

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	9 July 2015
Title:	Project Appraisal: B3035 High Street, West End Cycle Route
Reference:	6799
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 proposed cycle route at the B3035 High Street, West End (Eastleigh) as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2. That approval is given to procure and spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements to implement the proposed improvements to the B3035 High Street West End (Eastleigh), as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £305,000, to be funded from developer contributions and Local Transport Plan funding.
- 1.3. That approval be given for the new section of widened footway to be converted to a shared use footway/cycleway and for it to be incorporated into the Highway network, under Sections 65 and 66 of the Highways Act 1980
- 1.4. 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 enable provision of a shared use cycle and pedestrian facility along the north side of the B3035 High Street between the junctions with the A27 Swaythling Road and Chapel Road. The scope of works will include resurfacing of the proposed footways to facilitate a more suitable surface for cycling and walking. Local widening of the footways will provide a shared use facility.

- 2.2. The provision of a continuous cycle link between the Southampton City Boundary and West End Village will create improved accessibility and provide a safer cycling and walking environment. This will benefit commuters, provide a safer route to school and a safer route for residents to access local amenities.
- 2.3. The kerb lines at the junctions of Orchards Way and Chapel Road will be re-aligned in order to narrow the width of the carriageway. The existing pedestrian refuge island in Chapel Road will be replaced with a larger island in order to narrow the carriageway further and provide a safer point to cross the road. Pinch points will also be provided on the B3035 High Street just east of Orchards Way and this will help reduce the overall carriageway width and provide a pedestrian/cyclist crossing point.
- 2.4. The improvements will help mitigate the existing accessibility issues in the local area while also addressing the personal injury accident record near the junctions with Orchards Way and Chapel Road.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Two other options were investigated at the Chapel Road/High Street junction to provide a suitable pedestrian crossing place in Chapel Road and to help address the accident cluster near this junction.
- 3.2. A raised table would provide a level crossing and would slow down traffic on all approaches. However, this option has been rejected due to the potential flooding that could be caused to adjacent properties.
- 3.3. A mini-roundabout would act as a speed reducing measure and would signal a change of environment to motorists at the western end of the shopping area. However, the compact location means that deflection of vehicle movements cannot be achieved. Also there is concern about the reduced visibility to the right from Chapel Road. A Departure from Standard would be required and, depending on a post-construction speed survey, further traffic calming measures might be necessary. Consequently this option is not recommended.

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:

Date:

9 July 2015

**Executive Member for Economy, Transport and
Environment
Councillor Seán D T Woodward**

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