

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	5 November 2013
Title:	Project Appraisal: Newgate Lane Fareham (Northern Section)
Reference:	4716
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That approval be given to procure and spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements to implement the proposed improvements to the northern section of Newgate Lane, as set out in this paper, at an estimated cost of £6,479,000, subject to completion of legal agreements to release Solent Local Enterprise Partnership funds.
- 1.2. That the new sections of shared use footway/cycleway as proposed on either side of Newgate Lane between Palmerston Drive and Tanners 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. To improve journey time reliability on this section of Newgate Lane;
- 2.2. To provide the first stage of planned highway improvement works to improve access to the Gosport peninsula;
- 2.3. To provide the first stage of planned highway improvement works to support the economic growth agenda at the Solent Enterprise Zone at Daedalus by improving access to the strategic road network, and Fareham railway station;
- 2.4. To improve accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists in this area of Fareham.
- 2.5. Approval of the scheme will contribute towards the Corporate Strategy by:
 - (i) 'Making Hampshire safer and more secure for all', by providing improvements to the road, cycle and pedestrian network that will help improve access local facilities;

- (ii) 'Maximising well-being' by improving opportunities and the ease with which people can access local facilities and services;
- (iii) 'Enhancing our quality of place' by improving local access in this area of Fareham.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Traffic modelling work has been undertaken to assess the performance of ten options for junction and link improvements at the Longfield Avenue and Speedfield Park junctions. Options considered included traffic signals, roundabouts and various combinations, utilising traffic flow data forecasts to 2026. All of the options considered beyond those incorporated into the proposals as presented were rejected on the basis of insufficient capacity given traffic demands, safety, pedestrian crossing activity, or physical constraints such as land, geometry and existing accesses.

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:

7.1. At the invitation of the Executive Member, Councillors Graham Burgess and Chris Carter spoke in support of the recommendations set out in the report.

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

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