

# Harlow Local Highway Panel Schemes Requiring Budget Adjustment for the Financial Year 2019/20

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<b>Report title:</b> Harlow Local Highway Panel Schemes Requiring Budget Adjustment for the Financial Year 2019/20	
<b>Report to:</b> Councillor Kevin Bentley, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Infrastructure	
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<b>County Divisions affected:</b> Harlow West, Harlow North	

## 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. For the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure to consider a budget adjustment required for two schemes which have been recommended unanimously by the Harlow Local Highway Panel for the 2019/20 programme of works.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. For the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure to approve and sign off the budget adjustments required in consultation with the Director for Highways & Transportation.

## 3. Summary of Issue

- 3.1. The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure has already signed off schemes to the value of £231,700 recommended by the Harlow Local Highway Panel within their available budget of £243,658 at the start of the financial year.
- 3.2. The below identifies the schemes requiring a budget adjustment. The Harlow Local Highway Panel have been consulted and are in support. In summary an additional £26,000 is needed in the budget with a £5,000 scheme being cancelled.

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### Schemes requiring a budget adjustment to existing budget and included in the 2019/20 Harlow Local Highway Panel Programme

Ref	Scheme location	Budget				Scheme Stage		Reason
		Original	Adjustment		New	Original	New	
			Plus/Minus	Value				
LHAR163032	Hamstel Road, Harlow - Parallel crossing	£109,000	Plus	£12,000	£121,000	Total scheme	Total Scheme	The final UKPN costs exceeded the estimates so additional funding is needed to implement the works.
LHAR163032	Muskham Road outside the Museum - Dropped crossing	£5,000	Plus	£14,000	£19,000	Total scheme	Total Scheme	Additional works to resurface a short section of footway have been identified which the Harlow Members acknowledged would represent good value for money
LHAR163029	Abercrombie Way junction with Woodcroft - Dropped Crossings	£5,000	Minus	£5,000	£0	Total scheme	Cancelled	The scope of the scheme had evolved and would have required more than just dropped crossings so would have exceeded the budget available. The members therefore agreed to remove this from the 2019-20 programme.

#### 4. Options

- 1) Agreement to the proposed budget adjustments.
- 2) Do nothing and remove the schemes from the current deliverable programme

#### 5. Issues for consideration

- 5.1. **Financial Implications** – If option 2 is decided then the schemes will need to be removed from the current deliverable programme which could incur abortive scheme costs.
  - 5.1.1. The funding required for the budget adjustments is available within the existing Harlow LHP capital budget allocation.
- 5.2. **Legal Implications** – All schemes are in line with Essex County Council policies, strategies and guidelines or have undergone the required CMA process to approve their progression.

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### **6. Equality and Diversity implications**

- 6.1. The Public Sector Equality Duty applies to the Council when it makes decisions and this is covered by the equality impact assessment dated 12 April 2019.

The duty requires us to have regard to the need to:

- (a) Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other behaviour prohibited by the Act. In summary, the Act makes discrimination etc. on the grounds of a protected characteristic unlawful
  - (b) Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
  - (c) Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not including tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.
- 6.2. The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership, race, religion or belief, gender, and sexual orientation. The Act states that 'marriage and civil partnership' is not a relevant protected characteristic for (b) or (c) although it is relevant for (a).
- 6.3. The equality impact assessment indicates that the proposals in this report will not have a disproportionately adverse impact on any people with a particular characteristic.
- 6.4. Each Local Highways Panel scheme varies from a speed survey to the installation of a traffic sign. Each local highway improvement scheme is in line with local and national policies which have already been subject to EqIA and no equality and diversity issues have been identified.

### **7. List of appendices – EQIA**

### **8. List of Background papers**

Scheme Request Forms and pertaining documentary evidence, Validation Reports, Proposal Scheme Lists are all available on request.

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<b>I approve the above recommendations set out above for the reasons set out in the report.</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Councillor Kevin Bentley, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Infrastructure</b>	<b>30.07.19</b>

**In consultation with:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>ECC Director for Highways and Transportation</b> <b>Andrew Cook</b>	<b>17/07/2019</b>
<b>ECC Executive Director for Corporate and Customer Services (S151 Officer)</b> <b>Nicole Wood</b>	<b>Consent not required</b>
<b>Essex Highways, Traffic Manager</b> <b>Liz Burr</b>	<b>Consent not required</b>
<b>ECC Director, Legal and Assurance (Monitoring Officer)</b> <b>Paul Turner</b>	<b>Consent not required</b>
<b>Essex Highways, Highways Head of Design</b> <b>Vicky Presland</b>	<b>16/07/2019</b>