

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	4 June 2019
Title:	M27 Junction 9 and Parkway South Roundabout Scheme – Project Appraisal Update
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 notes the increase in value of £898,000 for the M27 Junction 9 and Parkway South Roundabout scheme (“the Scheme”) to allow pedestrian and cycle facilities to be added to its scope in accordance with the aspiration set out in the Executive Member for Environment and Transport Decision Report of January 2019, with the increase fully funded from grant secured from the Highways England Designated Cycle Fund.
- 1.2 That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport approves the updated Project Appraisal for the M27 Junction 9 and Parkway South Roundabout scheme, as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.3 That approval be given to procure and spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, and including any necessary funding or other agreements with Highways England, to implement the proposed improvements to M27 Junction 9, Whiteley Way and Parkway South Roundabout, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £23.128 million to be funded from a combination of Highways England Growth and Housing Fund, Highways England Congestion Relief Fund, Highways England Designated Cycle Fund, Local Transport Plan funding and developer contributions.
- 1.4 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 The decision will increase capacity and improve journey time reliability at and between M27 Junction 9 and Parkway South Roundabout in Whiteley. These works will contribute towards improving the local and strategic highway networks to accommodate forecasted traffic growth to ensure Hampshire maintains strong, sustainable economic growth and prosperity.
- 2.2. The improved infrastructure will allow greater accessibility to local businesses and housing development areas to assist the local and regional economy and promote investment and growth in construction of new homes on a number of local sites.
- 2.3 The addition of a shared use path for pedestrians and cyclists to the scope for this the Scheme will improve access and safety for vulnerable road users connecting existing routes in Segensworth and Whiteley across the M27 at Junction 9.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 The option of not progressing work on the junction improvements was considered and rejected as it would mean the traffic congestion and delay in the area would continue to worsen, with resultant negative impacts on business and investment and the provision of new homes.
- 3.2 The option of implementing improvements at one junction and not the other was considered and rejected, as the two junctions are very much linked in operational terms and only a fraction of the overall scheme benefits would be achieved.
- 3.3 The option of widening Whiteley Way on the eastern side of the carriageway was considered and rejected as economically inviable due to the significant costs and forecast delays to the motorway network resulting from the traffic management requirements for diverting the existing utility services and constructing the necessary structural works. This option was also judged to have a greater potential negative impact on adjacent residential properties.

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:

Approved by:

Date:

4 June 2019

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