

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member – Environment and Transport
Date:	6 November 2012
Title:	Project Appraisal: A27 Park Gate Toucan Crossing & Cycle Facilities
Reference:	4215
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- a) That the project appraisal to implement a Toucan crossing on the A27 Southampton Road, together with the associated cycle facilities in the local area, at an estimated cost of £366,000 be approved.
- b) That the existing and proposed footways which form part of this proposal be formally converted for shared use by pedestrians and cyclists under Sections 65 and 66 of the Highways Act 1980.
- c) That the safety improvements planned for Hunts Pond Road be delivered simultaneously with the new Toucan crossing, such that these are in place before the Toucan crossing is operational.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The scheme aims to reduce severance created by the busy A27 Southampton Road for pedestrian and cycle movements between the residential areas located on both sides of the road, and particularly in terms of improving access to/from the Park Gate Primary School from the residential area to the north of the A27. Access would be improved through the provision of the Toucan crossing on the A27 Southampton Road, and the associated pedestrian and cycle improvements will improve access to the Segensworth business areas and to public transport links such as at the Swanwick rail station.
- 2.2. The proposal supports the Corporate aims by:
 - (i) making Hampshire safer and more secure for all; and
 - (ii) maximising well-being.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. An alternative position for the Toucan crossing has been considered on the A27 Bridge Road Park Gate, to the west of the A27/A3051 Botley Road roundabout, however a crossing in this position would not serve the intended purpose of improving the route for children attending the Park Gate Primary School or improving access to the Segensworth Business areas.
- 3.2. Alternative routes for pedestrians and cyclists between the Swanwick railway station and the A27 Southampton Road, and to the Segensworth business areas have been considered but rejected on the basis of unsuitable gradients or lack of directness.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

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 Mr Fulford for attending the meeting and also Mr Evans for his letter, which I referred to at the meeting. I acknowledge that there are still concerns from residents, but am confident that these shall be addressed during the installation of the scheme; particularly with regards to noise from the crossing audible bleeper, which shall be kept to a minimum level. I have carefully considered all the information provided today and at the previous meeting in coming to my decision.

I also thank Cllr Hockley for his involvement in helping put the scheme inline with the traffic measures proposed along Hunts Pond Road, so that the two initiatives can run simultaneously and make the area a safer place for pedestrians and cyclists.

I accept the revised photo montage of the crossing, which is to be put on the HCC public website with the supporting papers and report.

Approved by: -----	Date: 6 November 2012
Executive Member for Environment and Transport	

Councillor M J Kendal

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