

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	15 September 2015
Title:	Project Appraisal: Junction and Accessibility Improvements, Leigh Road/Passfield Avenue, Eastleigh
Reference:	6872
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 junction and accessibility improvements on Leigh Road/Passfield Avenue, 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 the Leigh Road/Passfield Avenue junction in Eastleigh, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £1,638,000 to be funded from developer contributions, local resources and Local Transport Plan funds.
- 1.3. That approval is given to convert a section of footway along Leigh Road from Brookwood Road to the Woodside Avenue junction to shared use footway/cycleway, 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 improve the capacity and functionality of the traffic signals at the Leigh Road/Passfield Avenue junction in Eastleigh and reduce vehicle delays
- 2.2. To provide missing cycleway links along Leigh Road which will provide an enhanced facility from Eastleigh to Toynbee School in Oakmount Road where it also links to other existing cycle routes.

- 2.3. To provide enhanced crossing facilities for pedestrians and cyclists at the junction.
- 2.4. The proposals to deliver improvements in this part of Leigh Park also align with the following priorities and objectives set out within Hampshire's Local Transport Plan (2011 – 2031) (LTP):
 - Improve road safety
 - Promoting walking and cycling
- 2.5. This decision supports the Hampshire County Council corporate strategy policy of “making Hampshire safer and more secure for all” and “enhancing our quality of place”.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Three options were investigated to reduce traffic queues and delay and introduce controlled pedestrian and cycle crossings.

Option 1: The works would extend both the left turn lane on Leigh Road (West) and the nearside lane on Leigh Road (East). The Passfield Avenue approach would be widened to three lanes but the exit into Woodside Avenue would be only one lane. It also includes the provision of controlled pedestrian and cycle crossings (TOUCAN), east – west across Woodside Avenue, and north – south across Leigh Road (W).

Option 2: As Option 1 but with a two lane exit on Woodside Avenue.

Option 3: As Option 2 but the Passfield Avenue approach would only be two lanes.

- 3.2. All three options provide controlled pedestrian and cyclist crossings across the Woodside Avenue and Leigh Road (West) arms to connect with the existing and planned cycle routes. All three also offer substantial improvements to traffic movements by reducing queues, delays and journey times as demonstrated in Table 1. All options retain bus priority and emergency services green wave facilities.
- 3.3. Option 2 has been taken forward for implementation as this provides the greatest improvement to capacity and reduction in queue length.

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:

15 September 2015

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