

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Executive Decision Record**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member – Environment and Transport
<b>Date:</b>	6 March 2012
<b>Title:</b>	Daedalus Transport Proposals
<b>Reference:</b>	3760
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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**1. The decision:**

- a) That, in response to the emerging proposals for the Daedalus Enterprise Zone and in the light of existing traffic and access problems for the Gosport peninsula, the following access strategy be adopted as a basis for responding to the current Daedalus planning applications:
  - to promote employment opportunities at Daedalus as a means of reducing out commuting from the Gosport peninsula;
  - to promote local access to Daedalus from within the Gosport peninsula via sustainable travel modes; and
  - to promote the Newgate Lane corridor as the link to Daedalus from the strategic road network and Fareham Railway Station and as a viable alternative for existing and potential future traffic, particularly lorries, which will be supported by local mitigation measures to deter and manage HGVs utilising the western approach roads via Stubbington.
  
- b) That, in line with the strategy proposed above, the schemes currently being prepared by the County Council to improve Newgate Lane be reviewed, in tandem with the scheme prepared by the Homes and Community Agency for Peel Common junction, with the aim of identifying a major scheme with the potential to deliver capacity enhancements along the Newgate Lane corridor including the Peel Common roundabout.
  
- c) That, subject to the above review:
  - indicative additional budget allocations be included in the County Council capital programme for a major scheme for Newgate Lane,

based upon future receipt of transport contributions and other funding from the Daedalus Enterprise Zone; and

- traffic enhancements on the western approaches and the review of a potential second strategic (western) access to Gosport via Stubbington should be deferred to the longer term, post 2026.
- d) That, in securing developer contributions for transport from the developer of the Enterprise Zone, priority be accorded to improvements to the Newgate Lane corridor with a focus on the Peel Common junction.

## 2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. This report reviews the strategy for access to the Gosport peninsula in the light of the current development proposals and accelerated timescale for the development of the Daedalus Enterprise Zone (Daedalus EZ). In summary, the gathering momentum behind the Daedalus EZ, as a location for employment based regeneration of the local economy, demands that off site access proposals are brought forward that are commensurate with the urgent need to provide an attractive location for business growth and job creation as well as addressing concerns with existing traffic problems on the western approaches to Gosport. This requires a review of existing policy and investment priorities for the County Council for schemes currently being prepared for the Newgate Lane corridor, in combination with HCA proposals for the Peel Common junction, and in respect of the western approaches to Gosport.

## 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. **Do nothing** There are known levels of existing traffic congestion along all corridors providing access to the Gosport peninsula. The addition of employment based trip generation will add further to existing congestion levels and will not provide the business community with confidence that Daedalus EZ will be a location where transport costs can be minimised and that is readily accessible to customers and employees.
- 3.2. **Focus investment along the Western Approaches** Currently there are no 'delivery ready' transport schemes to improve the western approaches to Gosport. It is not practical to develop a scheme now for delivery within the timescale envisaged for the roll out of the Daedalus EZ; even if such a scheme was viable in cost benefit and planning terms. Furthermore, it is not clear that such an approach will meet, most directly, the needs for businesses at Daedalus EZ to access strategic transport networks at Fareham Railway Station, the A27 and the M27.
- 3.3. **Implement the existing transport schemes being developed by the County Council and the access strategy proposed by the Daedalus development** Whilst this option will deliver some benefits, the Newgate Lane schemes have not been drawn up with an emphasis on improving

capacity for vehicular access and have not been tested against the access requirements of the Daedalus EZ . The HCA proposals at Peel Common only deal with expected development traffic and there is no guarantee that these will be compatible with the County Council proposals for Newgate Lane. The current HCA proposals for traffic demand management measures through Stubbington have the potential to increase traffic congestion that arguably outweigh their benefits in terms of road safety and amenity, and do nothing to improve access to the EZ.

**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 Standards Committee: None.**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not applicable.**

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

<b>Approved by:</b>  -----  <b>Executive Member for Environment and Transport Councillor M J Kendal</b>	<b>Date:</b>  <b>6 March 2012</b>
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