

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	3 March 2015
Title:	Project Appraisal: A338 Salisbury Road/Watery Lane, Shipton Bellinger
Reference:	6526
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport, and Environment approves the Project Appraisal for Shipton Bellinger: A338 Salisbury Road/Watery Lane, as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2. That approval be given to procure and spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements to implement the proposed improvements to A338 Salisbury Road/Watery Lane, Shipton Bellinger, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated total cost of £322,000 to be funded out of Developer Contributions and Local Transport Plan allocations.
- 1.3. That authority to make the arrangements to implement the scheme, including minor variations to the design or contract, be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport, and Environment.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To provide a central right turning lane and a left-side passing lane for Southbound Traffic which would reduce the possibility of hold-ups and potential rear-end collisions at this location which is located on a sweeping bend and is characterised by its high collision and crash injury rate.
- 2.2. To restrict potentially hazardous right hand turning out of Watery Lane to the A338 and left into Watery Lane from A338. A restriction on these risky turning movements together with the necessary design measures to reinforce banned movements is expected to lead to a reduction in collisions and fewer serious and fatal injuries at this location.

2.3. To maintain the use of Watery Lane junction rather than closing it to traffic and diverting traffic to the nearby Bulford Road junction with the A338. Problems could also occur on Bulford Road itself if diverted traffic were to impede parking and safe walking in that more built up location.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. A roundabout or traffic lights would not be appropriate in this location as traffic flows are judged to be too low; therefore these solutions have not been considered as realistic options.

3.2. The option to ban all right turns into Watery Lane was reviewed but discounted on the basis that it would displace traffic to the A338 Bulford Road junction. Bulford Road is much more populated than Watery Lane so an increase in traffic would impact local residents. There is an historic cluster of accidents associated with turning vehicles at this junction too, which could be exacerbated if traffic flow were to increase.

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: ----- Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Councillor Seán D T Woodward	Date: 3 March 2015
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