

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	8 October 2020
Title:	Project Appraisal: Ipley Crossroads Casualty Reduction Scheme
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 casualty reduction scheme at Ipley Crossroads in the New Forest, as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2. That approval is given to form a Land Bank agreement between Hampshire County Council, Forestry England, and Natural England, as outlined in the supporting report, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services.
- 1.3. That subject to the conclusion of the required land processes, approval be given to procure and spend and enter into the necessary contractual arrangements to implement the proposed casualty reduction scheme, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £531,000 to be funded from the Casualty Reduction budget.
- 1.4. That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy Transport and Environment (in consultation with the Head of Legal Services) to progress any appropriate Orders, Notices or Statutory Procedures, enter into any agreements, and obtain any consents, rights, permissions or easements that are necessary to enable implementation of the casualty reduction scheme at Ipley Crossroads.
- 1.5. 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 Ipley Crossroads has an extensive history of Personal Injury Accidents (PIAs), and a number of casualty reduction schemes have been implemented over time using measures typically available to the Casualty

Reduction Team. The earlier schemes had some initial success, but the numbers of PIAs have gradually risen, and further action is now required to improve road safety at this location.

- 2.2 Of particular concern are serious and fatal collisions involving cyclists, with two cyclists fatally injured when travelling south in conflict with vehicles crossing the junction from west to east. The most recent collision resulted in life threatening injuries and occurred in January this year and involved a cyclist landing in a flooded area of the Forest and sustaining broken vertebrae.
- 2.3 Concern was raised by the Serious Collision Investigation Unit of Hampshire Constabulary, that PIA's were continuing to occur at the junction and that the casualty reduction measures previously introduced were not achieving the desired results. It was agreed to investigate the potential to stagger the junction, effectively creating two T junctions, requiring road users to stop or slow significantly prior to turning from the side road arms. Staggering the junction in this way will also change the angle of view for road users approaching the junction.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Earlier casualty reduction measures have not resolved collisions at this location, and further lower cost treatments are considered unlikely to be effective.
- 3.2 The ecologically sensitive location precludes schemes requiring more land to construct such as a roundabout, traffic signal junction or comprehensive traffic calming.
- 3.3 The location of this junction within the national park further restricts the types of measure appropriate here and consistent with the needs of grazing livestock.

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:

8 October 2020

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