

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
Date:	14 May 2012
Title:	Proposal to apply for a Traffic Regulation Order on Rushmoor Bridleway No.24 at Farnborough North Station
Reference:	3896
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities & Business Services

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1. The decision:

- a) That Hampshire County Council should advertise its intention to introduce a permanent Traffic Regulation Order under section 1a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to prohibit equestrians from proceeding along Rushmoor Bridleway No.24 at Farnborough North Station, as shown on the attached plan.
- b) This is the first stage in the Traffic Regulation Order process. Once comments have been received in response to this formal consultation from interested parties, a further report should be prepared for the Executive Member seeking approval for the making of the abovementioned Traffic Regulation Order, should it still be considered appropriate to do so in light of those comments.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1 This bridleway crosses the railway on the level and is the only access between platforms at Farnborough North Station. There are significant concerns about safety, particularly as the route is heavily used by students and pupils attending Farnborough College. To enable the crossing to be redesigned and thus improve safety it is necessary to exclude horses from using the crossing.
- 2.2 The prohibition on equine use would enable the lights to be re-phased to reduce the flashing period by half from 40 seconds to 20 seconds and an audible signal could be introduced. Improvements to the width of the crossing and waiting area could also be made, which would result in a

significant improvement in safety for pedestrians and cyclists, who are the predominant users of this crossing.

- 2.3 No horse riders have come forward to say that they actually use - or wish to use - this route, and there is no record of any horse riders contacting the signal box in order to use the crossing. The route does not connect with any known areas of equestrian demand for access, nor with the wider bridleway network.

3 Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Provision of a bridge or underpass was rejected owing to the lack of space needed to construct such a structure.

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:

Approved by:	Date:
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Executive Member for Culture and Recreation Councillor Keith Chapman	