

CASTLE POINT LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL – MINUTES AND ACTIONS

	PRESENT:	
Date: 4th February 2015	Panel Members: ECC Councillors Ray Howard (Chairman); Jill Reeves, Alan Bayley and Jamie Huntman; CPBC Councillors Steven Cole, Simon Hart, Tom Skipp and Martin Tucker.	
Venue: Committee Room 1, Castle Point Council Offices, Benfleet		
Apologies: CPBC Councillors Dave Blackwell and Bill Dick.	Other Attendees: CPBC Councillor Bill Sharp, Will Price – ECC Highways Liaison Officer, Mark Evershed CDRP Regeneration Delivery Manager, Trudie Bragg – CPBC Head of Environment, Stuart Jarvis – CPBC Contracts Manager, John Riley – CPBC Civic Governance	
Item:	Action:	Action Owner:
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions:</p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting and explained his intention to arrange update meetings, in addition to the quarterly scheduled meetings, to keep Members apprised of developments on highway schemes.</p> <p>The Panel debated the attendance of other Members at these meetings. A lively discussion ensued.</p>	
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest:</p> <p>There were none.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of meeting held on 25th November 2014</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>Hart Road – Outside Cedar Hall School and in vicinity of Dark Lane</p> <p>Will Price reported on the progress of measures that had been requested to address concerns surrounding the safety of school children and other pedestrians outside Cedar Hall School. These measures involved the installation of pedestrian guard rails, the widening of the footway running adjacent to the park, the installation of a zebra crossing and/or the implementation of a variable 20mph speed limit. It was agreed that Will Price would present final recommendations to the Panel at their full meeting in March.</p>	WP

<p>20mph Limit Thundersley Village Safety Review</p> <p>Will Price explained that the location in which Councillor Hart had requested a 20 mph speed restriction was not suitable as the average speeds recorded had been outside the criteria, and the road was unsuitable for the introduction of traffic calming due to its high priority.</p>	<p>WP</p>
<p>Seaview Road junction with High Street, Canvey Island</p> <p>The Chairman explained that a proposal had been presented for a school crossing patrol at this location. The outcome to be reported to the next meeting of the Panel.</p>	<p>WP</p>
<p>Flooding in Rayleigh Road, Thundersley</p> <p>The Chairman referred to his email to members seeking solutions to the problems of flooding in this location and traffic congestion.</p>	
<p>C2C Stakeholder Event</p> <p>The Chairman reported on his attendance at this event and his representations for the Victoria Street railway line to be linked with the C2C, for use in the event of an emergency on one of the lines. Mark Evershed suggested that this scheme needed to be considered in the context of the Crossrail Project terminating at Shenfield. Consideration through the LEP was agreed.</p>	
<p>Thorney Bay Road junction with Craven Avenue, Canvey Island</p> <p>The request for double yellow lines at the junction had been considered by the SEPP. The Partnership had noted that parking was not an issue at this location and had decided to take no further action.</p>	
<p>Long Road junction with Craven Avenue, Canvey Island</p> <p>The Chairman requested an update on a scheme to widen the Long Road junction with Craven Avenue to assist HGVs manoeuvring at this location. Will Price reminded the Chairman that a Feasibility Study was being prepared to brief the Panel on the options available to them. Will hoped to be able to provide a copy of the study at the March meeting if complete.</p>	<p>WP</p>
<p>Daws Heath Road/Rectory Road S Bend, Benfleet</p> <p>Will Price was asked for an update on the potential scheme in this location. He reminded the Panel that they had provisionally approved 15/16 funding for the installation of illuminated bend warning signs with associated SLOW markings at their previous meeting. He said he would</p>	<p>WP</p>

	<p>update the Panel on the possibility of additional footway widening works and/or a crossing point at the March meeting.</p> <p>Furtherwick Road outside Rio Bingo Hall, Canvey Island</p> <p>Cllr Tucker enquired on progress in installing bus stops to allow easier access to the Health Centre in Long Road. Will Price to investigate and report back.</p> <p>Speeding in Roscommon Way, Canvey Island</p> <p>Cllr Cole raised the ongoing issue of speeding vehicles on and around Roscommon Way.</p> <p>Cllr Howard advised that the Police strategy was to take registration numbers of speeding vehicles and advise insurance companies.</p> <p>A feasibility study was being undertaken in this location to look at any further action that might be advised. The results of the study to be reported at the next meeting of the Panel.</p>	WP						
4.	<p>Update on Capital and Revenue Schemes Approved</p> <p>Capital Schemes</p> <p>All of the schemes for which funding was approved in the 2012-13 financial year had been completed. An update on incomplete schemes which the Panel had approved for funding in 2013-14 were set out in the report.</p> <p>Schemes that had been approved for funding by the Panel in the 2014-15 financial year were set out in the report with the following updates:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="224 1360 1242 1917"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="224 1360 716 1430">Location/Problem</th> <th data-bbox="716 1360 1242 1430">Action</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="224 1430 716 1860">Kents Hill Road, Benfleet – Extension of 20 mph zone</td> <td data-bbox="716 1430 1242 1860"> <p>Will Price explained that the current 20 mph zone was not legally enforceable and that the process to make this a 20 mph limit would take approximately two years and require traffic calming measures.</p> <p>Options to be reported to the next meeting of the Panel.</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="224 1860 716 1917">St Michaels Road on approach</td> <td data-bbox="716 1860 1242 1917">Will Price to email Cllr Reeves the</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Location/Problem	Action	Kents Hill Road, Benfleet – Extension of 20 mph zone	<p>Will Price explained that the current 20 mph zone was not legally enforceable and that the process to make this a 20 mph limit would take approximately two years and require traffic calming measures.</p> <p>Options to be reported to the next meeting of the Panel.</p>	St Michaels Road on approach	Will Price to email Cllr Reeves the	WP
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	to Bramble Road, Hadleigh	location of the signage and SLOW markings on the approach.	WP
	Roscommon Way, Canvey Island – HGV Signing Scheme	Will Price to report design to the March meeting of the Panel.	WP
	Hadleigh Bus Lane	Mark Evershed reported that the proposed removal of the bus lane and replacement with a general traffic lane was being considered as part of the Hadleigh regeneration proposals and the in/out system at Morrisons.	ME
	Bread and Cheese Hill	Will Price advised that the VAS requested by Cllr Dick did not meet the criteria. However, he was to investigate whether it could still be installed on account of the congestion at peak times and the effect this may have on average speeds. The bus lane was, at the time of the meeting, scheduled for removal in September 2015.	WP
<p>Revenue Expenditure 2014-15</p> <p>Schemes that had been approved for funding were noted by the Panel.</p> <p>Results of previously commissioned speed surveys were included within the report.</p>			

5.	<p>AOB:</p> <p>Future Schemes:</p> <p>The Chairman took the opportunity to remind Members to raise any future schemes for discussion at the next meeting.</p>	
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	<p>Regeneration Programme 2015/16</p> <p>Mark Evershed presented a list of highway schemes agreed by the partnership for 2015/16.</p> <p>Will Price and Mark Evershed to liaise on the details of the schemes and report back to the Panel.</p> <p>Dropped Kerb in Weel Road</p> <p>The Chairman discussed the concerns of a constituent and asked that dropped crossings be installed to improve access to Kismet Park. Will Price and Panel Members reminded the Chairman that the installation of a dropped crossing on Gainsborough Ave had already been provisionally approved for the 15/16 programme at the last meeting. The Chairman subsequently advised that a dropped kerb was also required in Weel Road, Canvey Island. WP to investigate.</p> <p>Castle Point Rangers</p> <p>Stuart Jarvis reported that the rangers were working well and it was hoped that funding for next year would enable three rangers to be employed. Cllr Bayley commented on the noticeable improvement on Bread and Cheese Hill. Cllr Tucker referred to the bridge/viaduct on Canvey Way that was looking good following weed removal, but further work was required as the tarmac was now cracking.</p> <p>Gritting Lorries</p> <p>Cllr Cole advised that he had presented schemes to Will Price. He also commented that gritting lorries were travelling too fast and causing problems. The Chairman stated that he had written to Andy Hilsdon about this matter.</p> <p>Grass Verges in Jotmans Lane, Benfleet</p> <p>Cllr Hart referred to issues raised by the Leader of the Council concerning the damage caused by vehicles driving over the grass verges in Jotmans Lane. The Chairman circulated photographs showing the damage. Cllr Hart to email Will Price.</p> <p>Potholes</p> <p>Cllr Tucker referred to the ongoing problem of repairing potholes in the highway. The Chairman advised that the details of any potholes requiring repair should either be sent to him, registered through ECC Member</p>	<p>ME/WP</p> <p>WP</p> <p>Cllr Hart/WP</p>
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	<p>Enquiries (in the case of County Members) or sent to Highway Enquiries in the case of CPBC Members.</p> <p>Waverley Road/Linden Road – Yellow Lines</p> <p>Cllr Bayley questioned whether the yellow lines were still required in Waverley Road and Linden Road now that the Public House had closed. Cllr Bayley to email Trudie Bragg who will forward to the SEPP.</p> <p>School Bus Route</p> <p>Cllr Bayley asked whether the school bus serving the Thomas More School could be re-routed. The Chairman advised Cllr Bayley to approach ECC Public Transportation.</p> <p>Car Park High Road/West Green, Benfleet – Resurfacing</p> <p>Cllr Bayley again reported that the car park needed resurfacing. It was reported that whilst this land did not form part of the public highway it was owned by ECC and therefore had responsibility for maintenance. WP to liaise with Beverly Gould. Cllr Bayley to speak with Tony Moore at ECC.</p> <p>Clifton Avenue/High Road Junction</p> <p>Cllr Bayley voiced his concerns that the approved scheme involving widening the footway would not work well and would cause congestion in the High Road. Will Price advised that the scheme was designed to reduce casualties and that the cost of aborting the approved works at this late stage would be considerable.</p> <p>Zebra Crossing in Benfleet Road, adjacent to Elizabeth House</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Reeves reported that the zebra crossing in Benfleet Road required re-marking. Will Price advised that as this was a maintenance issue it should be reported through ECC Member Enquiries.</p>	<p>Cllr Bayley</p> <p>Cllr Bayley</p> <p>Cllr Bayley</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Reeves</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>24 March 2015 at 3.00pm</p>	

Chairman