

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

16 October 2015

10.00 - 10.28 am

PRESENT

Committee Members

Councillor Eddie Johnson, Essex County Council (Chairman)
Councillor Karen Clempner, Essex County Council
Councillor Danny Purton, Harlow District Council
Councillor Clive Souter, Harlow District Council

Officers

Rissa Long, Highways Liaison Officer, Essex County Council
Sonia Church, Highways Liaison Manager, Essex County Council
Joel West, Governance Support Officer

Other Members

Councillor Simon Carter

110. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies of absence were received from Essex County Councillor Mike Danvers and Harlow Councillors David Carter and Tony Hall; and Harlow Officer Joe McGill.

111. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

112. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2015 are agreed as a correct record.

The Panel again requested an update on possible physical measures to prevent right hand turns into the Aldi supermarket.

113. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

No public questions had been submitted.

Councillor Simon Carter presented a petition on behalf of residents at Albert Gardens regarding inconsiderate and dangerous parking in the vicinity of Henry Moore School, Church Langley.

Councillor Danny Purton suggested such parking problems are a town-wide phenomenon and traffic regulation orders would not be effective in preventing them, due to the need for additional resources to enforce them, amongst other factors. He urged public authorities to look to alternative solutions to address this problem.

The Chairman advised the petition will be referred to the North Essex Parking Partnership, which has responsibility for all parking matters in Harlow.

114. **UPDATE ON SCHEMES APPROVED 2013/14, 2014/15 AND 2015/16**

The Panel received a report from Essex County Council on the status of minor schemes previously approved by the Panel for 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16. Rissa Long, Highways Liaison Officer provided some further detail on several of the listed schemes.

Rissa advised of an error on the report submitted. Item 61 – Howard Way at the Junction with Altham Grove, this scheme has not been approved by the ECC Cabinet member as erroneously suggested in the ‘comments’ column. A safety audit of the proposal has revealed additional factors that will need to be considered before determining whether the scheme can be progressed.

Further to Appendix 1 of the report submitted (Pram Crossings), Rissa confirmed that crossings were suitable for wheelchair users and invited suggestions for other areas which might benefit from crossings. The Panel suggested the entrance to St. Mark’s School. Suggestions can be sent to Rissa.Long@essexhighways.org.

RESOLVED that the report is noted.

115. **POTENTIAL SCHEMES FOR CONSIDERATION 2016/17**

The Panel received a report from Essex County Council on potential minor schemes for 2016/17. The report stated that the budget for the Panel is fully committed.

The Panel made two suggestions for schemes that could be included in the future:

Safety features outside of Pemberley Academy (the new primary school in Rivermill) such as barriers.

Replacement/alternative traffic calming measure for the chicane feature on Parnall Road near junction with Longbanks. It was also suggested signage at this location be reviewed.

RESOLVED that the report is noted.

116. **MAJOR CAPITAL SCHEMES (VERBAL REPORT)**

The Chairman confirmed that an update on major capital schemes would be received at the next Panel meeting.

117. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Rissa Long agreed to forward by email results of the Tendring Road speed survey to Councillor Karen Clempner.

118. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be confirmed. The next meeting will be held in the evening around January 2016.

CHAIRMAN OF THE PANEL