

**SAFFRON WALDEN LOCAL ROAD SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE held at 7.30 pm
on 21 JUNE 2000 at COUNCIL OFFICES, LONDON ROAD, SAFFRON WALDEN**

Present:- Mrs M Asinya - Elsenham
Councillor Mrs C A Bayley - Uttlesford District Council
Councillor W F Bowker - Uttlesford District Council
Mr P Hughes - The Sampfords
Mrs A Kent - Birchanger
Mr D S Richardson - Little Chesterford
Mrs A Smith - Newport
Sergeant Sones - Essex Police Traffic Management Unit
Mr A Thomas - Hempstead

Officers in attendance:- Mr P Hardy - District Transportation Manager,
Essex County Transportation and Operational Services Department, Mrs R
Johnson - Road Safety Officer and Mrs C Roberts - Secretary

SW42 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor R C Dean and Inspector Crabb.

SW43 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Councillor W F Bowker be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year. Councillor W F Bowker then took the Chair.

SW44 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that no appointment be made and that in the absence of the Chairman at future meetings, a member of the Committee be appointed to take the Chair.

SW45 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2000 be received, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

(i) Minute SW34 - Effect of Local Transport Plan on cycleway

In answer to a question from the Chairman the District Transportation Manager explained that the date for the seminar on the Uttlesford Transport Strategy had been put back from 27 March to 30 March.

(ii) Minute SW38 - B1383 Forest Hall Road

Councillor Mrs C A Bayley informed the meeting that the Birchanger Parish Council had received a number of complaints and was concerned that the expenditure on these works would be wasted in view of the forthcoming improvements to accommodate the Rochford Nurseries site. The District Transportation Manager explained that since the last meeting

of the Committee it had been decided not to carry out the work until after the bridge works were completed provided that those were on time.

SW46 SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Committee considered the Secretary's report which gave details of membership changes and correspondence, updated the Committee on the progress of the cycle path to Audley End Station and suggested dates for further meetings.

(i) Cycle path to Audley End Station

In answer to questions from the Chairman of the Committee the District Transportation Manager agreed to investigate the scope of the scheme for provision of a cycle path to Audley End Station and to write to the Secretary with clarification of what would be provided and when.

(ii) Dates for further meetings

RESOLVED that the Committee meets on Wednesday 29 November 2000 and Wednesday 21 February 2001, in addition to the meeting which has already been scheduled for Wednesday 20 September 2000. (Mrs C A Bayley tendered her apologies in advance for the meeting on Wednesday 20 September 2000.)

SW47 ROAD SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT

The Road Safety Officer circulated a written report giving a detailed account of expenditure, road safety education, safer journeys to school, adult education, road safety campaigns, Uttlesford District Council Open Day and new resources including the purchase of a Simtec brake reaction/stopping distance simulator.

The Road Safety Officer gave details of the cycle to work day which was observed by Members of the District Council.

SW48 POLICE REPORT

Sergeant Sones read a report from acting Inspector Steve Miller setting out accident statistics. Safety initiatives targeting seat belts, speed, construction and use of vehicles and eyesight testing were described.

SW49 DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr P Hardy, District Transportation Manager Essex County Highways Department, introduced himself and presented a report on accident remedial sites and safer journeys to school. He added that mobile speed camera signs were now up in the vicinity of Saffron Walden and that four new sites were being evaluated for this purpose at a later stage in this financial year. He added that he was willing to visit any parish or town council to talk about highway issues.

SW50 STORT VALLEY FORUM

The Chairman of the Committee reported on the formation of a group of parish councils with the intention of forming a pressure group to combat problems of common concern. Representation had been drawn from Stansted, Elsenham, Clavering, Henham, Rickling and Quendon, Newport and Birchanger. The next meeting was 6 July and any representatives from those parish councils would be welcomed.

SW51 JUNCTION 8 SLIP-ROADS

The District Transportation Manager reported that dates for new slip roads had been mooted within the 2001/02 planning programme which coincided with the Highways Department's A120 programme. He added that the BAA was contributing to the cost of the slip-roads.

SW52 UTTLESFORD TRANSPORT STRATEGY

The District Transportation Manager reported that the draft Uttlesford Transport Strategy was out for consultation and that all parish councils should by now have received a copy. Replies were to be co-ordinated by the District Council.

The meeting ended at 8.20 pm.