

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	13 November 2018
Title:	Project Appraisal: A340 Thornycroft Roundabout Improvement Scheme, Basingstoke
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport approves the Project Appraisal for A340 Thornycroft Roundabout Improvement Scheme, Basingstoke, as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2 That approval is given to procure and spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to implement the proposed improvements to A340 Thornycroft Roundabout, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £9,445,000 to be funded from Local Growth Fund from the LEP, and local resources from Hampshire County Council and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.
- 1.3 That authority to make the arrangements to implement the scheme, including minor variations to the design or contract, be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To increase capacity and improve the management of traffic, to improve journey time reliability along the A340 Ringway West and Churchill Way West. These works will contribute towards improving the local strategic highway network to accommodate the forecasted traffic growth in Basingstoke.
- 2.2 The improved infrastructure will allow greater accessibility to the local businesses and housing development areas to assist the local economy and promote growth in construction of new homes in a number of local sites.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Signalisation of all arms without widening was considered as a short-term alternative but did not provide the capacity for future increased traffic flows. This option was not chosen as the likely need for future capacity improvements would render the majority of these works abortive and create a further phase of disruption for the travelling public at the junction.
- 3.2 Replacing the roundabout with signalised cross roads. This option would require realignment of all four arms, significant changes to utility services, drainage, street lighting and traffic signs. It was rejected due to large amount of works required and the associated negative impacts on landscape and ecology.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

I thank Councillor Michael Westbrook for coming along and speaking at my Decision Day today.

Approved by:	Date:
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Executive Member for Environment and Transport Councillor Rob Humby	