

## **Cllr Lewis Barber**

### **Dedham Highways Plan: An Update**

I recently went out to examine some of the issues on Grove Hill that have been raised with me.

Dedham Parish Council prepared an excellent plan to improve and tackle some of the traffic and Highways issues in and around the village, including on Grove Hill. I was pleased to submit this plan to what is called Essex County Council's Local Highways Panel (a committee, which I also sit on) on the Parish Council's behalf.

Today I allocated a contribution of £2,000 from my locality budget to support the plan and move it forward as early as possible. My locality budget is a small fund given to councillors to help projects in the areas they represent. The Dedham plan has an initial cost of £10,500 for the studies into it to identify solutions. The Parish Council have also agreed to make a contribution towards this.

The next opportunity for funding from the Local Highways Panel for the balance is mid-March and I will be fighting to secure as much money as possible for projects in the areas I represent. All projects of course will be subject to consultation. Please let me know if you have any questions/comments.