

CHELMSFORD CITY LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES

30 JUNE 2022

at the Civic Centre, Chelmsford

Chairman:	County Councillor Bob Massey
Panel Members:	Chelmsford City Council – Councillors Jennie Lardge, Janette Potter and Chris Shaw
	Essex County Council – County Councillors Marie Goldman, Ian Grundy, Anthony McQuiggan, Stephen Robinson, John Spence and Mike Steel
	Representing Parish Councils: Councillor W Daden
Officers:	David Green and Emma Corbett - Chelmsford City Council Jon Simmons - Essex Highways
Secretariat:	Brian Mayfield - Chelmsford City Council

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1.	Welcome and Introductions	
	The Chairman welcomed those present.	
2.	Apologies for Absence	
	Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors Jude Deakin and Mike Mackrory and from City Councillor Jeremy Lager.	
3.	Minutes of Previous Meeting	
	The minutes of the meeting on 17 March 2022 were agreed as a correct record.	



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4. Matters Arising from Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
LCHE154009 – Princes Road Footway/Cycleway – The Design Team had concluded that, notwithstanding the changes to the design guide LTN 1/20 for such schemes, the original design for this scheme represented the best value for money. That recommendation would be discussed with the Chelmsford Cycling Champions and the Panel advised of the outcome. Councillor Goldman expressed frustration and disappointment at the confusion over the design of the scheme and the resulting delay.	JS
<i>Members' Guides</i> – The link to these had been sent to members.	
<i>Feasibility Studies</i> – Those 2021/22 studies that were available had been circulated to members.	
<i>Criteria/metrics for establishing scheme priority</i> – A scheme sifting/prioritisation tool was being developed which, when completed and agreed, would be reported to all LHPs.	
5. Funded Schemes 2022/23	
The Panel received an update on the schemes in the Funder Schemes Programme for 2022/23. The total funding available wa £726,875 of which £529,500 had been allocated to new schemes of schemes that had slipped from 2021/22, leaving £197,325 to be allocated.	s r
LCHE192040 – A414 Danbury – Route Based Strategy – Councillo Spence expressed concern that the feasibility study had been delayed further and was now due to be carried out in Q3, meaning that any resulting scheme may miss the opportunity for funding in 2023/24. Jon Simmons said that he would ask the ECC team co ordinating the scheme whether it could be brought forward to Q2 and would notify Councillor Spence.	ר ק ר -
LCHE152002 – Bridge over River Crouch, Hawk Hill, Battlesbridge – In response to an enquiry from Councillor Grundy, the Panel wa told that the signalisation of the bridge could not progress and ne alternative scheme had been identified. Some LHP funded signage improvements had been carried out in 2019/20 but the possibility of further such improvements could be explored. The scheme would remain on the list pending that assessment.	s o e f JS
LCHE163005 – Penny Royal Road/Mayes Lane to Woodhill Road Danbury – AGREED the additional funding for the kerbing works.	l,



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	LCHE203002 – Barrack Lane j/w Cherry Garden Road, Great Waltham – AGREED that this scheme should be design only at this stage.	
	<i>LCHE202018</i> – <i>Valley Bridge j/w Petersfield, Chelmsford</i> – It was confirmed that the scheme would be considered for Keep Clear signs on both sides of the bridge.	
	<i>LCHE202042 – Highwood Road, Loves Green</i> – This remedial works scheme involved the removal of the old bus stop signage and the improvement of existing signage.	
	<i>LCHE182006</i> – <i>Savernake Road, Chelmsford</i> – In response to a question from Councillor Lardge, Jon Simmons said that this design scheme had been delayed as a result of land acquisition issues.	
	<i>LCHE202038 – Maltese Road, Chelmsford –</i> It was confirmed that this scheme was due for completion in Q4 and would be fully funded through the LHP.	
	<i>LCHE182053 – Milburn Crescent, Chelmsford –</i> This scheme was also scheduled for Q4.	
	AGREED that the update on Funded Schemes for 2022/23 be noted and the above decisions confirmed.	
6.	Schemes Awaiting Funding	
	The latest list of schemes awaiting funding was submitted to the meeting. Including the decision above on scheme LCHE163005, £158,375 was available to be allocated to schemes on the Awaiting Funding list.	
	<i>LCHE212034 – Little Waltham –</i> The Parish Council had offered funding of £3,000 towards the cost of the scheme to monitor the extent of cut-through driving in the village. Councillor Daden questioned whether the scheme was premature in view of the planned developments in the area and suggested that a less costly way to assess the problem would be preferable. The Panel agreed, however, that a professional study was necessary to establish the destinations of vehicles currently using roads through the village. AGREED that the scheme be added to the funded schemes list and carried out at a revised cost to the LHP of £15,000.	
	<i>LCHE212012 – A1245 Rettendon RAB j/w Hawk Hill, Rettendon –</i> This scheme was for the rationalisation and enhancement of the railway bridge signs. The Panel AGREED to add it to the funded schemes list.	
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<i>LCHE22205 – Nr 95 Broomfield Road, Chelmsford –</i> Councillor Robinson expressed concerns about the safety of cyclists using this junction and hoped that it would be progressed as quickly as possible. Jon Simmons said that he would update Councillor Robinson on its progress.	JS
<i>LCHE202039 – Maldon Road, Great Baddow –</i> Councillor Shaw would be advised of CDPV2 data for this scheme when it was available.	JS
<i>LCHE202041 – Ferrers Road nr Benbow Drive, SWF –</i> Councillor Massey would be provided with an update on progress with this scheme.	JS
LCHE213003 – Hayes Caravan Park A132 Burnham Road, Rettendon – The Panel AGREED to add the scheme to the funded schemes list.	
<i>LCHE154007 – Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford –</i> The status and funding for this scheme would be checked and Councillor Robinson informed.	JS
<i>LCHE188001 – Footpath 76 Galleywood, Markland Close to Rignals Lane</i> - The Panel AGREED to add the scheme to the funded schemes list.	
LCHE192009 - Gloucester Avenue nr j/w Brian Close, Chelmsford - The Panel AGREED funding of £2,000 for establishing with BT whether any of its equipment needed to be relocated as part of this scheme and the cost of doing so.	
<i>LCHE225001 – Lynmouth Avenue j/w Lady Lane, Chelmsford</i> – In response to an enquiry as to why this scheme had already been validated when older schemes were still awaiting validation, Jon Simmons said that some validations could be carried out more quickly and easily than others, especially if they were mainly desktop exercises.	
<i>LCHE213002 – Westway Service Road</i> – In response to an enquiry from Councillor Large, Jon Simmons suggested a site visit for local members to look at whether it would be possible to create a means by which pedestrians could get to the retail park without having to cross the access road.	JS
<i>LCHE226001 – School Lane, Broomfield</i> – This scheme validation would be progressed as quickly as possible to enable a crossing patrol to be put in place.	



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	The Panel agreed that the funding remaining unallocated after taking into account the above decisions should be held back to meet any revised scheme costs or for further schemes that became a priority. It was also agreed that discussions would take place between members before the next meeting on the possibility of amending the order of schemes in the list so that, for example, Walking and Cycling Schemes appeared before Traffic Management Schemes. AGREED that the Schemes Awaiting Funding List, as amended by the decisions above, be noted.	
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7.	OTHER BUSINESS	
	There was no other business.	
8.	Dates of Meetings for 2022/23	
	AGREED as 15 September, 15 December 2022 and 16 March 2023 at 1300, in person at the Civic Centre.	

The meeting closed at 14:06

Chairman