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Sent: 03 April 2025 14:55
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] - Principal Transportation and Infrastructure Planner
Subject: FW: Saffron Walden LHP

Hi [REDACTED]

See email from Cllr Gadd which I was expecting to be honest.

Not sure it's fair to say we've ignored him completely and I know he's met with [REDACTED] about the scheme relatively recently.

Following the meeting back in October the Town Council were asked to provide a specification of the barriers they wanted to use to [REDACTED] but ended up with them just sending a photo of a totally different type of barrier, we also requested information on the use of the existing loading bays which they also did not provide as well as a plan of the Market which again was not provided and therefore the designers couldn't really do anything without this information. We then later found out a Market Pedestrianisation scheme was on the list as part of the Saffron Walden Transport Strategy work, seems to me even if we had a scheme designed and ready to go for some sort of part-time scheme (basically what we had agreed at the meeting in October if the information from the TC had been forthcoming) that it wouldn't be sensible to advertise knowing another scheme to fully pedestrianise is in the pipeline.

So, not too sure on how to respond to this?

Kind regards

[REDACTED] | Highway Liaison Officer

Highways - Design Team



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Good afternoon

I believe that you were dealing with this directly?

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Sent: 01 April 2025 21:18

To: Cllr Tom Cunningham - Member CC <Cllr.Tom.Cunningham@essex.gov.uk>

Cc: cllrdeke@saffronwalden.gov.uk; Nicole Wood - Chief Executive <Nicole.Wood@essex.gov.uk>; Mark Ash - Executive Director: Climate Environment & Customer <Mark.Ash2@essex.gov.uk>

Subject: Fw: Saffron Walden LHP

Tom

I've seen your email belatedly as it was sent to an incorrect email address, not my ECC one (not your fault).

Can we discuss 2 issues raised by your email back:

- The UDC full pedestrianisation scheme has not been discussed or approved locally and in no way can it be described as an existing scheme. Moreover none of the Essex Highways officers have the courtesy to raise with me the suggestion that the requested LHP scheme would be ditched in favour of a different scheme - they went completely silent after the October 2024 meeting, and refused to respond to any follow up emails or requests for the information that they had agreed to provide in that meeting. I only found out by chance. A clear majority of local residents favoured a partial pedestrianisation scheme, but did not favour full pedestrianisation when a widespread public consultation was carried out by SWTC;
- the UDC proposal is part of a 20 year time horizon Local Plan, and even if desired and feasible through s.278 or s.106 would be unlikely to be delivered for years to come, until the necessary planning permissions have been granted and the houses built. The Market Square pedestrianisation request was submitted on 19 April 2022 - we are very nearly 3 years past then, and a simple scheme like this should have been delivered by now;
- I know it is easy for councillors and others to under-estimate the work involved in traffic scheme, but I can't begin to understand how this can be described as an ambitious or costly scheme. All the day to day administration would be done by Saffron Walden Town Council, as they currently do when the market is operating, and UDC have a DEFRA grant to fund the necessary barriers. As far as I am aware, the only work to be done by Essex Highways would be the replacement of (I believe) 3 signs, the drafting of a single TRO and the associated advertising - correct me if I am wrong, as I would like to know what is actually required, but I fail to see how this can be difficult for an organisation such as Essex Highways. It seems to underline my concerns about the inefficiency of the LHP process if such a simple scheme can be described as ambitious or costly or should prove to be so, or can take 3 three years to get nowhere.

I've also copied in Mark Ash, and perhaps we can sit down and find a way to get this scheme delivered in the foreseeable future. I can forward you all the relevant emails, but all along this request has been dogged by gross inefficiencies by Essex Highways, who largely refuse to engage or respond to emails and seem to have as their principal aim to stop it happening. That may sound unfair but I can happily send you all the email trails with Essex Highways over the last 3 years concerning the scheme, and I will apologise if after reading those you disagree with me.

Can we please discuss?

Thanks

Paul

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Subject: Saffron Walden LHP

Dear Cllr Eke

Thank you for your letter, I am sorry to learn of your concerns.

Firstly, I can advise that the LHP Panel Paperwork can be found using the link below:

[Uttlesford LHP Archive and Meetings | Essex County Council](#)

All panel papers and Action Logs/Minutes are uploaded to the website in advance of the panel meetings.

With regards to the 2 schemes in Saffron Walden Market, I can inform you that on 11 October of 2024 a meeting was held with the Town Council and Cllr Gadd at which it was agreed that the 2 separate schemes should be amalgamated together since it would not be practical or financially sensible to make changes to the parking restrictions affecting the operation of the market and then separately to pedestrianise the same area, agreement was obtained from all parties at that meeting. Following this meeting it subsequently came to light that in Uttlesford District Council's Saffron Walden Transport Strategy, there is an existing scheme to pedestrianise the Market Square within this Strategy and it no longer made sense for the Local Highway Panel to progress a scheme which is already going to be delivered as part of a much wider strategy covering the whole of Saffron Walden.

The delivery of the pedestrianisation scheme was always going to be ambitious for the Local Highway Panel to deliver since it would have inevitably been quite costly due to the number of signs and Traffic Regulation Orders required and would have taken a large proportion of the total budget, however since there is already a scheme proposal covering this same area within the Saffron Walden Transport Strategy, there does not seem to be a practical reason for the LHP to deliver this work, as the Transport Strategy schemes will be delivered using funding from Developers.

I thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Regards,

Cllr Tom Cunningham C.C

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Subject: RE: Saffron Walden LHP

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Could you please confirm when we might expect a response? Many thanks

Kind Regards



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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. Gavin Jones has now left ECC, so I am including Nicole in this correspondence but can confirm it has gone to the correct officers and we will reply in due course.

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Dear Cllrs Bentley, Cunningham and Mr Jones

Please see attached correspondence from Mayor of Saffron Walden, Cllr Eke.

I would be grateful if you could please confirm receipt followed by a prompt response.

Many thanks.

Kind Regards



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