

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	10 March 2020
Title:	Project Appraisal: Anstey Road/Anstey Lane Junction Improvement, Alton
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approve the Project Appraisal for the Anstey Road/Anstey Lane Junction Improvement scheme in Alton, as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2 That approval be given to procure, spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to implement the proposed improvements at Anstey Road/Anstey Lane junction, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £1,412,205 to be funded from Section 106 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.
- 1.4 That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment in consultation with the Head of Legal Services to progress all appropriate orders, notices or statutory procedures and secure any consents, licences, permissions, rights or easements necessary to enable the Anstey Road/Anstey Lane Junction Improvement scheme to be implemented.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 To improve junction capacity and accommodate the forecast increase in traffic in this location. Traffic growth is expected to exceed the operational capacity of the junction resulting in an increase in localised congestion on Anstey Road and Anstey Lane. The proposed scheme will mitigate the impact of this traffic growth by increasing capacity through better management of traffic flows, thereby minimising queuing and delays.

2.2 To deliver improved pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure at the junction, to accommodate the forecast increase in non-motorised users in the area. This will mitigate the increased risk that these user groups face when negotiating the junction which is expected to experience an overall increase in traffic volumes. This will also promote the use of active and sustainable transport modes as a healthy alternative to the car for short local journeys, encouraging an increase in the take-up of sustainable transport options.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 Alternative options considered include “do nothing”, however this was rejected for the following reason. Traffic flow data and modelling results indicate that during peak times the junction is currently approaching practical capacity; when this threshold is exceeded there is likely to be unsatisfactory performance. With forecast increases in traffic using the junction, there will be an adverse impact upon junction operation, resulting in congestion and delays on one of the key routes into Alton, as well as a negative impact on the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

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:

10 March 2020

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