

Report to the Transport for South Hampshire Joint Committee

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Subject: M27 Corridor Studies

1. Summary

1.1 This report summarises the findings of:

- (i) the M27 Corridor Junctions 5–12 Transport Study, as an interim basis for strategic transport planning prior to the completion of the evidence base during 2011 and subsequent analysis; and
- (ii) the three M27 Corridor Parallel Studies which identify packaged access strategies for North/North East Hedge End Strategic Development Area (SDA), Whiteley Development and North Fareham SDA, after reduce and manage measures have been taken into account.

1.2 The following decisions are sought:

That the Joint Committee:

- (i) notes the findings of the M27 Corridor Junctions 5–12 Transport Study and the M27 Parallel Studies;
- (ii) adopts the conclusions of the M27 Corridor Junctions 5–12 Transport Study as a basis for strategic transport decisions prior to the completion of the evidence base during 2011 and in order to deliver the growth agenda;
- (iii) agrees to formally advise Eastleigh, Fareham and Gosport Borough Councils and Winchester and Southampton City Councils of the findings of the M27 Studies in order that the access strategies identified for the North/North East Hedge End Strategic

Development Area, North Whiteley Development and North Fareham Strategic Development Area can be used to inform work for the respective Core Strategy and Local Development Frameworks.

2. Reason

- 2.1 The M27 Corridor Study will help provide interim strategic transport direction prior to the completion of the evidence base during 2011, by planning proactively for the future and helping to deliver the growth agenda and enhance our quality of place.
- 2.2 The M27 Corridor Parallel Studies were progressed on a multi-disciplinary basis, jointly with planning officers from the respective Local Planning Authorities. The studies provide inclusive packaged access strategies for all transport modes for North/North East Hedge End SDA, Whiteley Development and North Fareham SDA, after the implementation of reduce and manage measures. The strategies have been aimed at supporting all members of the communities who will live in the new development sites, making Hampshire safer and more secure for all.

3. Other Options Considered and Rejected

- 3.1 In relation to the M27 Corridor Study, previous approaches considered the impacts of development on a site by site basis. The individual site approach was considered inadequate to inform strategic transport planning decisions. The wider cumulative interaction of all trips generated by development allocated in the South East Plan has a key bearing upon results along the strategic corridor and needs to form the basis of strategic planning. The Highways Agency requires a cumulative rather than individual appraisal, in order to inform their response to the key sites.
- 3.2 In relation to the M27 Parallel Studies, a detailed matrix analysis approach was taken which looked at comprehensive lists of interventions, after reduce and manage measures have been implemented, for each of the three sites at North/North East Hedge End SDA, Whiteley Development and North Fareham SDA. Alternative access strategies from the comprehensive lists were evaluated as part of each of the three studies leading to the identification of a package of interventions identified to help serve the travel requirements for each site.

4. Conflicts of Interest Declared by the Decision Maker or Other Executive Member Consulted – None.

5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee – None.

6. Reason(s) for the Matter being dealt with if Urgent –

Approved by: Date:

**Councillor M J Kendal - Chairman
Transport for South Hampshire Joint Committee**