

## **Appendix A: Proposed Highways and Transportation Service Reductions**

These are proposed in order to comply with the implementation of the Government's instruction and to protect the health and safety of staff and the wider population

### **Temporarily cease services or activities where face-to-face engagement is required and social distancing is not possible:**

- **Utility Permit Site Visits** – Pause Utility Permit Site Meetings. All other aspects of service to still be delivered.
- **Coring** – Pause all coring as utilities cannot attend face-to-face meetings. Utilities have agreed to honour those cores already issued once restrictions are lifted (i.e. accepting these even though they will be outside the normal legislative timeframe)
- **Bikeability Courses** – Pause all courses
- **National Driver Offender Retraining Scheme (NDORS)** – Pause all courses. An on-line solution will be explored as an interim measure
- **School Road Safety Training** – Pause all activities
- **Network Surveys** - Cancel Scanner surveys
- **Public Rights of Way (PRoW) Activity** – Pause all work with volunteers and Local Access Forum (LAF) meetings
- **Consultations** – Removal of face to face engagement from consultation work on major schemes.
- **Community Rail** – Pause all proposed events over the next 12 weeks and stand down volunteer work.
- **Travel Planning** – Postpone all in person activity with businesses and events
- **Highway Inspections** – Pause double manned driven inspections currently but review how these can be undertaken going forward.
- **Highway Rangers** – Pause all Highway Ranger activity in ECC's direct control (two man activity where the ability to implement social distancing is not possible) and offer the same advice to District's who operate the remainder of the service.

### **Temporarily cease services or activities that are non-safety critical:**

- **PROW Maintenance** - Pause routine maintenance and grass cutting of public rights of way as it is a non-safety critical activity. This resource could be redeployed.
- **Local Highway Panels (LHP) Schemes** – Suspend delivery of LHP schemes on site as non-safety critical activity where orders have not already been placed with the supply chain. Design work can continue remotely.

## Others:

- **Traffic Control Centre** – Operate the traffic control centre on reduced hours and at various points remotely, because of restrictions on the operation of County Hall.
- **Highway Records/Searches** – Some limited responses may be provided where requests require viewing paper maps in the office, which maybe not be possible. Staff will add a “disclaimer” to the responses.
- **Communications** – Communications activity may be disrupted and delayed including full compliance against answering some Highway Freedom of Information (FOI) requests and Environmental Information Regulations EIRs because we can’t access hard copy records. Other communications activity include proactive videos, new customer satisfaction survey roll out, post-works door to door customer surveys, planned member/parish briefings, staff events and door-knocking needed for certain schemes (for instance to move cars etc).
- **New Data Collection** – Suspend project specific data collection on traffic movements and similar related to Air Quality as conditions are abnormal making measurements meaningless. (Automatic data collection will continue as it is important to be able to monitor change in traffic flows as a result of movement restrictions and general changes to mobility and demand).
- **Planning Applications** – Put all site visits on hold. Where site visits are necessary, an interim response will be sent to the Local Planning Authority (all other applications will continue to be assessed and responded to as normal).
- **Bus Lane Enforcement** – Follow Traffic Penalty Tribunal advice on COVID19 hardship, put any cases currently at debt collection on hold, do not progress any new cases to debt collection, extend discount period for payment, suspend the sending out of Charge Certificates and Orders for Recovery and keep this under review. Due to lower traffic volumes it is expected that fewer fines will be issued and therefore income levels will drop which have been set out in the main body of the report.
- **Major Scheme Development** – Suspend all traffic and data collection related surveys, site and ground investigation work on major projects. This will have an implication on ultimate delivery timescales for the schemes which includes the Army and Navy Flyover and the Government HIF.
- **Consultations** – A number of national consultations (Bradwell for example) at present continue to run. In the current circumstances, we will only be in a position to offer a partial response to these activities
- **Member Led Pothole Initiative** – Delay the next member led pothole initiative that is due to commence in April to allow resource to be focused on core and safety critical activity.
- **Inlay Surfacing Treatment** – Subcontractor has delayed this treatment that was originally planned to start 06.04.2020. If restarted during the year, will refocus planned work away from residential roads where the potential for interaction with the public is too great (streets parked with cars because of lockdown etc) and move instead to PR1 and PR2 roads where social isolation can be better observed.

- **Micro Surfacing Treatment** - Sites reassessed and programme start date delayed until Mid-May at present because of supply chain availability.
- **Surface Dressing Treatment** – The subcontractor has delayed this treatment programme that was originally planned to start w/c 14.4.20.
- **Slurry Sealing Treatment** – Subcontractor has ceased current 19/20 programme and has delayed the start of the 20/21 programme.
- **Surface Water Alleviation Schemes** - Current schemes due to finish by 31.3.20. May pause the delivery of future new schemes.
- **Admirals Park Bridge** - Planned start on site date 6.4.20, this scheme may need to be delayed, discussions are taking place with ECC & CCC regarding working in the park area.
- **Chelmsford Growth Package** - Works on going at present but strategy developed to downscale / suspend as required.
- **Flooding schemes** - Combination of proposed and in progress works, reviewing commitments, strategy in place to suspend as required.
- **Vehicle Restraint Systems** – May pause the delivery of new schemes planned to start from April.

It is also notable work programmes may be affected by UKPN Decision to stop all planned electronic connections work with immediate effect. The programmes this may affect are:

- Street lighting
- ITS (Traffic signals, crossings, VMS signs, etc)
- Major schemes
- Safety cameras
- Third Party Works (clients outside of Essex County Council)
- Passenger Transport Infrastructure
- S106 Works