

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	2 April 2013
Title:	Newgate Lane Fareham, Major Improvement Scheme – Proposed Alignment Options
Reference:	4783
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the proposed horizontal alignment for the section of the B3385 Newgate Lane major improvement scheme, north of its junction with Tanners Lane, be confirmed as the preferred alignment, subject to public consultation.
- 1.2. That two options for the proposed horizontal alignment for the remainder of the B3385 Newgate Lane major improvement scheme, south of its junction with Tanners Lane, be presented as option alignments for public consultation.
- 1.3. That approval be given to carry out public consultation on the preferred route options during the summer of 2013.
- 1.4. That approval be given to continue the design and development of the options, in line with the proposed delivery plan and the outcome of the proposed public consultation exercise.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The decision will provide clarity on the proposed alignment of the Newgate Lane Major Improvement scheme, and enable the continuing development of the proposal, with the benefit of stakeholder and public consultation.
- 2.2. The decision will confirm the nature of the proposed improvement scheme for the Newgate Lane corridor which will contribute towards making Hampshire safer and more secure for all by helping to address the existing traffic problems both on the corridor and in the wider context of improving strategic access on the Gosport peninsular.

2.3. The development of the proposed Solent Enterprise Zone at Daedalus, is a location for employment based regeneration of the local economy through business growth and job creation. The decision identifies the nature of the transport infrastructure improvements that are expected to improve accessibility for local people and thus maximise wellbeing by enhancing the quality of place.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. There are known levels of existing traffic congestion along all corridors providing access to the Gosport peninsula. The addition of employment based trip generation will add further to existing congestion levels and will not provide the business community with confidence that the Solent Enterprise Zone will be a location where transport costs can be minimised and that is readily accessible to customers and employees. Accordingly a do nothing option has been considered but rejected on the basis of not being able to sufficiently address the existing traffic conditions on the Gosport peninsular.

3.2. A proposal to provide limited widening to the existing road alignment has been investigated but would only provide small scale improvements to accessibility on the Gosport peninsular for motorised traffic. The provision of an off road pedestrian and cycle facility would however enhance infrastructure for non-motorised users. Accordingly a do minimum option has been considered and rejected on the basis of not being able to sufficiently address the existing traffic problems on the Gosport peninsular.

3.3. A proposal has been considered to provide an updated and improved alignment for Newgate Lane with widening to accommodate options for on road cycle lanes, central hatched areas and turning lanes (to reduce delays and improve frontage access), together with pedestrian crossing facilities and an off road cycle facility, has been considered. This is based on the existing road alignment. Whilst this option meets many of the scheme objectives it is not expected to provide sufficient benefits to enable the necessary improvements in the area of the Peel Common junction.

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:

2 April 2013

**Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Councillor M J Kendal**