

Memorandum of Understanding

between

Highways England and

Essex County Council

1. Parties

Highways England

Essex County Council

2. Background

There are a number of existing and planned strategic highways schemes in or near Essex that are delivered by either Highways England or Essex County Council.

To coordinate these schemes and future ones, the Essex Strategic Highways Programme Group has been established (terms of reference attached in Appendix 1). This Memorandum of Understanding provides the formal agreement by both organisations to work collaboratively to deliver schemes with a coordinated approach to maximise the benefit and minimise disruption and costs.

3. Objectives

To create a Collaborative working environment between Highways England and Essex County Council providing a unified approach to the development of the road network in the County/region that maximises the benefits for both Parties and their customers and facilitates growth.

This will be coordinated through the Strategic Programme Group, a working group between Highways England and Essex County Council that implements this Memorandum of Understanding.

The Parties will work together to facilitate the delivery of each Parties strategic intent.

Where there is interface between proposed schemes, the parties commit to working together to create the best mutual outcome within the project parameters set out by each party.

The Parties will collaborate to sequence projects to maximise benefits and minimise disruption to the customers.

Where possible, the Parties commit to supporting each other's projects publically.

4. Values

Both Parties share similar values and within the Strategic Programme Group will work openly and collaboratively, building a trust between them to create solutions that deliver the needs of customers. Both Parties will provide clear leadership to their respective teams to help embed this collaborative relationship.

5. Key contact details

The primary contacts for this Memorandum of Understanding are:

Highways England:	Simon Amor e: simon.amor@highwaysengland.co.uk
Essex County Council:	Andrew Cook e: andrew.cook@essex.gov.uk

6. Publicity and Confidentiality

The strategic Programme Group needs to agree to any publicity relating to this Memorandum of Understanding prior to it being released. All other material and documentation should be treated as confidential and not shared without express permission.

7. Variations to the Memorandum of Understanding

Any proposal to vary or amend this Memorandum of Understanding must be approved in writing by the parties.

8. Duration

This Memorandum expires on 31st March 2021. This date can be extended by mutual consent as a Variation.

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