

# Castle Point Local Highways Panel Meeting Agenda

28<sup>th</sup> November 2013

16:00hrs

Committee Room 1, Castle Point Council Offices.

## Panel Members:

### ECC Councillors

Dave Blackwell

Ray Howard

Jill Reeves

Alan Bayley

Jamie Huntman

### CPBC Councillors

Bill Dick

Simon Hart

Tom Skipp

Steven Cole

Martin Tucker

## Other Attendees:

### ECC:

Natalie Szpigelman - Highways Liaison Officer

Beverley Gould- Senior Strategy & Engagement Officer

Tony Buston- Senior Strategy & Engagement Officer

### CPBC:

Trudie Bragg - Head of Environment

Stuart Jarvis – Contracts Manager

Cheryl Salmon- Civic Governance Officer

Time		Item	Lead:	Papers:
	1	Welcome and Introductions	Chairman	Verbal
	2	Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2013	Chairman	Attached
	3	Castle Point Regeneration - Various	ME/TB	Verbal
	4	Potential Schemes for Consideration of Panel	NS	Attached
	5	Information Item- Scheme Updates inc. Benfleet Station Cycle Storage and Somnes Avenue Crossing Upgrade	NS	Attached
	6	Castle Point Cycle Routes	All	Attached
	7	Sainsburys Road Safety Scheme	NS	Attached
	8	Highways Rangers	SJ	Attached
	9	AOB	Chairman	Verbal
	10	Date of next meeting- 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2014		

## CASTLE POINT LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL – MINUTES AND ACTIONS

	<b>PRESENT:</b>	
<b>Date:</b> 7th October 2013	<b>Panel Members:</b>	
<b>Venue:</b> Committee Room 1, Castle Point Council Offices, Benfleet	ECC Councillors Ray Howard (Chairman) (RH); and Jill Reeves (JR); CPBC Councillors Steven Cole (SC); Bill Dick (BD); Simon Hart (SH); Colin Riley (CR); and Tom Skipp (TS).	
<b>Apologies:</b> ECC Councillors Alan Bayley, Dave Blackwell and Jamie Huntman. CPBC Councillors Dick and Tucker	<b>Other Attendees:</b> Sean Perry – Principal Area Transportation Co-ordinator (SP), Natalie Szpigelman – ECC Highways Liaison Officer (NS), Trudie Bragg – CPBC Head of Environment (TB), Stuart Jarvis – CPBC Contracts Manager (SJ), Cheryl Salmon – Minute Taker	
<b>Item:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>Action Owner:</b>
1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions:</b>	
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> There were none.	
3.	<p><b>Minutes of meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013</b> Agreed.</p> <p><b>Pedestrian Crossing in Somnes Avenue outside Waterside Farm Sports Centre</b> Traffic lights are activating when no pedestrians are at the crossing and this is disrupting the traffic flow in Somnes Avenue. It was requested that the matter be investigated.</p> <p><b>Highways Rangers</b> CR praised the work of the Highways Rangers. SP reported that ECC were happy with the way CPBC ran the service and that it was to be used as a best practice model across the County.</p> <p><b>Cycle Provision at Benfleet Station</b> The scheme was progressing and the hardstanding is due to be installed before the end of the current financial year. Money left over from the scheme had been used to purchase additional key fobs.</p>	<b>NS</b>

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	<p><b>Parking Problems outside Leigh Beck School</b></p> <p>RH reported that he had undertaken a site visit at the school in the summer break. Another meeting would be held on 17<sup>th</sup> October to meet with the local resident who had raised the issue. RH requested that Councillors Blackwell, S. Cole and Tucker and TB/SJ also attend. NS stated that this issue had been investigated previously it had been concluded that it was not feasible to install guardrail outside the school as the number of dropped kerbs in Point Road means that the guardrail will not have the desired effect.</p>													
4.	<p><b>Foksville Road j/w Furtherwick Road – Junction Improvements</b></p> <p>Awaiting results of feasibility study. Findings will be reported back to the Panel once completed.</p> <p>NS reported that Sainsburys, Canvey Island wanted to pay for a road safety scheme to prevent pedestrians walking across the forecourt of the petrol station. A site visit was due to take place on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013.</p>													
5.	<p><b>Potential Schemes for consideration of the Panel:</b></p> <p><b>Minor Schemes</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="225 1160 1294 1809"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="225 1160 608 1261">Scheme:</th> <th data-bbox="608 1160 794 1261">Estimated Cost:</th> <th data-bbox="794 1160 1294 1261">Action:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="225 1261 608 1361">Hadleigh Junior School</td> <td data-bbox="608 1261 794 1361"></td> <td data-bbox="794 1261 1294 1361">Awaiting results of speed survey and feasibility study.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="225 1361 608 1574">Various Locations - Portable VAS</td> <td data-bbox="608 1361 794 1574">£4,000 (approx.)</td> <td data-bbox="794 1361 1294 1574">Agreed 2 signs be purchased, 1 for Canvey Island 1 for the mainland. Investigate how easy they are to move around the Borough.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="225 1574 608 1809">Speed Surveys</td> <td data-bbox="608 1574 794 1809">£2,400</td> <td data-bbox="794 1574 1294 1809">Agreed speed surveys to be undertaken at 4 sites on Canvey Island and 4 sites on the mainland. Members requested to put forward sites to NS for consideration.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Scheme:	Estimated Cost:	Action:	Hadleigh Junior School		Awaiting results of speed survey and feasibility study.	Various Locations - Portable VAS	£4,000 (approx.)	Agreed 2 signs be purchased, 1 for Canvey Island 1 for the mainland. Investigate how easy they are to move around the Borough.	Speed Surveys	£2,400	Agreed speed surveys to be undertaken at 4 sites on Canvey Island and 4 sites on the mainland. Members requested to put forward sites to NS for consideration.	
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St Johns Road – 20mph zone	£20,000	Speed survey shows speeds that meet policy criteria. Agreed to progress with design	
<b>‘Amber’ Bus Stop/Route Improvements Scheme</b>			
<b>Scheme:</b>	<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	
Bus Stop 150041020003, Budna Road/220 Link Road – Bus Build out	£7,500	Before progressing with the build out it was agreed that TB circulate advice received from South Essex Parking Partnership regarding the issue of cars parking in bus stops so that the Panel could consider it.	<b>TB</b>
<b>‘Green’ Cycling Schemes</b>			
<b>Location/Problem:</b>	<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	
Benfleet to Leigh – Missing signing and minor improvements required between Olympic Park path and station.	£50,000	Agreed to proceed with design. Panel very supportive of location and route particularly in light of additional cycling provision works at Benfleet Station.	
<b>‘Amber’ Cycling Schemes</b>			
<b>Location/Problem:</b>	<b>Estimated Cost:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	
A129, Thundersley – Lack of safe cycling routes	£200, 000	SJ to discuss suitable routes from Rayleigh to Benfleet Station with Bill Snow. Report back at next meeting.	<b>SJ</b>



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6.	<p><b>Highway Rangers</b></p> <p>SJ stated that the Rangers were currently cutting back vegetation in Haven Road, Canvey Island.</p>							
7.	<p><b>Local Highways Panel Budget</b></p> <p>SP gave an update on the budget. It was confirmed that the capital money for this financial year was nearly spent. There was some revenue money still available for speed surveys etc. It was planned that the design for schemes would be paid for in one financial year and then implemented in the following financial year.</p> <p>TB highlighted the importance of the work the Highway Rangers carried out and enquired whether it was planned to continue with the service in the future. SP stated that the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation did not want to lose the Highway Rangers service but it had yet to be confirmed whether it would continue in 2014/15.</p>							
8.	<p><b>AOB:</b></p> <p><b>Jotmans Estate</b></p> <p>Cllr Bayley had requested, on behalf of residents, 20mph signs on the estate as the roads were very narrow. Clarification was needed as to which roads required signs. To be discussed at the next Panel meeting.</p> <p><b>Cornelius Vermuyden School Road Signage</b></p> <p>Request from School for directional sign in Link Road. NS to investigate cost.</p> <p><b>Lorries Parked in Haven Road</b></p> <p>The footpath (South of Roscommon Way up to Lobster Smack) needed reinstating. It was believed this was due to lorries parking on the pavement. There was also an issue with lorries parking in the road overnight. It was suggested a weight restriction on the road could be introduced. SP to refer to</p>	<p><b>NS</b></p> <p><b>SP</b></p>						

	<p>highways engineers to investigate.</p> <p><b>Saints Estate, Canvey Island</b></p> <p>SC stated that there were problems with speeding vehicles in the area. A site inspection was requested with highway officers to assess how the problem could be addressed. NS requested to be sent relevant information regarding what the issues are.</p> <p><b>Link Road by Hilton Road</b></p> <p>SC reported there was a speeding problem in Link Road outside the Silver Jubilee Public House. It was requested that “Slow Down” signs be installed. It was suggested a site inspection be carried out.</p> <p><b>Solby Estate, Hadleigh</b></p> <p>SH requested that double yellow lines be installed. Parked cars were making it difficult for lorries and refuse vehicles to get past. Matter to be referred to the South East Essex Parking Partnership.</p> <p><b>Homestead Gardens, Hadleigh</b></p> <p>Double yellow lines have worn away. Refer to South East Essex Parking Partnership.</p> <p><b>Daws Heath Road/Poors Lane, Hadleigh</b></p> <p>Problem with speeding vehicles. It was suggested it was an ideal site for a 20mph camera.</p> <p><b>A129 Rayleigh Road</b></p> <p>SH enquired whether the plan to re-align the white lines on the approach to Rayleigh Weir was going ahead. Currently the road layout was causing problems as it resulted in drivers changing lanes on approach to the roundabout.</p> <p><b>White Lines – Various Roads</b></p> <p>SH reported that the white lines at junctions were wearing out on a number of roads including Manor Road and Rushbottom Lane. NS stated that this was a maintenance issue. SH to refer list of roads to ECC through Member enquiries system.</p>	<p><b>NS</b></p> <p><b>NS</b></p> <p><b>NS</b></p> <p><b>NS</b></p>
	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 3pm</p>	



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5	CP7	Castle Point	Foksville Road j/w Furtherwick Road, Carvey	Junction Improvements	Large vehicles are unable to safely manouvre the junction.	Awaiting results of feasibility study.	LHP			Green		
18	CP20	Castle Point	Hadleigh Junior School	Traffic Calming	Perceived speeding issue at this location.	Awaiting results of speed survey and feasibility study.	Cllr Reeves/Cllr Hart			Green		
20	CP22	Castle Point	Various	Portable VAS	Request from LHP for possible portable VAS to be circulated round Castle Point Borough.	Speed surveys agreed by LHP. Locations for speed surveys are currently being agreed. Once the speed surveys have been carried out then we can ascertain which locations meet criteria for installation. We will then also hold a meeting with CPBC Rangers service to ascertain what is involved in rotating these VAS to see if the Rangers can undertake this service.	Cllr Hart	£250 per speed survey, approx. £2000 per VAS.				

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24	LCAS132018	Castle Point	Point Road, Canvey	Install two bollards by pram crossing on grass verge opposite Leigh Beck School in order to stop cars mounting the kerb.	Inconsiderate parent parking during school drop off and pick up times.	School has requested guardrail/fencing for several years but due to number of dropped kerbs at this location it would not have the desired effect and the result has therefore been turned down by Engineers. Following a further site visit at the school, it was agreed that we would investigate installing two bollards at the pram crossings at either end of the large grass verge opposite the school in order to stop parents mounting the kerb and parking on the verge. Following validation by Essex Highways Engineers, it was decided that installing these bollards may prevent vehicles from driving up on the pram crossings, it may not deter them from parking on the grass verges as they can mount the kerb. The only possible solution to the issues at this location would be to install trief kerbs, but this will be a costly scheme.	Cllr Blackwell and Cllr Howard		Red		
22	LCAS132019	Castle Point	Haven Road, Canvey	HGV directional signage	There have been complaints about HGVs accessing Charfleets Industrial Estate via Haven Road rather than using Roscommon Way. Roscommon Way was built with the intention of directing traffic along this route to the industrial estate. It has been requested by the Transport Planning Team that we look at black and white directional signage to direct HGVs and other traffic to the industrial estate via Roscommon Way to alleviate the heavy traffic flow that carries on along Canvey Road and then onto Haven Road.	The Transport Planning Team has stated that it would be best to wait until the link road at Oikos has been created before installing this directional signage as it may direct some vehicles the wrong way. Tony Butson to provide update at LHP meeting on 28th November.	Transport Planning Team		Amber		

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23	LCAS132020	Castle Point	Haven Road, Canvey	Weight limit	<p>There have been complaints of HGVs travelling down Haven Road, past the Oikos building and then turning around in the Lobster Smack car park. This is concerning patrons and the residents that live in the caravan site at the end of Haven Road. A 7.5T weight limit has been request along Haven Road from the Oikos building to the Lobster Smack to prevent vechiles travelling along this route. It was also suggested that a clearway be considered to prevent these drivers from parking up along this stretch of Haven Road and damaging the footpath.</p> <p>Possible clearway requested, however this matter would need to be referred to SEPP. With regards to the weight limit, a study was undertaken and it was suggested that a weight limit may not be efficient at this location. TB to explain at meeting on 28th November.</p>	Cllr Howard			Amber		

KEY

- A high priority scheme against strategic criteria
- A low priority scheme against strategic criteria
- A scheme which is against Essex Policy or there is no appropriate engineering solution.
- Scheme pending validation

## **Scheme Update**

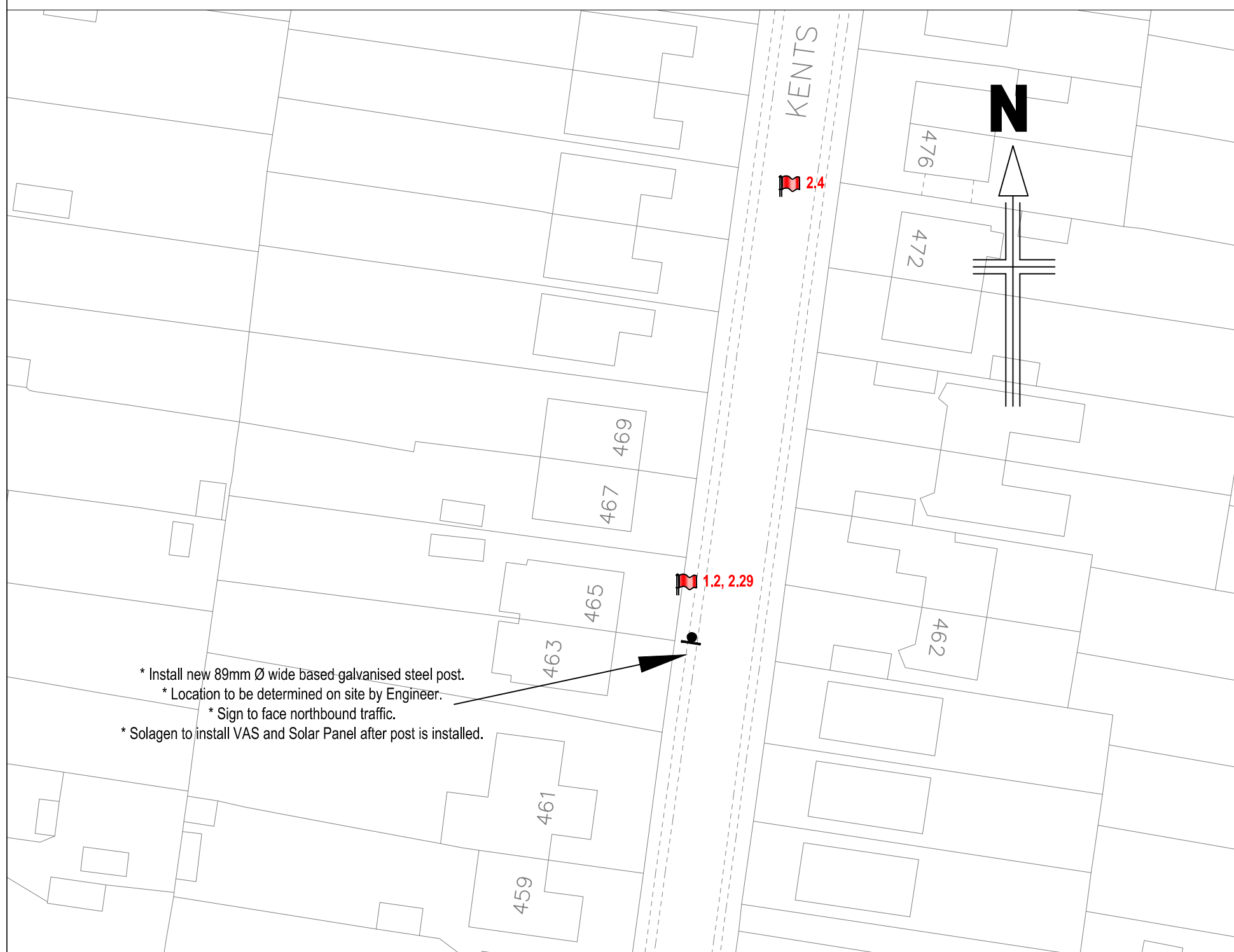
### **Somnes Avenue Pedestrian Crossing Upgrade**

The Castle Point Local Highways Panel allocated £138,000 of funding to upgrade the existing zebra crossing on Somnes Avenue to a signalised puffin crossing.

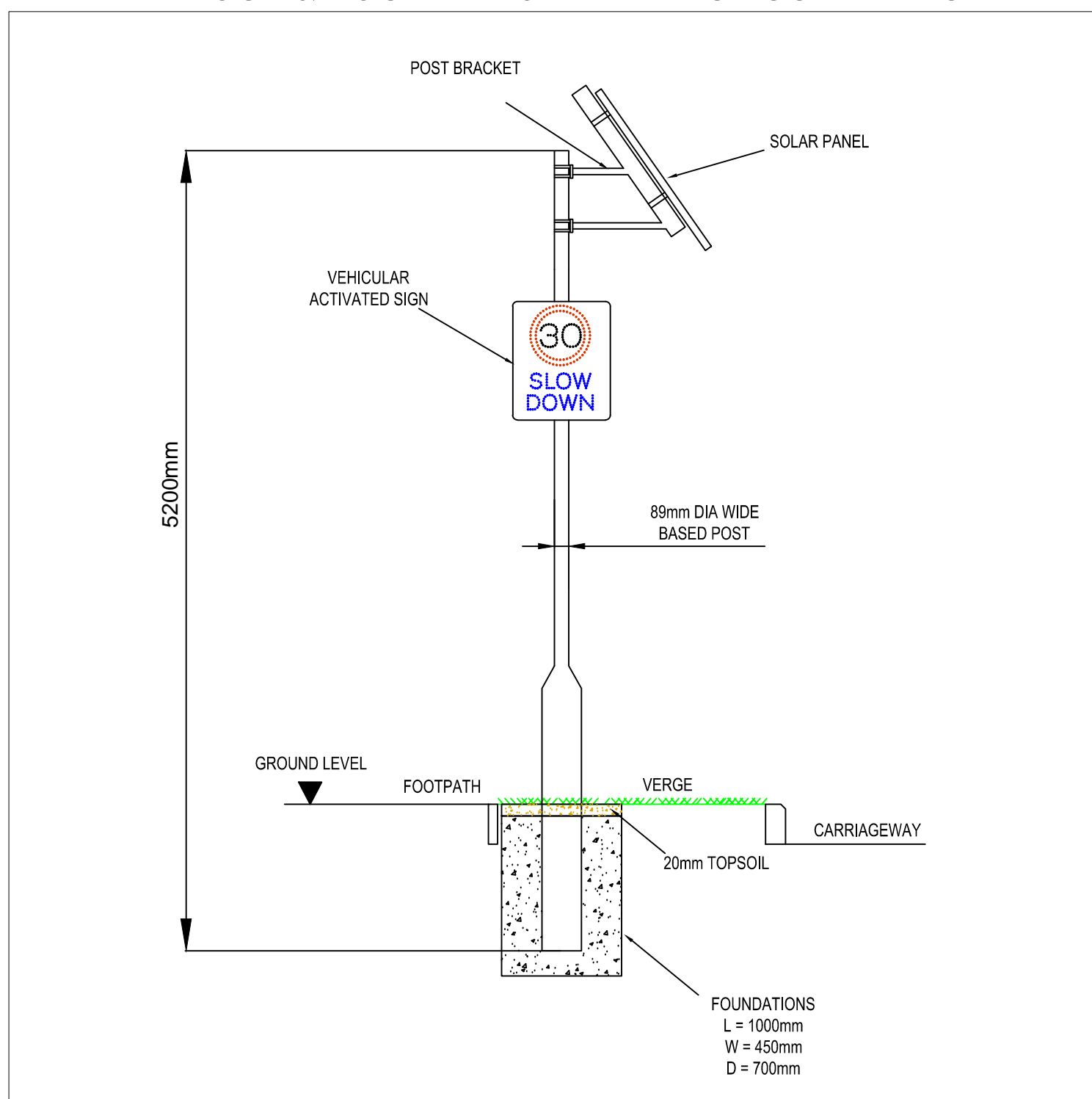
The consultation is currently underway and is due to conclude on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November. At the time of writing this report there had been no formal objections to the proposal.

If there are no objections then it is hoped that this crossing will be installed by the end of the 2013-14 financial year. If objections are received then a Cabinet Member Action report will need to be completed and due process followed to ensure that all objections are taken into consideration and responded to.

ENLARGED VIEW - SCALE 1:500



POST & FOUNDATION DETAILS - SCALE NTS



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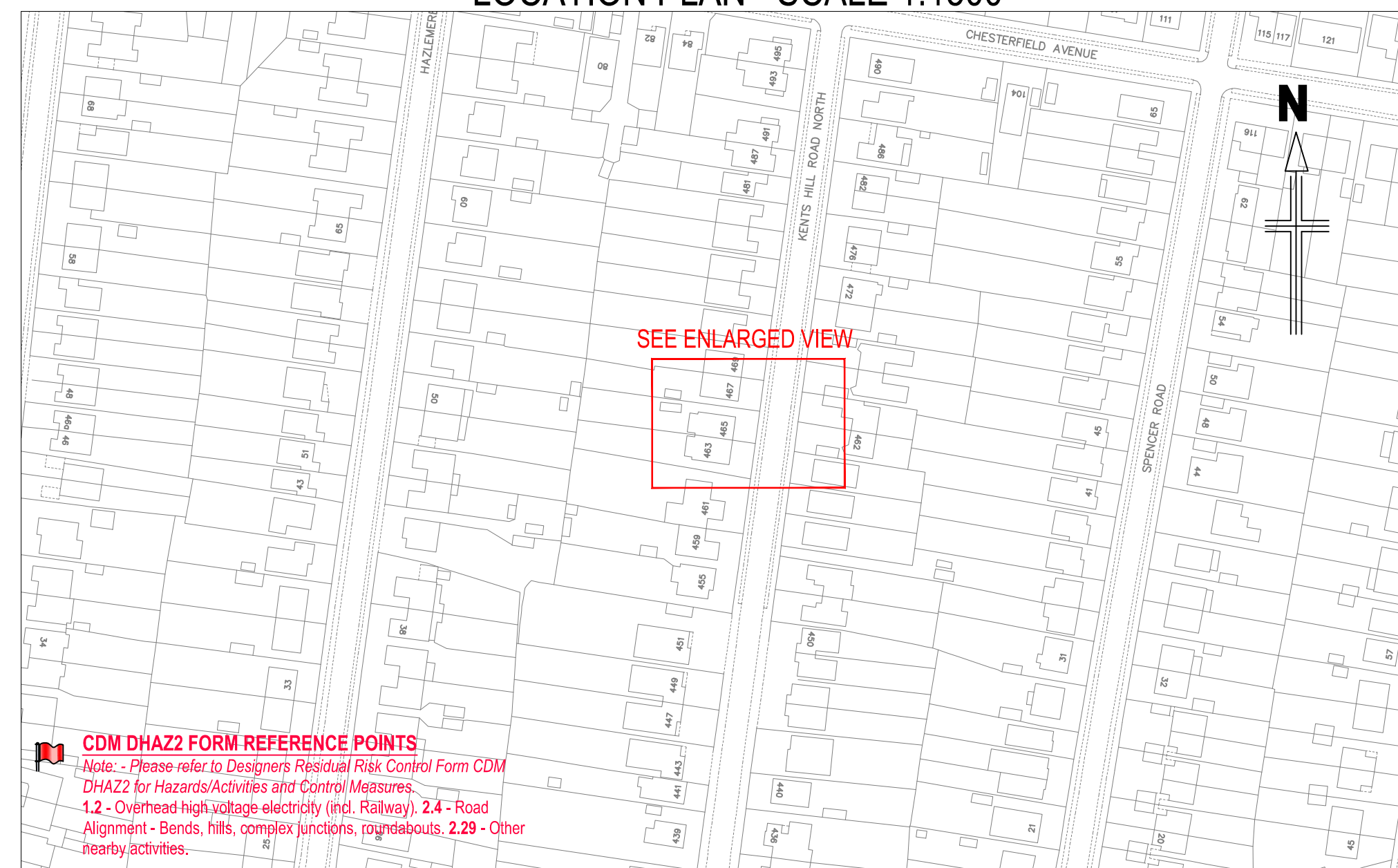
General Construction Notes

- Do not scale. This drawing is to be read in conjunction with all other contract drawings and documents.
- All works to be in accordance with the Department of Transport Specification for Highway Works and Essex County Council Specifications and Standard Construction Drawings.
- The positions of apparatus given on this drawing are as shown on drawings supplied by Statutory Undertakers and are intended as a guide only, without guarantee of their exact position, extent or presence. The contractor shall ascertain from the Statutory Undertakers, exact details, including service connections to properties.
- All traffic signs and lines are to comply with The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.
- The absolute minimum clearance from the sign plate to the edge of carriageway shall be 450mm. Following erection of signs any overhanging trees or bushes shall be lopped or trimmed to ensure proper visibility to the sign. Where such trees or bushes are located in private property the Contractor shall not trim or lop the trees or bushes until the permission of the owner has been obtained for these works.
- Drawings of existing Statutory Undertakers plant have been obtained and are included in the drawings provided to the Contractor. The Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that all Statutory Undertakers plant is located prior to commencing works and the protection of such plant is required.
- New post to be installed in hard material unless 450mm clearance to the carriageway from the sign edge can be achieved by placing the post in the verge.

Key

- Proposed new 89mm wide based post

LOCATION PLAN - SCALE 1:1500



REV.	DATE	AMENDMENT DESCRIPTION	DRAWN	CHECKED
A	OCT 13	UKPN REMOVED FROM DRAWING	SM	CN

DRAWING STATUS  
 DETAILED DESIGN



Ringway Jacobs working in partnership with Essex County Council  
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 THUNDERSLEY

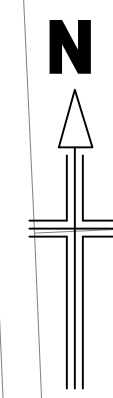
DRAWING TITLE  
 INSTALLATION OF VAS AND POST

SURVEYED	DESIGNED	DRAWN	CHECKED	AUTHORISED
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DRAWING UNITS U.N.O.  
 DIMENSIONS IN MILLIMETRES  
 LEVELS IN METRES  
 SCALE AT A2 (594x420mm)  
 AS SHOWN

DRAWING No.	REV.
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Key	
G	Gully
B	Bollard
TP	Telegraph Post
Post	Sign post
W	Water
Box	Undefined stats
LC	Lamp Column
	Street name plate
VAS	Vehicle Activated Sign
BT	British Telecom box
	Proposed new layout
	Existing road markings
	Limit of lining works to be remarked

**Note 1**

Asphalt Concrete - Close Graded Asphalt  
 Concrete Surface Course  
 AC10 close surf 70/100 to MCDHW Clause 912

- \* Existing carriageway area is to be planned off (50mm) and resurfaced with asphalt concrete material (approx. 30m<sup>2</sup>) (See note 1).
- \* Existing white lined ghost island is to be built up with asphalt concrete material (See note 1), maximum of 75mm in height. The island is to be painted with white thermoplastic.
- \* Give Way markings to Diag. 1003.3 to be remarked.
- \* Double Yellow Lines to Diag. 1018.1 are to be remarked in the area highlighted.

- \* Proposed new 0.8m wide deflection build out (12m long) on south approach to existing mini roundabout to be installed using HB2 kerbs. The island is to be filled with asphalt concrete material (See note 1).
- \* New gully pot (to ECC Folio Dwg EF121), frame and cover are to be installed to the new kerb line and connected to the existing gully pot. New D400 cover and frame to be installed on existing gully pot.
- \* Existing white lined ghost island is to be reshaped for the new layout and be built up with asphalt concrete material (See note 1), maximum of 75mm in height. The island is to be painted with white thermoplastic.
- \* Existing Diag. 1023, Giveaway approach triangle (1250x3750mm), to be realigned with new layout.
- \* Carriageway markings to be altered to take into account the new layout (See dimensions).
- \* Double yellow lines to Diag. 1018.1 are to be reinstated around the new build out and is to tie into the existing double yellow lines in the area highlighted.
- \* Location of deflection build out is to be set out by the Designer before the works start.

\* Proposed new 1m Ø dome to be installed on centre of existing mini roundabout, with asphalt concrete material (See note 1). Dome to be maximum height of 75mm in centre and not to exceed 6mm at the perimeter. Existing roundabout markings to be remarked.

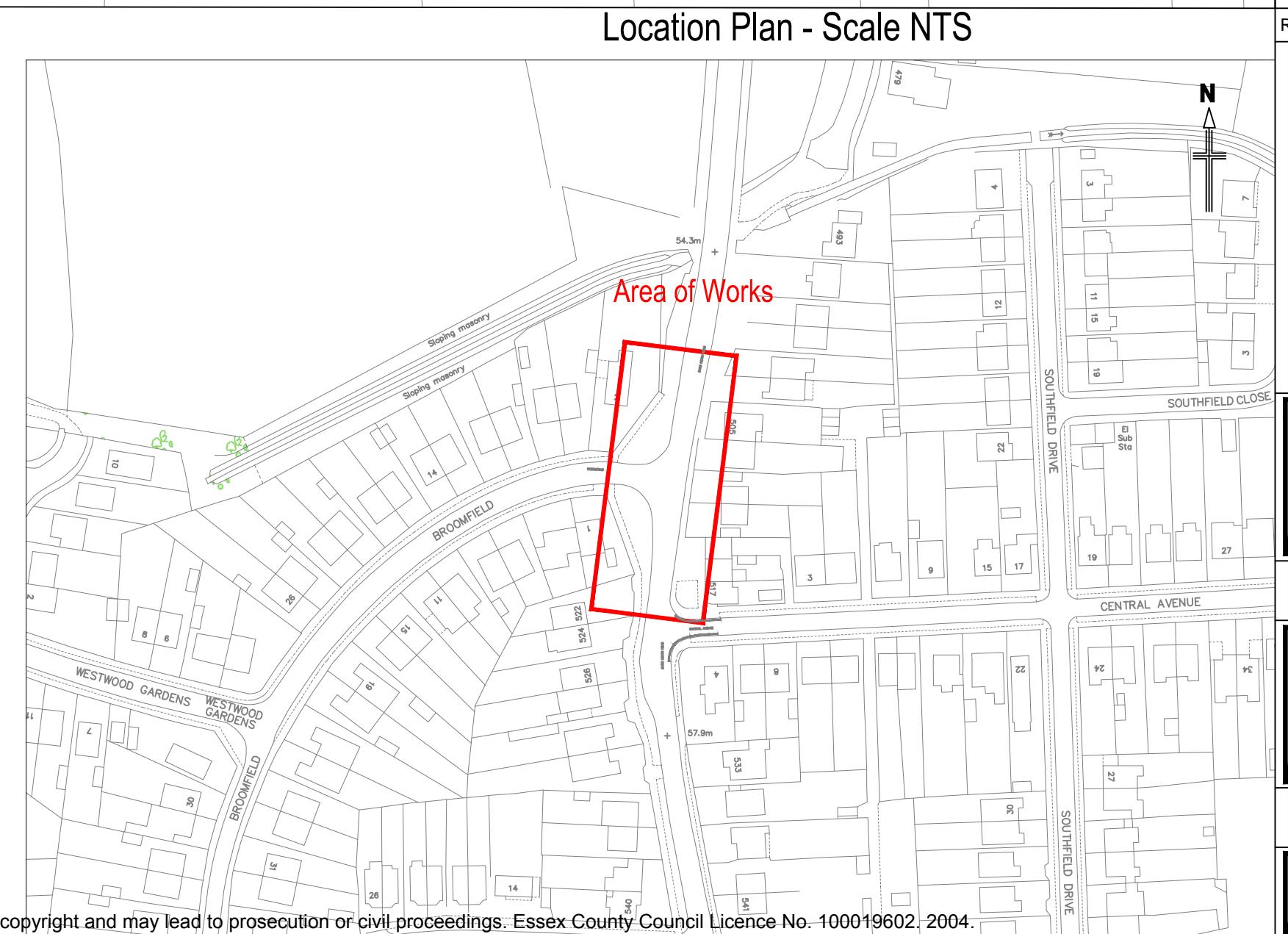
- \* Install 1 no. new Diag. 1023, Giveaway approach triangle, (1250x3750mm) to be aligned with new layout.
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- \* Bus Stop to Diag. 1025.1 to be remarked.

**CDM DHAZ2 FORM REFERENCE POINTS**

Note: - Please refer to Designers Residual Risk Control Form CDM DHAZ2 for Hazards/Activities and Control Measures.

1.2 - Overhead high voltage electricity (incl. Railway), 1.4 - Significant Water Mains, 1.5 - Major communications cables / ducting / other infrastructure, 1.8 Sewerage / Surface Water drainage, 1.14 Interface with services in the excavation, 1.15 Dealing with excavated materials / contaminated materials, 2.4 Road Alignment - Bends, hills, complex junctions, roundabouts, 2.5 - Significant number of HGV's or buses, 2.29 - Other nearby activities (include details).

**Location Plan - Scale NTS**



Rev	Amendments	By	Chkd	Date



PAUL BIRD  
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**Project**  
 Daws Heath Road j/w  
 Broomfield  
 Hadleigh

**Scale**  
 1:250 @ A2

**Date**  
 13/06/2013

**Drawing**  
 Proposed Mini Roundabout  
 Deflection and Ghost Islands

Drawn by	Checked	Issue Auth.
SM	CN	ML

**Drawing Number**  
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## Scheme Update

### Ferry Road- Benfleet Station Cycle Storage

Castle Point Local Highways Panel approved £30,000 to install a new cycle storage unit at Benfleet Station. In order to install the unit we needed to connect a new power supply and create a hardstand for the shelter to sit on.

Example images of the compound are presented below:







The cost of the cycle storage unit with mag locks, lighting and mesh at the bottom (to deter people gaining access under the bottom of the compound) is £16,266.00. We have also ordered more key fobs for the existing compound at a cost of £1117.00. These costs will be added to the cost for the hardstand and electricity connection.

Works on the hardstand have begun on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013 with a view for completion within a week. Therefore, the hardstand should be in place by the date of the next Castle Point LHP on 28<sup>th</sup> November. The unit has been ordered and will be in place before the end of the current financial year.

## Sainsburys, Canvey Island

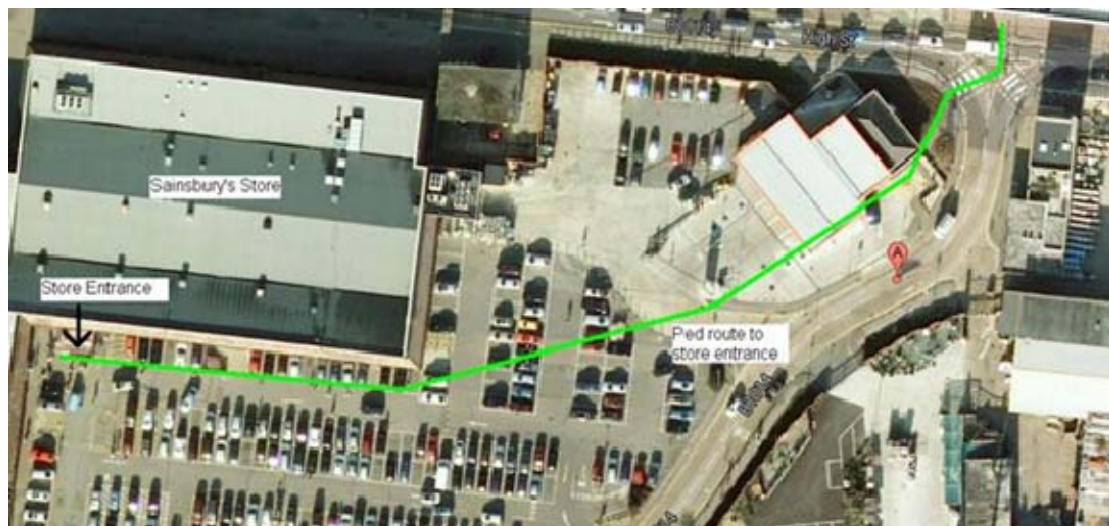
### Road Safety Improvements

Sainsburys on Canvey Island have put forward some road safety proposals that are currently being considered by Essex County council.

The suggested improvements are to install guardrail along the footway by the petrol garage in order to direct pedestrians along the footway so that they do not cut through the petrol forecourt causing conflict with vehicles. They are also hoping to install guardrail along the footway by the access road so that pedestrians are guided from the safe crossing point rather than cutting across the road.

Other suggested measures are to place hatching on the carriageway on the access road to narrow the width so that vehicles entering the access road do not cut across the exit lane into Foksville Road. They would also like to improve the existing crossing point by installing new kerbing and tactile paving.

This matter has now been passed to the Development Management Team to progress. The maintenance liabilities will need to be discussed and if the scheme is able to progress, Sainsburys will be provided with a permit to work on the highway.



**Castle Point Borough Council Highways Rangers**  
**Report to the Local Highways Panel 28<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

The Highway Rangers, Len and Tony, continue to undertake improvement works throughout the Borough both routine maintenance on the main artery roads through the Borough and specific areas as reported by inspectors and residents.

In a review of the way we work we noted that some of the vegetation removal was labour intensive and not being done in an efficient manner, as a result we have purchased petrol powered hedge trimmer, strimmer with bush cutter and blowers. These pieces of equipment have improved our output.

We are also exploring the possibility of placing the Highway Rangers on a weed spraying course so that they will be able to spray areas of the public highway that Essex Highways weed spraying process does not appear to touch, alleyways and around street furniture, again this is being investigated to improve output.

During the recent high winds the Highway Rangers inspected the main artery routes removing fallen branches and displaced vegetation.

Going forward the continuation of the current Essex Highways order for the Highway Rangers beyond its finish date is essential to continue the excellent works undertaken in this first year.

Following are some photos of the works undertaken.

**Stuart Jarvis** MinstLM

**Contracts Manager**

**Castle Point Borough Council**



























