

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	3 November 2016
Title:	Project Appraisal: Newgate Lane – Southern Section
Reference:	7802
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 approves the Project Appraisal for the scheme to provide the southern section of Newgate Lane, Fareham, and associated works as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2. That, subject to the resolution of a funding agreement for the Local Growth Funding from the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), approval is given to procure and spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements to implement the proposed scheme to provide the southern section of Newgate Lane, Fareham, and associated works, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £9.515million to be funded from a combination of Local Growth Fund money as awarded by the Solent LEP, Local Transport Plan funding, and local Developer contributions.
- 1.3. That authority to make the arrangements to implement the scheme, including minor variations to the design, including accommodation works, and the development and implementation of a contract strategy that accommodates the uncertainties over the timing of the Solent LEP funding arrangements, be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment.
- 1.4. That the new sections of shared use footway/cycleway as proposed along Brookers Lane be incorporated into the highway network under Section 65 and Section 66 of the Highways Act 1980.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The decision will enable the proposed scheme to provide the new southern section of Newgate Lane, Fareham, to be constructed and thus contribute towards making Hampshire safer and more secure for all by helping to address the existing traffic issues on this section of road and improve

capacity as part of the wider context of improving access to Fareham and Gosport.

- 2.2. The decision confirms the nature of the transport infrastructure improvements that are expected to improve accessibility for local people and thus maximise wellbeing by enhancing the quality of place.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Alternative options considered in the development stage of the scheme included an option to widen the existing alignment of Newgate Lane and provide a cycle route alongside the existing road. This option was rejected as it would not improve the current horizontal alignment or overcome issues associated with side roads and the high number of vehicular accesses to residential and business properties that hinder the current traffic flows and prove difficult to use.
- 3.2. A further alternative option considered included a combination of improvement to the existing alignment of Newgate Lane with a new alignment only at the southern end as the road approaches the Peel Common roundabout. This would have provided a service road to access the properties at the southern end of Newgate Lane and was known as Option A in a public consultation that was undertaken in 2014. The proposed alignment that is the subject of this report was presented as Option B in the public consultation and is the preferred alignment both in terms of the outcome of the public consultation and in terms of the scheme objectives.
- 3.3. An option to deliver the scheme in two phases to match the Solent LEP funding profile and reduce the risk to the County Council of the third and fourth year funding not becoming available has been considered but rejected on the basis of the additional costs of procuring two contracts, the loss of the economies of scale, and the extended duration that highway work would be taking place before the new alignment could become operational. In the event that the latter years' funding does not become available then the Economy Transport and Environment department will complete the scheme using existing ETE capital resources through delaying or cancelling other proposed schemes in a reprioritisation of the Capital Programme.

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:

I thank Councillor Wood and Councillor Burgess for attending the Decision Day and supporting the proposals.

Approved by:

Date:

3 November 2016

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