

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	21 April 2015
Title:	Project Appraisal: A339/A33 Ringway and A33/Popley Way Junctions, Basingstoke
Reference:	6587
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 the implementation of improvements to the A339 Ringway Roundabout and the A33 Reading Road / Popley Way signalised junction, as set out 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 the A339 Ringway Roundabout and the A33 Reading Road / Popley Way signalised junction, as set out in the supporting report, with a budget of £1.95 million to be funded from Local Growth Fund (LGF) allocated by the Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership (EM3 LEP), and from developer contributions.
- 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 increase capacity and improve the management of traffic, which will contribute to improved journey time reliability at a busy junction on the North East Basingstoke (A33) corridor. These works will contribute towards improving the local strategic highway network to accommodate the forecasted traffic growth in Basingstoke.
- 2.2. In addition, this scheme will contribute towards unlocking local sites for the development of new homes, as well as improve accessibility to existing businesses such as the Chineham Business Park.

2.3. The improvements to the A339 Ringway Roundabout and the Popley Way junction with the A33 will provide the first phase of the North East Basingstoke Corridor growth package, which will provide a minimum of £8 million worth of vital highway improvements between 2015 – 2019.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. As a result of early stage traffic modelling, a number of initial options were put forward at the feasibility stage. These options included several variations incorporating additional circulatory lanes with flares on exits and approaches on the arms on the A339 Ringway Roundabout. Options for the Popley Way junction with the A33 introduced several variations of flare lanes on the junction approach. These options were rejected on cost grounds.

3.2. The option outlined in this Project Appraisal was selected as it offers a comprehensive solution to provide long term journey time and congestion improvements along the North East Basingstoke (A33) corridor. The design has also evolved to take into account any buildability constraints, which have been ultimately reduced to maintain acceptable traffic flow in construction.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

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: 21 April 2015
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