

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member – Environment and Transport
Date:	11 September 2012
Title:	Project Appraisal: Cycle and Pedestrian Route, Hitches Lane to Fleet Town Centre
Reference:	4216
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- a) That the Project Appraisal for the implementation of the cycle and pedestrian route from Hitches Lane to Fleet Town Centre, at an estimated cost of £722,000, be approved.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The approval for the implementation of this scheme will result in the provision of an off-road pedestrian and cycle route providing access to local schools, leisure facilities and the Town Centre. The improvements will also provide a safer route for those more vulnerable, enabling access to the local facilities by non-motorised transport and providing improvements for those who need to access the route for recreational purposes and who prefer to travel off-road. The route is identified in the Fleet Town Access Plan which was adopted by the Executive Member for Environment in April 2011.
- 2.2. The route will link into the existing cycle route in Hitches Lane and will extend off-road alongside Calthorpe Park secondary school and continue to Tavistock infants school. The route will then extend from Tavistock school through Calthorpe Park, and continue across the recently installed signalised pedestrian crossing point on Reading Road North and link through the Views Park and onto Fleet Town Centre.
- 2.3. These improvements are in line with the County Council's corporate strategy key priority of making Hampshire safer and more secure for all. The provision of street lighting along the route will also provide additional security for all.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. An option to provide part of the cycle route on-road between Calthorpe Park School exit and Merivale was put forward by the Fleet Town Access Plan (TAP). This was not pursued as additional feasibility was undertaken in the vicinity of Tavistock Infants School enabling the entire route to be provided off-road.
- 3.2. Provision of a shared cycle and pedestrian path in the vicinity of Tavistock school was rejected as, following consultation with the school and school governors, a segregated route was the preferred option.

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: ----- Executive Member for Environment and Transport Councillor M J Kendal	Date: 11 September 2012
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