

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	5 November 2013
Title:	Project Appraisal: Marine Parade West Lee-on-the-Solent
Reference:	5295
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Marine Parade West Cycleway in Lee-on-the-Solent improvements scheme, linking the Marine Parade East Cycleway and Salterns Promenade schemes, be approved for construction at a cost of £260,000 funded primarily by a grant from Sustrans but with additional monies from the Quality Enhancements Programme.
- 1.2. That works be procured and let through the County Council's SE7 sub regional framework
- 1.3. That the new section of shared use footway/cycleway be incorporated into the Highway network under Sections 65 and 66 of the Highways Act 1980.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The NCN2 Strategic Cycle route runs from Kent through to Cornwall. Part of this route runs through Hampshire and is continuous apart from a couple of sections one of which is along Marine Parade in Lee-on-the-Solent. Marine Parade is also a vital commuter and recreational route for Hampshire residents.
- 2.2. The Marine Parade East Cycleway scheme was approved in April this year but only caters for one third of the route along the sea front. Additional funding from Sustrans, developer contributions, and the Quality Enhancement Programme has allowed for the development of the western section, which will provide a continuous route from the Gosport ferry to Salterns Promenade.
- 2.3. The scheme also addresses safety concerns that currently exist outside of the main bus stop and car park, reduces street clutter, and improves the pedestrian flow from the beach to the shops.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Closure of the car park was investigated but parking is an emotive issue and there were insufficient funds to relocate.
- 3.2. Taking the cycleway through a bus stop and across the adjacent car park entrance/exit was considered; it was a lower cost option but safety concerns regarding the risk that buses and motorists entering and leaving the car park would not see cyclists, were too high.

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, Councillor Chris Carter spoke in support of the recommendations as set out in the report. In response to Councillor Carter's comments, the Executive Member agreed to consider his request for a wayfinder sign at the central parade.

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