

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	10 March 2020
Title:	Project Appraisal: Woodhouse Lane South, Botley
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 approves the Project Appraisal for the Woodhouse Lane South scheme, 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 to Woodhouse Lane South, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £4.498million to be funded from the existing allocation for Botley schemes held within the ETE capital programme.
- 1.3 That authority to make the arrangements to implement the scheme, including minor variations to the design or contract, programming and phasing the works as necessary, be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 Woodhouse Lane South (WHLS) will form a key part of a number of improvements around Botley and links the Uplands Development Infrastructure (UDI) to the Maypole Roundabout to the west of Botley. In providing this scheme, the existing Woodhouse Lane will be improved by the widening and realignment of the carriageway which will improve the safety and capacity of the route. The early delivery of WHLS complements the delivery of UDI, offering cost advantage, and provides a further phase of the highway improvements necessary to achieve the effective diversion of traffic around Botley Village.
- 2.2 As part of a number of improvements around Botley, the WHLS scheme will contribute to improved capacity, reduce delays at peak periods, and improve

journey time reliability along the A334 through Botley, with environmental benefits in terms of noise and air quality improvements in Botley Village.

- 2.3 The scheme supports a high quality of life for people who live in, work in, and visit Botley, and is a significant improvement to the highway network, reducing congestion and improving air quality and journey times through the area. The additional improved footway, cycling and equestrian infrastructure provides opportunity for all road users to choose the health benefits associated with active travel.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 The scheme design is based upon the approved project appraisal set out in the Executive Member for Economy, Transport, and Environment decision report of September 2019.

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: 10 March 2020
Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Councillor Rob Humby	