

LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL – MINUTES AND ACTIONS

	PRESENT:
Date: 9th October 2014	Panel Members: Cllr Keith Bobbin, Cllr Kay Twitchen, Cllr Mark Ellis, Cllr Nigel Le Gresley, Cllr Malcolm Buckley, Cllr Kerry Smith
Venue: Committee Room 5, County Hall	
Apologies: Cllr Tony Hedley, Cllr Melissa McGeorge, Cllr William Archibald	Other Attendees: Cllr Ray Howard – Deputy Cabinet Member, Rob Macdonald - Highway Liaison Officer, Will Price – Highway Liaison Officer, Anthony Buston - Senior Transport Strategy and Engagement Officer, Beverley Gould – Principal Transport Strategy and Engagement Officer, Peter Wright - Design and Consultancy Manager

Item:	Action:	Action Owner:
1.	Welcome and Introductions Cllr Bobbin welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	Declarations of Interest There were none.	
3.	<p>Minutes of meeting held on 30th September 2014 to be agreed as correct record – Agreed.</p> <p>The previously approved PV² survey outside Grange Primary school was again discussed. Councillor Buckley questioned the rationale behind this survey on the basis that Elder Avenue was a quiet cul-de-sac. Councillor Le Gresley said that the reason for his initial request was that there was no footway on Elder Avenue and cars were turning in the vicinity of the school, making it unsafe for children. Will Price (WP) said that the survey had already been initiated since it had previously been approved by the Panel and Councillor Le Gresley had upheld his request.</p> <p>Councillor Twitchen made clear that inconsiderate parking and driving outside schools was a serious issue that needed to be tackled more broadly in the Borough and the County. Panel Members agreed and a discussion was held around the topic. Beverley Gould agreed to discuss the concerns and proposals of the Panel with the Sustainable Travel Team who are working on a project surrounding school travel.</p>	BG

<p>4.</p>	<p>Basildon District Approved Scheme List</p> <p>WP Highlighted the schemes that required discussion:</p> <p>LBAS002012 - A130 Northbound VMS – The ITS team had been unable to find a suitable location for a Variable Message Sign. The Panel agreed this scheme should be cancelled.</p> <p>LBAS006008 - Ghyllgrove Infant and Junior School – WP asked for the Panel’s approval in cancelling this scheme since engineers had no information on what is required or who requested the scheme. The Panel agreed on the condition that Councillor Archibald be consulted.</p> <p>LBAS142013 - Basildon Hospital, Nethermayne –BG updated that work had started.</p> <p>LBAS142016 – The closure of the A13 layby was discussed. This is currently at the detailed design stage. Cllr Twitchen reiterated her concerns around overnight parking. BG told the Panel that there is funding for A13 corridor improvements and it is possible this could be used to implement the closure/improvement of the layby.</p> <p>LBAS145005 – The Panel were consulted on what phase 3 of the Bus Stop improvement scheme in Basildon and Wickford would entail. WP sought final approval for the initiation of this phase. This was approved.</p> <p>LBAS142029 – Councillor Le Gresley queried whether the review of 20mph limits outside Basildon schools was to be Borough wide. WP confirmed that it is.</p> <p>LBAS145006 - Eastfield Road into Wash Road at Noak Bridge – WP advised that there was no longer a need for this passenger transport scheme, as advised by the Passenger Transport team. The Panel agreed this scheme should be cancelled.</p> <p>LBAS142036 – Southend Road junction with Bakers Farm Close - WP advised that a safety audit had shown speeds to be too high for a zebra crossing. With this in mind WP recommended the cancellation of the</p>	<p>WP</p> <p>WP</p>
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	<p>existing scheme and the commission of a new feasibility study to investigate the suitability of a signalised crossing. £4000 – Approved.</p> <p>LBAS132026 - Elizabeth Way junction with Southwell Link, Laindon – WP informed the panel that the newly installed bollards would be black, whilst the existing bollards are blue. The Panel consented.</p>	
5.	<p>LBAS 142021 - High Road North – Scheme Update</p> <p>WP updated the Panel, informing them that the removal of the 2 build outs and their replacement with speed humps had been vetoed by Councillor Bass. In turn, new proposals had been drawn up focussing on improved weight restriction signage and a build out of the kerb line at the junction with the A127. £4,000 was recommended for detailed design and topographical surveys – Approved.</p>	
6	<p>Highways Improvements Programme - Schemes for Consideration 2014-15</p> <p>Top ups: LBAS 131013 - Vange Primary School - £2000 top up agreed</p> <p>Revenue Schemes: LBAS142044 – WP recommended that the Panel allocate a lump sum of revenue funds to allow the undertaking of traffic surveys between meetings. This was agreed by the Panel on the understanding that support would need to be sought from the Chair and 2 x Panel Members before a survey could be undertaken. £5,000 was agreed.</p> <p>Members requested a list of previous survey sites/dates. WP agreed to pursue this.</p>	WP
7.	<p>Highway Improvements Programme - Arrangements for 2015-16 Programme and Potential Schemes for Reference</p> <p>Hornsby Way, Basildon – WP discussed the results of the previously commissioned feasibility study which recommended the introduction of speed cushions, humps or plateaus at a cost of £95,485 to prevent speeding and anti-social driving. Panel Members questioned whether this was the best form of response. Councillor Howard and Anthony Buston described a Castle Point scheme in which cameras had been introduced to monitor and respond to congregations of speeding drivers. They suggested that a similar scheme could be explored here. The Panel supported such a scheme, but Councillor Buckley expressed concern that Basildon Borough Council may not have the capacity to</p>	WP and Cllr Ellis

	<p>monitor additional cameras. WP and Councillor Ellis were to explore the viability of this scheme in consultation with BBC.</p> <p>Greenstead Infant and Junior School, Timberlog Lane, Basildon – WP advised that, contrary to the agenda, this £4,000 scheme could be delivered in 2014-15. He therefore sought Panel Approval for delivery this year. Approved.</p> <p>The remaining validated schemes (Kennel Lane and Brightside) were both supported by the Panel pending 2015/16 funding.</p> <p>WP discussed the importance of compiling a full programme of 2015-16 schemes by March 2015. He also asked for the Panel’s help in ensuring that scheme requests are as detailed as possible, and ideally delivered on a scheme request from.</p> <p>WP advised that 4 additional scheme requests had been received from Panel Members but that the validation process for these schemes was not yet complete. The locations of these schemes were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Road, Langdon Hills • London Road, Wickford • Bridge Road, Noak Bridge • High Road/London Road, Pitsea <p>The London Road, Wickford scheme request involved the placing of mirrors at the Golden Jubilee Way subway entrance to improve pedestrian safety following a recent assault. Councillor Bobbin and WP advised that they understood there was a Borough wide safety review being undertaken by BBC and that this would look at such improvements. WP agreed to look into this before assessing the suitability of the request within the Panel.</p>	WP
8.	<p>A.O.B Cllr Twitchen requested an upgrade from a zebra to a signalised crossing along Stock Road, Billericay outside the Mayflower High school. WP asked that this request be made officially via email.</p> <p>Cllr Le Gresley discussed the need for a weight restriction on Gardner’s Lane North.</p>	Cllr Twitchen

	<p>Church Road/Southend Road, Wickford – WP asked for the Panel’s approval in splitting this previously discussed and approved scheme into 2 parts – detailed design and investigation to be commissioned in 2014/15 at a cost of £4000 and delivery to be accounted for within the 2015-16 budget (since it could not be delivered this year). Approved by the Panel.</p> <p>The Panel thanked Rob Macdonald for his hard work and support as the Caretaker HLO.</p>	
9.	<p>Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 20th Jan 10.30am – Committee Room 4, County Hall</p>	