

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	21 April 2015
Title:	Project Appraisal: A340 Aldermaston Road Improvements, Basingstoke
Reference:	6588
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 A340 Aldermaston Road Dualling, Basingstoke, 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 extend the dualling of the A340 Aldermaston road and update its junctions with Priestley Road and Park Prewett Road, as set out in the supporting report, at a cost of £4million to be funded from the 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 and securing the required land, be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment.
- 1.4. That approval be given to promote a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to close the Priestley Road Junction with Park Prewett Road to motor vehicle traffic, as part of the improvements at the Lodge Junction.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The decision will enable the delivery of a comprehensive solution to several complex traffic issues around Rooksdown and the North Hampshire Health Services, whilst improving journey time reliability on the A340 corridor. This will improve the local strategic road network, helping it to accommodate forecasted traffic growth both locally and across Basingstoke.

2.2. Additionally, improved road infrastructure will allow greater accessibility to the North Hampshire Health Services, local businesses and housing development areas. This will regenerate the local economy, promote growth in construction of new homes on a number of local sites as well as maximise wellbeing and improve the quality of facilities in the local area.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Early solutions to the traffic problems around the North Hampshire Hospital, at the Lodge junction, included a smaller signal controlled junction without dedicated turning lanes. This formed part of the planning condition for the developer works within Park Prewett. However, this was expanded to provide preliminary and detailed designs which offered a comprehensive, long term solution to the local congestion and accessibility problems. Other alternatives at this junction have been rejected on the basis of safety.

3.2. As the design has developed it has taken into account the existing land and environmental constraints. These have ultimately been reduced to minimise the impact of the scheme, and ensure delivery of the improvement scheme within the required 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:

Approved by: ----- Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Councillor Seán D T Woodward	Date: 21 April 2015
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