

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

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

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to seek approval for the London Road, Basingstoke, Accessibility Improvements scheme.
- 1.2. The proposed scheme will cost £360,000, funded by a combination of developer contributions and Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) grant for 2012/13. It will improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians in the area around London Road, especially the children who attend the local secondary school, Costello Technology College.
- 1.3. If approved, the scheme will proceed to be built early in 2013.

2. Need for Scheme

- 2.1 The proposed scheme will play a significant role in changing the pedestrian environment on London Road, by making it more accessible, improving the safety of those crossing the road and encouraging slower speeds of vehicles. Further safety measures at the location became a priority after the fatality of a schoolchild in February 2011.
- 2.2 The response of the County Council will be closely observed in this scheme, resulting in a set of improvements that has been developed with the close involvement of the local member and other key local stakeholders, including the local school. The proposed scheme has their full support and it is hoped that this will help show that the County Council has listened to concerns and responded appropriately.
- 2.3 The Project Appraisal is attached to this report as an Appendix.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 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.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

Scheme working files

EII court West, Winchester

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1 The proposals in this report have been developed with due regard to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010, including the Public Sector Equality Duty and the Council's equality objectives. An assessment of the impacts in this service area , 1.4 - Developing Hampshire's Highways Network and Transport System, can be found on [Hantsweb](#).

It is considered that the issues covered by this report will not have impacts requiring further specific actions by the Council above those already established in its existing policies and working procedures.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1 The scheme will have no impact upon rates of crime or disorder.

3. Climate Change:

- 3.1 The scheme will encourage more people to walk in the London Road area of Basingstoke. This will mean a reduction in energy use and in vehicle emissions that cause climate change.

The proposed scheme will improve the drainage in the London Road area, which will make the location more resilient to the impacts of climate change.