

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	23 April 2019
Title:	Project Appraisal: Jermyns Lane Footway to Braishfield, Romsey
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 approve the Project Appraisal for Jermyns Lane Footway to Braishfield, Romsey, as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2 That approval be 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 Jermyns Lane Footway to Braishfield, Romsey, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £450,000, to be funded from developer contributions.
- 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 improve accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists by providing a 1.8 metre footway in Braishfield Road, Romsey, from the Jermyns Lane/Sandy Lane roundabout junction to the vehicle entrance of the Dog and Crook public house.
- 2.2 To provide a 3-metre-wide shared use footway on the west side of Braishfield Road from the Jermyns Lane/Sandy Lane roundabout junction to the existing shared use facility, approximately 400 metres south of the roundabout junction.
- 2.3 The proposed footway will link the village of Braishfield with the new residential development at Abbots wood, Romsey, and provide members of the public with alternative and sustainable travel choices by promoting cycling and walking.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 An option was investigated to provide a section of the footway on the northern side of Jermyns Lane (from the entrance to Sir Harold Hillier's Arboretum and Gardens) and within Hillier's estate, through to the roundabout junction of Jermyns Lane/Braishfield Road. Another section, also within Hillier's boundary, would have been constructed between the Jermyns Lane/Braishfield Road roundabout junction to a point 300 metres north thereof. The existing Right of Way path (ROW712) through Hillier's to Braishfield Road and Crook Farm would have been diverted and re-aligned with the new footway in Jermyns Lane. However, this option was rejected by the Secretary of State (SoS) Planning Inspectorate. This option would have also required significant vegetation clearance, including some mature trees as well as a land dedication arrangement with Hillier's, and this was therefore rejected, and a footway facility within the entire highway boundary was preferred.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

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:

Approved by:

Date:

23 April 2019

**Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Councillor Rob Humby**