

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
<b>Date:</b>	4 June 2019
<b>Title:</b>	Project Update: Village Traffic Management Improvements, Over Wallop, Andover
<b>Report From:</b>	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 proposed approach to the Over Wallop traffic management scheme, as set out in the supporting report.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport approves the proposed monitoring and assessment methodology for the traffic management trial set out in paragraph 12 of the supporting report.

### 2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1 Motorists are currently using the village as a cut through between the A303, Grateley railway station and the junction of B3084/A343/Salisbury Road. This traffic is passing through the village and there is a locally perceived safety risk to vulnerable road users and listed buildings due to the volume and speed of the traffic.
- 2.2 To remedy the problem of through traffic passing through Over Wallop, and to make the current route less attractive, the C250 Old Stockbridge Road has been reclassified to a B road.
- 2.3 Further measures proposed to aid the situation are listed as follows:
  1. Traffic calming to be installed in the village on Station Road
  2. Closure of Salisbury Lane with turnaround points for commercial vehicles and refuse lorries. The aim of the above measures is to reduce the perceived risk reiterated by local residents of the speed and volume of traffic and discourage motorists from using Station Road and encourage the use of Old Stockbridge Road as an alternative route.
- 2.4 The project was publicly consulted on in 2016 and a public engagement event was held in 2018. There was not a deliverable solution that was universally popular with all residents. However, the majority did support the proposals.

Therefore, a trial scheme is proposed to assess the impacts of these measures and the potential benefits, if any, of making them permanent.

2.5 The traffic management proposals in Over Wallop were under investigation, including significant community engagement, before the County Council changed its traffic management policy in 2016. Therefore, on the basis of commitments given before the policy change, these proposals are being brought forward for implementation to fulfil the undertaking provided at the time.

2.6 It should be noted that under the prevailing policy of the time, which allowed community led initiatives to be considered for traffic management, there was a requirement that in the absence of consensus the scheme would not go ahead.

### **3 Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1 Additional elements in the scheme scope were considered and rejected, namely improvements at Grateley (Wallop Road/Old Stockbridge Road) junction and Kentsboro (A343/Old Stockbridge Road) junction.

3.2 Following preliminary design work, it was found that the improvements to Grateley junction were beyond the funding available to the project.

3.3 The proposed improvements to the Kentsboro junction were minor and within the funding available, but it was felt that the benefits were minor in relation to the costs and therefore did not represent sufficient value for money to justify expenditure.

### **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:**

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**4 June 2019**

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