

CASTLE POINT LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES

30 MARCH 2021 AT 15:00

Microsoft Teams Video Call

Chairman:	Cllr Andrew Sheldon (ECC)
Panel Members:	ECC Members Cllrs Blackwell, Reeves, May and Egan (Vice Chairman)
	CPBC Members Acott, Dick, Hart and Skipp
	CITC Members Cllr Anderson
Officers:	Essex Highways: Sarah Alcock - Highway Liaison Officer Sonia Church - Highway Liaison Manager Brad Ellis - Design Engineer Mark Lawrence - Strategic Development Design Engineer
	CPBC: Trudie Bragg - Head of Environment Stuart Jarvis - Contracts Manager
Secretariat:	Loretta Hill – Civic Governance Officer

Item		Owner
1.	Welcome and Introductions: The Chairman welcomed all present and opened the meeting.	Chair
2.	Apologies for Absence & Declarations of interest: Apologies were received from Cllr Acott and Stuart Jarvis – Contracts Manager There were no declarations of interest.	Chair
3.	Minutes of meeting held on 26 January 2021 to be agreed as correct record: The minutes of the last meeting, 26 th January were agreed as a correct record.	Chair

4.	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes of the previous meeting:</p> <p>Speak to leigh beck primary for footway at the back. They would benefit from having a back entrance.</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>TB</p>												
5.	<p>Report on Funded Schemes – Report 1:</p> <p>HLO provided an update on the current position of all the schemes which the Castle Point Local Highway Panel has recommended for inclusion in the 2020/21 programme.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="304 595 1275 1008"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Budget Summary 2020-21</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Safer Road Scheme</td> <td>£42,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Estimated Value of Commissioned Schemes</td> <td>£224,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>£266,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capital</td> <td>£228,675</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Savings identified and to be allocated 2020/21</td> <td>£37,325</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Members are reminded that the costs supplied are budget estimates only and there is the possibility that a final scheme cost could change dependant on issues which may arise especially during detailed design and construction. The panel will be informed of any budget adjustments required.</p> <p>The Panel noted the report and comments were made on the following Schemes:</p> <p>Funded Schemes List 2020-21:</p> <p><u>LCAS172010 – Benfleet Station – Experimental one-way system</u> Still awaiting Cabinet Member signoff as objections were received during the experimental consultation period. SA caught up with Cllr Sheldon regarding Benfleet Station, this is now with Legal.</p> <p><u>LCAS192022 – Junction of Moreland Avenue and Eversley Road - Traffic management improvements</u> Stump near 92 Moreland Avenue has still not been removed. A Give-way sign has been knocked down. SA to check.</p> <p><u>LCAS192024 - A13 j/w Rushbottom Lane & Church Road, Thundersley – Traffic management improvements</u> Finished today. SA to share some information with Cllr Egan.</p> <p><u>LCAS192004 - Point Road, Canvey Island - Buildouts</u></p>	Budget Summary 2020-21		Safer Road Scheme	£42,000	Estimated Value of Commissioned Schemes	£224,000	TOTAL	£266,000	Capital	£228,675	Savings identified and to be allocated 2020/21	£37,325	<p>HLO</p>
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	<p>This scheme has now slipped to the 26th April due to issues with permit for road closure. This will need to be reprofiled and funded in 2021-22.</p> <p><u>LCAS192023 - Tarpots, London Road, Benfleet -Traffic Management Works</u> programmed to commence 22nd March 2021.</p> <p>The rest has been completed.</p>															
<p>6.</p>	<p>Report on Schemes Awaiting Funding – Report 2:</p> <p>The following Schemes Awaiting Funding list identifies all the scheme requests which have been received for the consideration of the Castle Point Local Highways Panel.</p> <p>Members are asked to review these schemes and consider funding recommendations for those they wish to see delivered 2021-22 and remove any they would not wish to consider funding.</p> <p>The breakdown of scheme types available for consideration for future funding is as below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="304 999 1275 1449"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Budget Summary</th> </tr> <tr> <th colspan="2">Scheme Type Total Estimated Costs</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Traffic Management</td> <td>£1,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Walking</td> <td>£259,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Passenger Transport</td> <td>£271,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public Rights of Way</td> <td>£5,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>£537,500</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Costs supplied are estimates only and there is the possibility that a final scheme cost can change significantly dependant on issues which may arise during detailed design and construction.</p> <p><u>New Road jw Long Road, Canvey Island - Signage</u> Update, the missing no entry sign is in the process of being replaced by Maintenance. Suggest situation is monitored to see if new signage resolves the issue.</p> <p>£537K of proposals, Priority 1's to be agreed from the Schemes to be Commissioned List for Members consideration.</p> <p>Safer Roads</p>	Budget Summary		Scheme Type Total Estimated Costs		Traffic Management	£1,500	Walking	£259,000	Passenger Transport	£271,000	Public Rights of Way	£5,500	TOTAL	£537,500	<p>HLO</p>
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RSA3LCAS - Castle Point Borough Post Construction Audits

Road safety audits post scheme installation. Surveys.

Traffic Management

LCAS192013 - Benfleet Road – Layby

Location to be monitored as SEPP installed limited waiting times, that appears to have resolved the issue. Need a decision from Cllr Reeves, commented the problem has gone away. Agreed, this can be removed from the list.

LCAS192026- Falbro Crescent - 20mph and signing

Recommendation to complete the CMA, detailed design with target costs and the TRO consultation to implement 20mph speed limit along the roads in the Westwood Estate. Concern raised that now there are parking restrictions in Beresford Close, the problem has moved to Falbro Crescent, parents who drive their children to the school have now been pushed out of the close onto Falbro Crescent on the bend by Maplesfield and further down Falbro Crescent. With such parking it means only one car can pass at a time along a curved stretch of the road that goes on for about 200 yards
Strong support for this item from residents.

Agreed, Priority 1.

LCAS192011 - St Johns Road, Hadleigh -Traffic calming

The speed survey results do not indicate a speeding issue on St John's Road, where traffic calming would normally be considered. The speed survey results were as follows; Posted speed limit 20mph
LC-2635, 55m SE of j/w St Marks Road South Eastbound average 22.0mph
North Westbound average 21.6mph.

LCAS202019 - St Michaels Road, Hadleigh - Signage

Validation complete - Recommendation to improve existing chevron signage and lay high friction surface around the bend. Other measures to consider might be installation verge marker posts on both approaches to accompany the chevrons signs and further improve conspicuity of the bend during hours of darkness. It is also suggested that road markings, including edge of carriageway and centre lines, be refreshed. Centre line reflective road studs could also be introduced.

This item takes the priority over Parkfields. Agreed as a Priority 1.

LCAS162063 - Parkfields, Hadleigh - Parking bays

Installation of perpendicular parking area within the layby, giving 10 parking spaces.

This item to be reviewed, at a later date.

<p><u>LCAS192024- A13 j/w Rushbottom Lane & Church Road, Thundersley - Traffic management improvements</u> Implementation of measures recommended from Feasibility Study. Congestion due to ingress and egress from Aldi store, causes traffic queues between junction of Rushbottom Lane and A13 Tarpots crossing.</p> <p>SA informed there is an approximate cost for Cllr Egan, an email sent to her earlier. Due to this being sent through just before this meeting, Cllr Egan requested some time to look at it.</p> <p><u>LCAS202012 - Mayflowers jw Rushbottom Lane, Thundersley – Traffic management improvements</u> Validation complete - Based on current design criteria and given the limited carriageway widths available, the proposal to install a traffic island must be discounted. Unfortunately, little can be done to stop this movement given the existing geometry of the road. Consideration could be given to implementing a formalised crossing point with tactile paving further into Mayflowers and away from the junction. This could potentially push pedestrians away from the conflict area to a safer crossing location. The existing crossing point would need to be replaced with full height kerbing.</p> <p>Cllr Egan read out an email she had received from a resident regarding Mayflower Close, recent incident.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding the issues at Mayflowers. BE informed Members of the possible options for this site, highlighting that refuse vehicles would not be able to make a proper left or right turn with traffic islands. This scheme will help pedestrians from the front of the junction and so that people can cross at a safer point.</p> <p>This is a priority and will make it safer for pedestrians.</p> <p>Agreed as a Priority 1.</p> <p><u>LCAS202003 - A13 London Road, Hadleigh - Traffic calming</u> Unfortunately, due to Covid a speed and volume survey would not give a true reflection at this junction. On further investigation any speeding on the A13 would be a matter for the police and traffic calming is not appropriate on this road.</p> <p><u>LCAS202018 - Saxon Way, South Benfleet – Drainage</u> Design and target cost to install gullies. Complaints about surface water runoff from the road causing flooding as there is no drainage gullies along this road.</p> <p>A discussion was had regarding Saxon Way. Members felt this was a top priority.</p> <p>Agreed, Priority 1.</p>

LCAS202001 - Watlington Road j/w Loten Road, Benfleet – Kerbing

Validation complete - Proposal to realign the kerb line at the location above, to prevent vehicle overrun damage occurring. There is a road gully that may be affected by the realignment. Therefore, it is likely the gully will need adjusting to suit. There appears to be some minor overrun damage on the opposite side of the junction. It is therefore, recommended that both sides be adjusted so that kerb radii's match. The kerb alignment should also include dropped kerbs with tactile paving on both sides. The give way road markings are heavily worn and would benefit from a refresh.

This has not been agreed yet and is for consideration next year.

Agreed as a Priority 2.

LCAS202002 - New Road jw Long Road, Canvey Island – Signage

The missing no entry sign is in the process of being replaced by Maintenance. Suggest situation is monitored to see if new signage resolves the issue.

LCAS202014 - Long Road jw Thorney Bay Road, Canvey Island - Traffic management improvements

Validation complete - It is recommended that a design only/options study type scheme be taken forward by the Design Team, to identify the full nature of works required and to determine what can and cannot be achieved. The design/study will also include a detailed set of costs for any proposed works deemed feasible.

LCAS202017 - A130 Long Road outside Canvey Junior School, Canvey Island - Guard railing and 20mph signage

It is against policy to install additional pedestrian guard railing (PGR) outside the school where no pedestrian exits are. There is already PGR directly outside the school entrance where it also directs pedestrians to the signalised crossing outside the school gates. It is also against policy to implement a 20mph speed limit on a PR 1 route.

LCAS202011 - Leigh Road, Canvey Island - Traffic calming measures

Requires a speed and volume survey.

Cllr Blackwell informed, a request for traffic calming had been submitted. Sadly, 18 months ago a young man was killed on this road, it is used as a cut through from the seafront. It is dangerous.

LCAS192004 - Point Road, Canvey Island - Buildouts

To Convert the nose of the island into an over-run area with rumble effect block. The priority working buildouts keep getting damaged by vehicles overrunning them.

Agreed, Priority 1.

<p><u>LCAS192027 - Third Avenue, Northwick Park School - Traffic management improvements</u> Validation completed - suggested that both the existing informal crossing points be converted into raised crossing points. It was suggested that this would deter vehicles from causing an obstruction when traffic near the entrance is at its heaviest. This would also help to increase driver awareness of pedestrians crossing ahead, whilst slowing vehicle speeds down on the approaches. Extending the existing school KEEP CLEAR restriction 10m further north on the western side of the road will also help reduce congestion around the vicinity of the entrance to the school.</p> <p>Cllr May emphasised the importance of Children's Safety in this area.</p> <p><u>LCAS192017 - Borrette Avenue, Canvey - Street lighting</u> Installation of new lighting column. As per street lighting assessment installation of new lighting column.</p> <p>Agreed, Priority 1.</p> <p>Walking</p> <p><u>LCAS193004 - Furtherwick Road j/w Foksville Road, Canvey Island - Zebra crossings</u> Replacement/extension of the existing raised tables to increase vertical deflection and reduce vehicle speeds on the approaches to the crossings. Consideration could be given to providing Halo belisha beacons to improve conspicuity of the crossing to approaching motorists.</p> <p>These costs were detailed in the Canvey Town Centre Technical Note for a series of measures to improve the town centre. However, this may be subject to change as we await target costs.</p> <p><u>LCAS193006 - Kiln Road (A13) - Hadleigh - Signalised crossing</u> Request to have the existing Zebra crossing upgraded to a signalised crossing.</p> <p>Previous feasibility completed in November 2018 concluded that it was not feasible to replace the Zebra with a signalised crossing due to a number of issues including; The road width of 16.2m at the crossing location would require a signalised crossing to be staggered. Widening of the existing centre island would be required to ensure current design standards are met for the provision of a staggered crossing. The statutory undertakers' equipment plans show utilities within the footway which would make the installation of the traffic signal equipment difficult.</p> <p><u>LCAS203001 - Thorney Bay Road, Canvey Island - Footway</u> Install footway at the back entrance of Leigh Beck Infant School.</p>	
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<p>Validation complete - Proposal to install a new section of footway, linking the two existing sections and installation of a dropped crossing point west of the junction with Craven Avenue.</p> <p>From house no 82 Thorney Bay Road to the entrance to Sandy Bay, Thorney Bay Road there is no footpath, so pedestrians have to use the road. Also Sandy Bay is for the over 50's so a lot of the people living there have mobility issues, which means use of walking frames, wheel chairs, electric scooters, with the added concern that the road at this point is on a bend, so drivers may not see the pedestrians in the road.</p> <p>Chair requested that the owners at Sandy Bay be formally written to regarding possible funding for this project.</p> <p>A member reported that there was a serious incident in this area recently.</p> <p>This area is a priority. Agreed Priority 1.</p> <p><u>LCAS203003 - Leigh Beck Lane , Canvey Island - Footway</u> Install footway at the back entrance of Leigh Beck Infant School.</p> <p>Due to social distancing measures the back entrance to Leigh Beck Infant school is now being used. The school has raised concerns that there is no footway.</p> <p>Cllr Blackwell informed that the football club have allowed residents/parents/carers use of the car park, as the rear entrance at the school is being used. A footpath is now more of a priority.</p> <p>Agreed, Priority 1.</p> <p>Cllr Dick left the meeting at 3.30pm</p> <p>Public Rights of Way</p> <p><u>Footpath 11, Lakeside Path and parklands, Canvey Island – Bollards</u> Install two lockable bollards to stop vehicles from accessing foot path 11 via Lakeside Path and Parklands.</p> <p>Canvey Town Council supported by the County Member would like to stop vehicles from accessing foot path 11 via Lakeside Path and Parklands, this is a PROW and is used by a lot of pedestrians.</p> <p>A discussion was had surrounding West Crescent. Cllr May informed he had a meeting with Stuart Jarvis last week, regarding parking and safety issues verges are churned up. SA mentioned that this is a new issue, that needs to be raised as a scheme request.</p>
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	<p>Summary of Schemes Agreed as Priority 1's Castle Point Borough Council Post Construction Audits LCAS192026 Falbro Crescent – 20mph and signing LCAS192027 Third Avenue, Northwick Park School LCAS202012 Mayflowers jw Rushbottom Lane, Thundersley LCAS192017 Borrett Avenue, Canvey – Street Lighting LCAS192024 13 jw Rushbottom Lane & Church Road (Aldi), LCAS202018 Saxon Way, South Benfleet - Drainage LCAS202019 St Michaels Road, Hadleigh – Signage LCAS192004 Point Road, Canvey Island - Buildouts LCAS203001 Thorney Bay Road, Canvey Island – Footway LCAS203003 Leigh Beck Lane, Canvey Island - Footway LCAS208001 Footpath 11, Lakeside Path and parklands, Canvey Island</p> <p>£7675 to be left until June.</p>	
7.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Cllr Blackwell left the meeting at 3.50pm</p> <p>Cllr Egan <u>LCAB202010 - Moreland Avenue, Thundersley - Traffic calming measures</u> Cllr Egan informed that the stump has still not been removed</p> <p>Cllr May – request regarding Canvey County Junior School, he met with RH MP, this can't be done under LHP, it doesn't meet the policy for the guard railing. Can only work within policy, this will need to go to Highway Surgery. Chair will accompany Cllr May to the Surgery. Need to speak with Iron industry for funding.</p> <p>SA to accompany Chair to a site in Jotmans Lane, issue regarding drainage and records of drains in area.</p> <p><u>LCAS202009 - Roscommon Way, Canvey Island - Traffic calming</u> Update, there has been no meeting for some time, unsure regarding the protection order. Need to check where DFT are in relation to the sound activated cameras. Ongoing continual discussions with Police for the advice on suitability of any measures to deter the street racing as also a risk for spectators lining the central reservation.</p> <p>Cllr Hart; asked regarding noise activated cameras and why normal speed cameras couldn't be used. SA informed; we don't know if it is linked to speed. Evidence is needed as to whether this is speed related or not. SA there was no evidence of speeding, which is part of the certain criteria to install the cameras.</p> <p>Cllr Anderson; mentioned the residents on other side of the Island can hear the noise in the early hours of the morning, when sound equipment is installed then something definite will be transacted.</p>	Chair

	The Chair thanked Members for their contributions over the last year and informed this is the last meeting before the elections. Chairman also wished, 'Good Luck' to Members standing in the upcoming elections in May.	
8.	<p>Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 15th June 2021 at 3pm</p> <p>The meeting ended at: 4.05 pm</p>	Chair