

# Local Members Briefing

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# Local Highways Panels

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## Role of a Local Highway Panel

To consider, prioritise and make recommendations on small highway improvement schemes

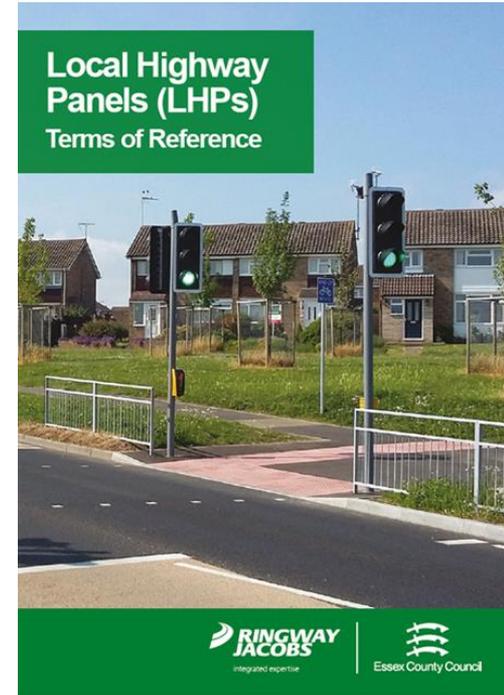
Oversee Highway Rangers

Monitor Section 106/Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) on highway improvements



## Terms of Reference

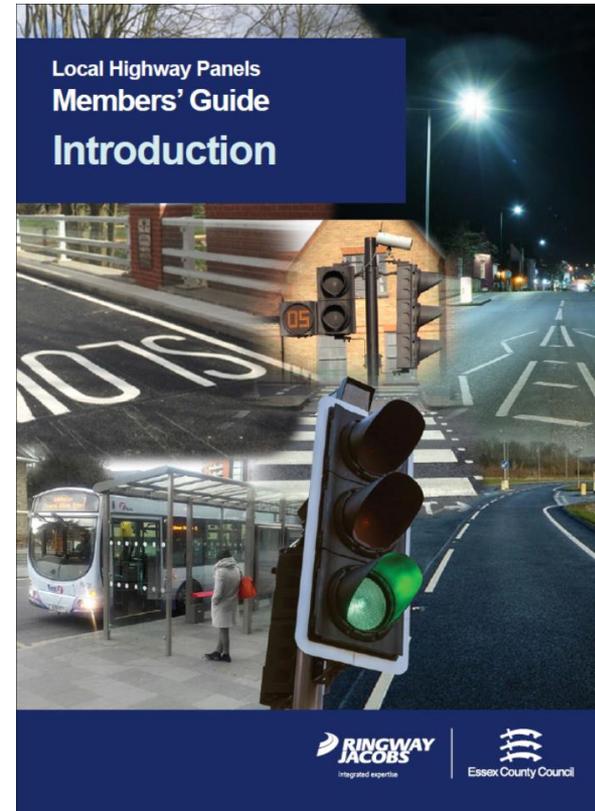
The new Terms of Reference has introduced a number of changes





## New: Members Guide

[www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads/Highway-Schemes-and-Developments/local-highway-panels.aspx](http://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads/Highway-Schemes-and-Developments/local-highway-panels.aspx)



## Rangers Service

A dedicated gang in each district to pick up small scale works.

8 Districts provide their own gang and Ringway  
Jacobs provide the service in 4 Districts.



## Changes to Rangers

**Avoid double handling of information – introduce more speed into process.**

**Feed information on work undertaken directly into all Panels to provide visibility.**

**Clear advice and communication given on activities that can be undertaken.**



## Ranger activities

- Reinstatement of posts and bollards where no excavation is required
  - Trimming of vegetation (not above head height)
  - Ad hoc grass cutting and strimming of highway verges
  - Repairs to light damage to roadside verges
  - Removal of graffiti from road signs
  - Removal of illegal signs and fly-posting
- Both of the above activities only if no ladders or traffic management
- Painting of street furniture (posts, bollards and benches etc.)
  - Removal of weeds
  - Resetting isolated slabs – does not require excavation
  - Cleaning isolated footway drainage channels
  - Cleaning footway gully pots



## How can I request work?

You can use a number of different channels:

- Email: [local.highwaypanels@essexhighways.org](mailto:local.highwaypanels@essexhighways.org)
- Contact the customer centre 0345 743 0430
- Use the 'Tell Us' tool on the website - <http://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads.aspx>





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