

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member – Environment and Transport
Date:	11 September 2012
Title:	Project Appraisal: Creation of Section of National Cycle Route Network, Hockley Viaduct, Winchester
Reference:	4214
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- a) That the Project Appraisal be approved for the release of £254,000 of Hampshire County Council LTP capital grant to contribute towards the delivery of the NCN23 Hockley Viaduct cycle route from Winchester City Centre to the South Winchester Park and Ride.
- b) That the new section of shared use footway/cycleway be incorporated into the Highway network under Sections 65 and 66 of the Highways Act 1980.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The scheme will deliver an important missing link in the National Cycle Network, Route 23, providing an off road alternative leisure and commuter cycle route linking Winchester City Centre with the Winchester South Park & Ride and connecting to the wider cycle route network linking Winchester to Otterbourne, Eastleigh and Southampton.
- 2.2. This new section of cycle route will provide a new minimum width 2.5 metre shared use footway/cycle route, commencing at Domum Road, adjacent to Palmers Field and following the old railway embankment. The cycle route will then utilise the existing bridleway, which will be upgraded and then link directly onto the Hockley viaduct, which will undergo extensive refurbishment. The cycle route will then continue off the viaduct and terminate at the Bushfield roundabout and link to the existing cycle route network. The viaduct refurbishment is underway and the cycle route construction is programmed to start on site in Autumn 2012, and be complete by Spring 2013.

2.3. The scheme will enable the Hockley viaduct to be extensively refurbished and, through its integration with the NCN23 cycle route, ensure its long term maintenance is secured.

2.4 The proposal supports the Corporate aims:
(i) making Hampshire safer and more secure for all;
(ii) maximising well-being; and
(iii) enhancing our quality of place.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. A number of alternative route options were considered. However a key objective of the project, and a pre-requisite with respect to a significant proportion of the Winchester City Council funding, was for the Hockley viaduct to be integrated into the cycle route and for the viaduct to be upgraded.

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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