

Epping Forest District LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL MINUTES

9 January 2023

17:00 – 18:05hrs

Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Chairman:	Councillor S Kane (ECC)
Panel Members:	Councillor C Whitbread (ECC) Councillor C Pond (ECC) Councillor M Vance (ECC) Councillor H Whitbread (ECC) Councillor I Hadley (EFDC) Councillor H Kane (EFDC) Councillor A Lion (EFDC) Councillor D Wixley (EFDC)
Other Councillors:	Councillor K Williamson (EFDC) Councillor B Scruton (Epping Town Council)
Officers:	Dan McClean – Highways Liaison Team Leader (Essex Highways) Jenny Boxall – Highways Liaison Officer (Essex Highways)
Secretariat:	Jackie Leither – Democratic Services Officer (EFDC)

Item		Owner
1.	Welcome and Introductions The Chairman, Councillor S Kane welcomed Members and Officers present.	
2.	Apologies Apologies had been received from Councillor J McIvor (ECC). Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest pursuant to the Council's Code of Member Conduct.	

3.	<p>Minutes</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2022, be agreed by the Panel as a true record.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes of the previous meeting</p> <p>There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2022.</p>	DM/JB
5.	<p>Report on Funded Schemes 2022/23</p> <p>The HLTL updated Members on the current position of all schemes which the EFLHP had recommended for inclusion in their 2022/23 programme. He advised that the additional funding of £200,000 was now up for consideration and had not yet been released. All approved schemes would be completed but there were no available funds left for this municipal year.</p> <p>Members were reminded that the costs supplied were budget allocations only and there was the possibility that a final scheme cost would change, dependent on any issues which may arise during the detailed design and construction. The Panel would be advised of any budget adjustments that would be required.</p> <p>He also advised that everything marked to be delivered in Q4 was on track to be delivered by the end of the municipal year and asked if Members had any questions.</p> <p>LEPP192041 – Grange Crescent j/w Manor Road Chigwell – Parking layby. Councillor Lion stated that the residents were agitated with the delays to this scheme.</p> <p>The HLTL advised that this scheme was still awaiting a feasibility study and that there were no funds available until the March 2023 meeting.</p> <p>LEPP202015 – Smarts Lane Loughton – Speed hump. The HLTL advised that out of a consultation with residents, the south end of the road, one-way section residents would like speed humps. The residents living in the north end of the road where it was two-way traffic would like the speed humps to be removed.</p> <p>Councillor Vance stated that this didn't include funding for the signage that was needed to address the HGV's trying to access this road.</p> <p>LEPP182004 – A121 Loughton High Road j/w The Drive and Brooklyn Avenue – Signal improvements. Councillor Pond asked for this scheme to be put on hold as it was incorrect and asked for this to be revisited in a years' time.</p> <p>The HLTL advised that there was no funding for this scheme but that it would be kept on the list.</p>	DM/JB

	<p>LEPP202036 – Goldingham Avenue j/w Mannock Drive, Loughton – Salt bin. Councillor Wixley stated that the cost of £7,500 for installing a salt bin at this location seemed very expensive and could the HLTL provide him with a breakdown of costs.</p> <p>The HLTL advised that he didn't have those figures to hand but would get them and send to Councillor Wixley.</p> <p>LEPP202029 – Horseshoe Hill/Crown Hill, Upshire – Route based study. Councillor S Kane advised that this scheme should be removed from the list as a different scheme in this area was needed.</p> <p>The HLTL advised that they were awaiting Dft guidance on installing speed cameras in this area.</p> <p>ACTIONS:</p> <p>LEPP202036 – Goldingham Avenue j/w Mannock Drive, Loughton – Salt bin. HLTL/HLO to provide a breakdown of costs for Councillor Wixley.</p> <p>LEPP182004 – A121 Loughton High Road j/w The Drive and Brooklyn Avenue – Signal improvements. There was no funding for this scheme and was asked to be revisited in a years' time.</p>	
6.	<p>Report on Schemes Awaiting Funding</p> <p>The HLTL advised that the Schemes Awaiting Funding List identified all the scheme requests which had been received and validated as being feasible with estimated costs provided, for the consideration of the Epping Forest Local Highways Panel.</p> <p>Members were asked to review these schemes and consider funding recommendations for those they wish to see delivered and remove any they would not wish to consider funding.</p> <p>Currently there were schemes awaiting funding with an estimated cost of £492,500. The HLTL asked members to go through the list with a possibility to remove schemes that were against policy or where there was no appropriate engineering solution.</p> <p>LEPP192017 – Church Hill, Epping. One way. Recommended that this scheme not to progress as the introduction of a one way would generate higher speeds along this stretch which would impact on residents, pedestrians and cyclists.</p> <p>Councillor H Whitbread asked for this scheme to be left on the list to discuss if something else could be done.</p> <p>The HLTL advised to take this offline to discuss.</p> <p>LEPP202039 – Lower Forest Roads (B1393 and B181), Epping – Speed limit reduction.</p>	DM/JB

	<p>The HLTL advised that this scheme would remain on the list for the time being to look and see if there were any alternative schemes that could be applied to take forward.</p> <p>LEPP212001 – A414 Chelmsford Road, Ongar – Speed limit reduction. This scheme did not meet the criteria.</p> <p>It was agreed to leave this scheme on the list until the next meeting due to Cllr McIvor’s apologies for absence.</p> <p>LEPP212004 – A121 j/w B194 High Bridge Retail Park, Waltham Abbey – Traffic management improvements.</p> <p>The HLTL advised that this scheme would be removed as it would now come under a Casualty Reduction Scheme.</p> <p>LEPP212020 – Epping Road, Broadley Common – VAS. Although this scheme did not meet the criteria and update provided by the HLO to say that this scheme has now gone through for validation.</p> <p>LEPP192060 – Sheering Lower Road, Sheering – Traffic calming measures. The Scheme did not meet the criteria but the new M11 junction 7a has caused much more traffic, therefore this scheme needed to be kept on the list and monitored.</p> <p>LEPP212033 – Coopersale Common / Houblons Hill – Traffic calming. Councillor Whitbread requested that this be left on the schemes list as there had been a recent fatality along this road.</p> <p>LEPP212034 – Sheering Lower Road, Sheering. Although this scheme did not meet the criteria it was part of the larger Sheering Lower Road problem there’re Councillor C Whitbread asked for this to left on the schemes list.</p> <p>LEPP212039 – Hemnall Street, Epping – Traffic calming. The HLTL advised that residents needed to be contacted to support this scheme as there could be negative impacts on residents.</p> <p>LEPP212042 – Lower Sheering Mill Lane, Traffic calming. This scheme did not meet the criteria.</p> <p>Councillor C Whitbread advised that there was a problem where the HGV lorries were getting stuck on the bridge therefore, he asked for this scheme to remain on the list.</p> <p>The HLTL stated that this would be kept on the list with the changes updated.</p> <p>The HLTL advised that he would email all Members of the Panel to explain about the speed surveys that were awaiting the locality budget.</p> <p>Passenger Transport</p>	
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<p>7.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Councillor Lion stated that he had a request for a salt bin and asked if this would go through the EFLHP.</p> <p>The HLTL advised that there was a certain criteria salt bins had to meet but that they would go through the EFLHP. The criteria was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A salt bin should not be located on the precautionary salting network (however, it could be on a junction with a non-salted road) and; ▪ The bin would need to be located on a steep incline with a gradient greater than 5% for a minimum length of 50m OR on a sharp bend radius less than 500m with a speed limit greater than 30mph and; ▪ The bin should not be located within 200 metres of another salt bin (by walking distance, not as the crow flies). <p>Councillor Wixley referred to the installing and repainting of white lines along dropped kerbs and who would be responsible for doing this.</p> <p>Councillor Pond stated that this was in the remit of NEPP but that there was a charge to the resident.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The Chairman asked Members to consider if they would like to meet in person or were they happy to continue with online meetings. Could they please email him with their preferences.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Epping Forest District Local Highways Panel would be on Monday 27 March 2023, time and venue to be confirmed.</p>	