

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	22 January 2013
Title:	Whitehill & Bordon Inner Relief Road
Reference:	4636
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- a) That the Inner Relief Road be added to the list of major schemes for development and that this work be carried out as funding permits.
- b) That route Option 1 for the southern section (abandoned railway), and Option B for the northern section, be confirmed as the County Council's preferred alignment of the Inner Relief Road in transport terms.
- c) That approval be given to carry out public consultation on the preferred route option.
- d) That this position be reviewed following the completion of further technical work (including the EIA) and consultation to ensure that the preferred routing option identified remains the best option when considered against national guidance on transport scheme appraisal.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Clarity and direction on the routing of the Inner Relief Road is necessary to provide certainty for the planning of the regeneration, to facilitate the development and to promote growth.
- 2.2. Further development work on the Inner Relief Road will provide greater certainty on the deliverability of the project, and will position the project more favourably to take advantage of existing and future funding opportunities.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. ***Not to identify a preferred route option*** – This would fail to give certainty to the planners and Delivery Board on the road alignment, which is a critical factor impacting on the design and delivery of the development.

3.2. ***To identify an alternative route as the preferred option*** – The preferred alignment options identified in this report are those considered to provide the greatest strategic benefit to the project in transport terms. The alternative options, whilst many remain feasible, do not offer the same level of strategic benefit. Further development work, and Environmental Impact Assessment, will provide further guidance to confirm whether the options identified remain the best available.

3.3. ***Not to progress work to develop the Inner Relief Road*** – This would leave the deliverability of the Inner Relief Road uncertain, which is critical infrastructure to the project, and would fail to provide spatial boundaries to the planners in the development of the design. The route of the road is a critical factor.

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:

22 January 2013

Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Councillor M J Kendal