

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	30 June 2016
Title:	Transport Improvement Scheme: A27 The Avenue / Gudge Heath Lane, Fareham
Reference:	7532
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport notes the updates to the design of the Transport Improvement Scheme at A27 The Avenue/Gudge Heath Lane, Fareham (The Scheme), as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2. That traffic monitoring is carried out to measure the impact of the temporary at-grade crossing at the head of the A27 to be installed as part of the works programme for the Scheme.
- 1.3. That, subject to no significant adverse impacts on traffic flow being observed during the monitoring of the temporary crossing, approval is given to make the temporary crossing permanent.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. An application has been received to amend the approved design to provide an at-grade crossing facility at the head of the A27 to allow improved access for manually assisted wheel chair users between Fareham railway station, on the northern side of the A27, and the bus stop interchange on the southern side. Assessment of the crossing has been carried out in accordance with the County Council's Traffic Management Policy and Guidance, and the site falls slightly short of the measured requirements that would usually favour installation of an at-grade crossing. However, a temporary crossing is due to be installed during the works in order to provide crossing access for pedestrians during the period in which the existing subway is closed. This offers an opportunity for the impact of such a crossing upon traffic flows to be monitored.

2.2. Although the site has been assessed as falling short of the County Council's usual policy requirement for such infrastructure, in the event that the temporary crossing is found not to affect traffic flows to the overall detriment of the Scheme purpose, there is a combination of exceptional circumstances that would justify making the crossing permanent, namely:

- The unique opportunity presented by the Scheme and the need for a temporary crossing;
- A known requirement from Hampshire residents who would benefit from the installation of the crossing;
- The currently protracted alternative at-grade route for people with disabilities who do not have motorised wheelchairs;
- The site specific constraints and circumstances, necessitating the crossing of four lanes of traffic for pedestrians who cannot use the subway;
- The fact that the location of the crossing would provide a beneficial public transport interchange between the bus stop and Fareham Railway Station.

2.3. Changes have been made to the design during the development of the scheme since it was previously approved, and these are presented in the supporting report for notification.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Not to monitor the impact of the temporary crossing or consider the possibility of making it permanent. This option was rejected on the basis that it would neglect a possible opportunity to improve the Scheme and outcomes for Hampshire residents.

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:

30 June 2016

**Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Councillor Rob Humby**