accompanying signs and lines for this section of Panfield Lane; a new 'no left turn ahead' sign prior to the junction and also a 'no entry' marking on the carriageway; new 'ahead arrows' to be installed on the carriageway, Panfield Lane between junction with Aetheric Road and Rayne Road, Braintree
Predicted Spend in 2016/17 - £5,000

It was proposed also that the Panel should consider recommending further schemes having a total value of £220,000 for approval in order to create an £660,000 overall rolling programme. This would provide flexibility and ensure that the capital funding available for 2016/17 could be spent in full.

It was reported that the Panel's revenue budget for 2016/17 was £93,471 from which £70,000 would be allocated to work carried out by the Highway Rangers.

DECISION: That Braintree District Local Highways Panel's capital and revenue budgets for 2016/17 be noted.

6 **SCHEME UPDATE – B1018 BRAINTREE ROAD, CRESSING**

INFORMATION: Consideration was given to an updated report on the following scheme which had been approved for implementation.

LBRA142006 – Carriageway widening, installation of a footpath and new kerbing, B1018 Braintree Road, Cressing

Members of the Panel were reminded that the above-mentioned scheme had been recommended for approval by the Panel during the 2014/15 financial year at a cost of £200,000.

Completion of the scheme would require a section of land which was privately owned. However, the owner had indicated that the land was required as part of another development proposal for the area. Negotiations regarding this proposal were on-going and it was not known when the matter would be determined.

Discussions had taken place with Lambert Smith Hampton, Essex County Council's contractors for all land negotiations, who had suggested that there should be a combined approach in order to secure one solution to the development proposal and highway alterations. In the circumstances, it was proposed that scheme LBRA142006 should be put on hold. Furthermore, if

the scheme remained on the approved list a large proportion of the Panel's capital budget would continue to be re-profiled from one financial year to the next and would constrain the number of new schemes which could be commissioned during the 2016/17 financial year.

Whilst acknowledging the reasons for putting scheme LBRA142006 on hold, Members highlighted that it sought to improve a very dangerous stretch of road and that it should be brought forward for implementation if this was possible.

DECISION: That scheme LBRA142006 – carriageway widening, installation of a footpath and new kerbing, B1018 Braintree Road, Cressing be held in abeyance pending the outcome of negotiations and the determination of the development proposal currently being considered for the area, subject to the scheme being brought forward for implementation should this be feasible.

7 **SCHEMES FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PANEL**

INFORMATION: Consideration was given to a report containing a schedule of possible schemes. The schemes recommended for approval would be put forward to be funded during the 2016/17 financial year.

In discussing this report, Members were reminded that the Panel's capital budget for 2016/17 had been fully allocated following the re-profiling of previously approved schemes. However, it was proposed that a rolling programme of schemes should be established to provide flexibility and to ensure that the 2016/17 budget would be spent in full.

DECISION:

- (1) That the following schemes be recommended for approval, subject to the specific comments denoted:-

Passenger Transport

LBRA165001 – Replacement of old metal bus shelter with wooden shelter, removal of flag from lighting column, make up new and attach to new shelter, 3901702, Allectus Way, Witham
Estimated Cost - £8,500

LBRA165004 – Installation of new wooden shelter on verge, 27011012, Colchester Road near the junction of Normandy Way, Bures
Estimated Cost - £8,000

Public Rights of Way

Blade the footpath level, install a sub-base and drainage and cap with a suitable all-weather surface, from the River Blackwater Northwards to the concrete track from Convent Lane carrying Footpath 37, Footpath 52, Braintree

Estimated Cost - £10,000

(This scheme was reported verbally to the meeting).

Safer Roads

LBRA161001 – Installation of an indicative right turn phase for motorists travelling south, including the installation of an additional right turn signal head on the existing signals at the South-Western corner of the junction, crossroads at The Avenue j/w Newland Street, Witham
Estimated Cost - £25,000

LBRA161002 - The kerbs to be built out and relocation of the central island/dome to a more central position, A1124, 100 yards South of Church Hill, Earls Colne
Estimated Cost - £18,000

LBRA161003 - Study to ascertain if the junction may be reconfigured to a normal junction to replace the existing Bennett junction, B1018 Witham Road, j/w Temple Lane, Silver End
Estimated Cost - £5,000

LBRA161004 – Relocation of existing advanced 'give way' signage to 100 yards from the junction, replacement of the existing junction and reconfiguration to a normal junction, Halstead Road, j/w Queen Street (Braintree Corner), Sible Hedingham
Estimated Cost - £10,000

LBRA161005 – Installation of improved signage for the national cycle way and cycle warning signage, review the location of the bus stop, painting of bus cage marking on the carriageway and relocation of the existing telegraph pole within the visibility splay for Godlings Way to the back of the footway, London Road, j/w Godlings Way, Braintree
Estimated Cost - £16,000

LBRA161006 – Provision of new zebrite belisha beacons, complete a scrim survey to ascertain the extent of the below standard surfacing, provision of a 'pedestrian crossing' warning sign on the North-bound approach, refresh the 'crossing carpet' and approach 'zig zag' markings and provision of 'slow' road markings adjacent to the new advanced signage, Maldon Road, approx. 100 metres North of j/w Blackman Way, Witham
Estimated Cost - £11,000

LBRA161007 – Provision of build out or over-run area on the Northern side, relocation of existing illuminated sign to the build out and 'no entry' road markings to be applied to the carriageway surface at the junction mouth, High Street, near to The Boars Head 20 yards from j/w St Michael's Road, Braintree
Estimated Cost - £10,000

Traffic Management

LBRA162001 – Installation of 'unsuitable for motor vehicles' signs on London Road and Bakers Lane to prevent vehicles mistakenly using Pickpocket Lane, Pickpocket Lane, Black Notley
Estimated Cost - £4,000

LBRA162003 – Relocation of the existing blue 'width restriction' sign along The Grove and upgrade to a larger sign, The Grove, j/w Pasture Road, Witham
Estimated Cost - £3,000

LBRA162005 - To carry out informal consultation on amending the single yellow line restriction on the South side of Chipping Hill from its junction with Earlsmead Westwards for a distance of approximately 200 metres to Bridge House. This can be changed to 'No Waiting 7am-7pm' during bus operational hours, Chipping Hill, Witham
Estimated Cost - £1,500

LBRA162006 – Installation of tactile crossing point where alleyway from Collingwood Road emerges onto Guithavon Valley and on opposite side of the road; extend the existing double yellow lines to cover the new crossing point. Installation of a tactile crossing at the junction with Almond Road, Guithavon Valley, Witham
Estimated Cost - £14,000

LBRA162009 – Installation of a VAS/SID along Swan Street at the entrance to the village, Swan Street, Sible Hedingham
Estimated Cost - £8,500

LBRA162011 – Installation of three guard rails set back from the carriageway to aid the safety of pedestrians at the crossing patrol, John Ray Junior School, Notley Road, Braintree
Estimated Cost - £6,000

LBRA162012 – Removal of the 'reduce speed now' sub plate on both approaches and installation of 'on-coming vehicles in middle of the road' (TSRGD Diag No. 575) plate, North End Road, Little Yeldham
Estimated Cost - £1,500

LBRA162013 – Installation of two 'pedestrians in road' signs at approach to the humpback bridge in both directions, Maldon Road j/w Ewell Hall Chase, Kelvedon
Estimated Cost - £3,000

LBRA162014 - To investigate the possible provision of additional parking bays along Guithavon Valley and to carry out a safety audit. To investigate if a tactile crossing point can be installed at the junction with Collingwood Road, Guithavon Valley, Witham
Estimated Cost - £4,000

LBRA162015 - Feasibility study for the installation of a zebra/signalised crossing, Crossing Road, South of Stubbs Lane, Braintree
Estimated Cost - £10,000

LBRA162016 - Installation of a tactile crossing at Francis Way j/w Broadway and improvement to drainage due to ponding in the vicinity of the crossing. Installation of a tactile crossing adjacent to the shops/library, Francis Way j/w Broadway, Silver End
Estimated Cost - £10,000

(It was agreed that the cost of this scheme should be reduced by omitting the proposed tactile crossing adjacent to the shops/library and that the revised scheme should be agreed with the Chairman of the Panel)

Action By: Matt Valentine, Essex Highways

LBRA162017 – Installation of a VAS, travelling South-bound, Kelvedon Road, Coggeshall
Estimated Cost - £8,500

LBRA162018 – Installation of 'keep clear' markings outside Home Bridge Manor, B1389 Hatfield Road, Witham
Estimated Cost - £1,000

Extension of current 40mph speed limit by around 300m, B1024 Coggeshall Road, South of America Road, Earls Colne
Estimated Cost - £0

(Although the status of this scheme had been assessed as 'red' as it did not meet the criteria, it was agreed by the Panel Members that the Cabinet Member for Highways Delivery should be recommended to approve the scheme).

Action By: Matt Valentine, Essex Highways

LBRA162021 - To carry out the legal aspect for the compulsory purchase of land in order to implement the remaining section of the footway, Inworth Road, Feering
Estimated Cost - £30,000

LBRA162022 – Implementation of a 20mph limit, Valentine Way and School Road, Silver End

Estimated Cost - £3,000

(It was agreed that the status of this scheme which had been assessed as 'red' should be amended to 'green'; that it should be considered as a proposal for a 20mph speed limit rather than as a 'zone'; and that it should be processed together with scheme LBRA162023 - Grooms Lane and all of the Daniel Way estate, Silver End).

LBRA162023 - Implementation of a 20mph limit, Grooms Lane and all of the Daniel Way estate, Silver End

Estimated Cost - £3,000

(It was agreed that the status of this scheme which had been assessed as 'red' should be amended to 'green'; that it should be considered as a proposal for a 20mph speed limit rather than as a 'zone'; and that it should be processed together with scheme LBRA162022 - Valentine Way and School Road, Silver End).

Pedestrian/vehicle survey, A1124 Church Hill, Earls Colne

Estimated Cost - £0

(It was agreed that a pedestrian/vehicle survey be carried out to assess if a pedestrian crossing meets the criteria).

Quiet Lanes

LBRA162028 - Implementation of a Quiet Lane, Rectory Lane, Rivenhall

Estimated Cost - £6,000

LBRA162029 - Implementation of a Quiet Lane, Water Lane, Shalford

Estimated Cost - £6,000

Walking

LBRA163002 – Improvement of the current footway and installation of dropped crossing with tactile paving, Hill Lane j/w A1017, Sturmer

Estimated Cost - £5,000

Revenue Scheme

LBRA162025 – Ad Hoc surveys, Braintree District

Estimated Cost - £4,000

- (2) That, with regard to the following scheme, a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Panel on the cost of upgrading the existing zebra crossing, rather than installing a signalised crossing:-

Traffic Management

LBRA162007 - Detailed design to upgrade the current zebra crossing to a signalised crossing, Swan Street, Sible Hedingham
Estimated Cost - £25,000

8 **PROGRAMME OF SCHEMES - ALREADY RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL/PROGRAMMED FOR DELIVERY**

INFORMATION: Consideration was given to a programme of schemes which the Panel had recommended for approval. The programme included those schemes for which work had subsequently been agreed, cancelled, or recently completed.

DECISION: That the programme of schemes recommended for approval at previous meetings of the Panel be noted.

9 **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS OF THE PANEL**

INFORMATION: Consideration was given to a schedule of dates for forthcoming meetings of Braintree District Local Highways Panel.

In discussing this item, Councillor Mitchell pointed out that as well as representing Braintree District Council on the Local Highways Panel he also represented the District Council on the North Essex Parking Partnership. As such, Councillor Mitchell considered it important that he should attend meetings of the Panel on a regular basis, but due to changes in work commitments this may not be possible. In the circumstances, Councillor Mitchell requested that the dates for future meetings of the Panel should be held in abeyance.

DECISION: It was noted that the next meetings of Braintree District Local Highways Panel were proposed to take place on 7th July 2016, 22nd September 2016 and 19th January 2017.

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm and closed at 8.00pm.

Councillor R Walters
(Chairman)

APPENDIX

BRAINTREE DISTRICT LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL

24TH MARCH 2016

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Details of Questions Asked / Statements Made During Public Question Time

- 1 Statement Relating to Agenda Item 8 – Schemes for Consideration by the Panel (Scheme Ref 29 – Extension of 40mph speed limit by 300m - B1024 Coggeshall Road, South of America Road, Earls Colne)

Statement by Councillor Ian Sparks, for Earls Colne Parish Council, c/o Earls Colne Parish Council, Council Office, Village Hall, York Road, Earls Colne

- 2 Statement Relating to Agenda Item 8 – Schemes for Consideration by the Panel (Scheme Ref 19 (LBRA162015) - Feasibility study for pedestrian crossing at Cressing Road, (South of Stubbs Lane), Braintree)

Statement by Councillor Mrs Mary Cunningham, Little Bishops, Queenborough Lane, Braintree (on behalf of Mr Whent, Chairman of Alec Hunter Academy)

- 3 Statement Relating to Agenda Item 6 – Braintree District Local Highways Panel Budget and Agenda Item 9 – Schemes Already Recommended for Approval and Programmed for Delivery (Scheme LBRA142037) – Extension of 30mph speed limit, Broad Road, Braintree

Statement by Mr Jim Konig, 107 Bridport Way, Braintree

- 4 Statement Relating to Agenda Item 6 – Braintree District Local Highways Panel Budget, Agenda Item 7 – Scheme Update and Agenda Item 8 – Schemes for Consideration by the Panel
(Agenda Item 6, Scheme LBRA152014 – Conversion of two pedestrian accesses to ramped access and upgrade one access with handrail, Cut Throat Lane, Witham)
(Agenda Item 7, Scheme LBRA142006 – Carriageway widening, installation of footpath and new kerbing - B1018 Braintree Road, Cressing)
(Agenda Item 8, Scheme LBRA162004 - Detailed Design for the removal of two courses of bricks from the bridge to lower the parapet; relocating the existing street light column and replacing it with a more slender design; re-aligning the existing pedestrian barrier; lowering or removing the top timber rail of the return fencing to the parapet; replacing the footbridge timber rails with smaller slender rails (including Road Safety Audit) and target cost, Chipping Hill Bridge, Chipping Hill j/w Powers Hall End, Witham)
(Agenda Item 8, Scheme LBRA162005 - To carry out an informal consultation with regards to amending the single yellow line restriction on the south side of Chipping Hill from its junction with Earlsmead westwards for a distance of approximately 200 metres to Bridge House. This can be changed to 'No Waiting 7am-7pm' during the bus operational hours, Chipping Hill, Witham)

(Agenda Item 8, Scheme LBRA162006 - Install tactile crossing point where alleyway from Collingwood Road emerges onto Guithavon Valley and on opposite side of the road; extend the existing double yellow lines to cover the new crossing point. Install tactile crossing at junction with Almond Road, Guithavon Valley, Witham)

(Agenda Item 8, Scheme LBRA162008 - Install grasscrete or parking bays along Pelly Avenue within the grass verge, Pelly Avenue, Witham)

(Agenda Item 8, Scheme LBRA162010 - Guithavon Valley - The existing bend warning sign should be removed and new bend warning sign placed at the boundary of 25 and 27 to face South-bound. All white lining to be refreshed. Mini double roundabouts - signing and lining to be corrected on all approaches. All signs should be removed and the correct arrangement replaced. The two roundabout signs mounted on lamp columns are to be renewed with grey backed board. The lining should be removed and correct arrangement laid. The mini roundabouts be domed to encourage drivers to manoeuvre around them creating through deflection. Mill Lane - The right hand bend sign to be removed. The double bend warning sign at the boundary of 44 and Clifton House should be removed and correct double bend warning sign installed. The double bend warning sign at the boundary of Lingards and 1 The Orchards should be removed. The double bend warning sign on LC 4 should be removed and a new cantilever post and sign erected at the back of the footway adjacent to the boundary wall of 21, Mill Lane/Guithavon Valley, Witham)

(Agenda Item 8, Scheme LBRA162014 - To investigate the possibility of additional parking bays along Guithavon Valley and a safety audit carried out. Also investigate if a tactile crossing point can be installed at the junction with Collingwood Road, Guithavon Valley, Witham)

(Agenda Item 8, Scheme LBRA152140 - Improve the pedestrian refuge, B1389 Hatfield Road, Witham)

(Agenda Item 8, Scheme LBRA162028 - Implementation of a Quiet Lane, Rectory Lane, Rivenhall)

Statement by Councillor Michael Lager, Witham Town Council, 45 Chipping Hill, Witham