

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Executive Decision Record**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
<b>Date:</b>	22 January 2013
<b>Title:</b>	Project Appraisal: Accessibility Improvements, London Road, Basingstoke
<b>Reference:</b>	4641
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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**1. The decision:**

- a) That the Project Appraisal for the London Road, Basingstoke, Accessibility Improvements scheme be approved at a cost of £360,000 funded by a combination of developer contributions and Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) grant.

**2. Reasons for the decision:**

- 2.1. The reason the scheme has been developed is to improve the safety and security of pedestrians in the London Road area, particularly the children who attend the local secondary school, Costello Technology College. This area has been under intense scrutiny by the media and key local stakeholders, ever since the death of a schoolchild at the location of the proposed improvements.
- 2.2. The proposed scheme will play a central role in improving the pedestrian environment in this area of Basingstoke. It will therefore meet with the objective of making Hampshire Safer and More Secure For All, as well as enhancing the Quality of Place. By making it easier and safer to walk and cross the road, it will encourage travel by sustainable means.
- 2.3. The scheme is funded by a combination of developer contributions and LSTF grant, which is limited to being spent in 2012/13. This scheme was specifically named in the grant application due to the local media and public profile.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1. Undertaking less effective, but cheaper improvements at the site. This was rejected on the grounds that they would not effectively promote the safety of children attending the school and that public opinion would therefore reflect poorly on Hampshire County Council, the Borough Council and the school.

3.2. There were no other alternatives.

**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:**

<b>Approved by:</b>  ----- <b>Executive Member for Environment and Transport Councillor M J Kendal</b>	<b>Date:</b>  <b>22 January 2013</b>
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