

**MINUTES OF THE HARLOW LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL
HELD ON**

12 January 2021

10.00 - 10.55 am

PRESENT

Committee Members

Councillor Eddie Johnson, Essex County Council (Chair)
Councillor Michael Garnett, Essex County Council
Councillor Michael Hardware, Essex County Council
Councillor Clive Souter, Essex County Council
Councillor Tony Edwards, Harlow District Council

Officers

Sonia Church, Highways Liaison Manager, Essex County Council
Ian Henderson, Essex County Council
Matt Lane, Essex County Council
Rissa Long, Highways Liaison Officer, Essex County Council
Adam Rees, Governance Support Officer

17. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting and invited Councillors and Officers to introduce themselves.

18. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

19. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2020 TO BE AGREED AS A CORRECT RECORD**

Agreed.

20. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

In response to a question by Councillor Edwards about Northgate Roundabout, the Chair said that it was Harlow Council's responsibility to maintain the roundabout. The scheme which the panel funded to restore the roundabout was a like for like replacement so should not have impacted the ability to maintain it. He would report the broken lamppost on Councillors Edward's behalf.

In reply to a question by Councillor Edwards about the Momples Road junction with First Avenue, Rissa Long, Highways Liaison Officer, said that options were being explored and these included banning right turns.

21. **PRESENTATIONS FROM ESSEX HIGHWAYS AND ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL**

Ian Henderson set out some of the requirements before casualty reduction schemes were considered. He then said that there had been a number of slight collisions at the Hamburger Roundabout caused by traffic not slowing sufficiently. To help rectify this, both enhanced traffic lights and signs advising of queues were being explored as options.

There had also been a number of collisions on Mowbray Road, which were often caused by parked vehicles creating poor visibility. They were looking to implement a no waiting at any time restriction on this junction.

Matt Lane explained that his role was to respond to planning applications on behalf of Essex Highways. He said that Section 106 funding needed to be directly related to the impact of a scheme and be specific.

Sonia Church, Highways Liaison Manager, said that Councillors could assist by identifying potential schemes in advance of applications being received. This meant that when applications were received, potential schemes could already be identified which would strengthen any request for Section 106 funding.

22. **REPORT ON FUNDED SCHEMES**

Rissa Long said that due to savings on other schemes, the Muskham Road scheme was now able to progress.

23. **REPORT ON SCHEMES AWAITING FUNDING**

Rissa Long explained that the allocation of funding would take place at the March meeting. She added that due to the current Covid-19 restrictions surveys couldn't be carried out.

24. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

25. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

24 March 2021.

CHAIR OF THE PANEL