

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	10 June 2014
Title:	Project Appraisal: Folly Roundabout Andover – Cycle and Pedestrian Improvements
Reference:	5848
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

1.1. That approval be given to procure and spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements to implement the proposed improvements to pedestrian and cycling facilities on the Folly roundabout, Andover, and cycling improvements between the Folly roundabout and Andover Railway Station, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £292,000 to be funded from developer contributions and the Local Sustainable Transport Fund.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. To address issues of accessibility and safety for pedestrians and cyclists using the Folly roundabout.

2.2. To provide a designated cycleway between the Folly roundabout and Andover train station that connects to the existing National Cycle Network.

2.3. To encourage people to choose walking and riding a bicycle over car use for their shorter trips.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Western Avenue - The original proposals to incorporate a controlled crossing included carriageway widening. However, the costs were considered too high and so a lower cost carriageway narrowing option was developed that would not prejudice roundabout capacity requirements anticipated for the period 2022 – 2027.

- 3.2. Charlton Road (west) – An option to position the proposed controlled crossing at the existing uncontrolled crossing location was considered. However, it was not deemed feasible due to the proximity of existing vehicular accesses.
- 3.3. Redon Way - A controlled crossing was considered but was not deemed feasible due to the need for it to be located too far from the roundabout and therefore not on the identified desire line.
- 3.4. Redon Way - The possibility of reducing the gradient of the existing footway between Redon Way and Artists Way was investigated but the works required and the associated costs were deemed to outweigh the potential benefits.
- 3.5. Charlton Road (east) - It was suggested that the two lane roundabout approach could be reduced to one lane to decrease the crossing distance for pedestrians. However, it was predicted that this could create queuing traffic at busy times. Following a safety audit the crossing was not raised as an issue and, due to the potential queuing issues that could arise, it was decided to retain the current junction layout.
- 3.6. Cycleway Link to Andover Railway Station – The possibility to implement an off-road shared cycleway along Charlton Road (west) was not deemed feasible as the carriageway would have to be reduced in width significantly below minimum recommended standards.

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: 10 June 2014
Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Councillor Seán D T Woodward	