

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Member for Policy and Resources |
| Date: | 26 September 2014 |
| Title: | A27 Fareham Station and Gudge Heath Lane, The Avenue, Fareham |
| Decision Reference: | 6001 |
| Report From: | Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services |

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to the acquisition, dedication or licence of all interests in land together with any associated easements required to implement the proposed junction improvement works.
- 1.2. In the event that negotiations to acquire necessary interests in land by agreement are unsuccessful that authority is given to the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO).

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. This highway scheme involves improvements to two adjacent junctions on the A27 near Fareham Town Centre and railway station at Gudge Heath Lane junction and the Station Roundabout.
- 2.2. The improvements form the first phase of proposed improvements to the A27 corridor and to the western access to Gosport. The improvements will help to remove transport barriers to economic growth.
- 2.3. The Project Appraisal for this scheme was approved by the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment on 11 July 2014 and the Project Appraisal update is to be considered by the Executive Member for Economy Transport and Environment on 9 September 2014.
- 2.4. At their meeting on 11 July 2014 the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment recommended that approval be given by the Executive Member for Policy and Resources to the acquisition of any third party land required for the delivery of the scheme and to the making of a CPO if required. (*Minor amendments to the detailed land plans are being reported to EMETE on 9 September 2014 as an update to the July report*)

- 2.5. Although efforts have been made to minimise the need to acquire third party land by reducing lane widths and a reduced central reserve additional land interests will be required for the scheme as shown on plan no's EC/CJ008212/070 and EC/CJ008212/068(Rev A) attached to this report.(More detailed plans are also available in Appendix 1).
- 2.6. Negotiations have already commenced with the affected landowners and every effort will be made to secure the necessary land interests by agreement. Although there is no specific period prescribed for negotiation by agreement, previous cases involving CPO procedures allowed an eight week period for negotiations to take place to acquire the land by agreement.
- 2.7. A requirement of the Solent LTB funding award is that funding has to be spent by March 2017. In order to meet this timescale it may be necessary to make a CPO and for the CPO to be confirmed by the Secretary of State to ensure that the necessary land is acquired to enable the scheme to be implemented.

3. Finance

- 3.1. Total scheme cost is estimated at £6.6m, which includes the estimated land acquisition costs.
- 3.2. Funding for the Scheme will be met from Economy, Transport and Environment Integrated Transport Budgets and from the Solent Local Transport Body (Solent LTB) (*confirmation anticipated 19 August*).
- 3.3. A requirement of the Solent LTB funding award is that the funding has to be spent by March 2017.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1. That approval be given to acquire all the necessary land interests together with any associated easements required to implement the proposed junction improvement works on terms to be settled by the Director of Culture, Community and Business Services (Strategic Manager – Assets and Development).
- 4.2. In the event that negotiations to acquire the land by agreement are unsuccessful, that authority be given to commence the process for, and the making of, a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of the land shown highlighted on plan no.'s EC/CJ008212/070 and EC/CJ008212/068(Rev A)

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

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| 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): | |

Other Significant Links

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| Links to previous Member decisions: | | |
| EMETE Executive Decision Final Report - A27 Station Roundabout and Gudge Heath Lane Fareham | <u>Reference</u> | <u>Date</u> |
| | | 7 October 2013 |
| EMETE Project Appraisal - A27 Station Roundabout and Gudge Heath Lane Junction Improvements Fareham | 5925 | 11 July 2014 |
| EMETE Project Appraisal Update – A27 Station Roundabout and Gudge Heath Lane Junction Improvements Fareham | | 9 September 2014 |
| Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives | | |
| <u>Title</u> | | <u>Date</u> |
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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.)

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| <u>Document</u> | <u>Location</u> |
| None | |

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1. The proposed scheme has 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.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. It is considered that there could be potential benefits for crime and disorder as a result of this scheme proposal, with improved accessibility for both pedestrians and cyclists.

3. Climate Change:

- 3.1. Improvement to the highway network will reduce traffic congestion which should in turn reduce energy consumption and pollution from stationary traffic.
- 3.2. Improvements for pedestrian and cycle use should encourage fewer local journeys to be made by car.