

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

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| Decision Maker: | Director of Economy, Transport and Environment |
| Title: | East Street Toucan and Vigo Park Cycle link |

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Director approves the details of the East Street Toucan and Vigo Park Cycle link scheme, as set out in this paper.
- 1.2. That the Director gives approval to procure and spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements to implement the proposed improvements to East Street Toucan and Vigo Park Cycle link as set out in this project appraisal, at an estimated cost of £111,000 to be funded from developer contributions.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1. Scheme outline:

This scheme provides a controlled crossing and will link the Picket 20 development and Andover town centre with an off road cycle route. It follows a well used desire line with pedestrians and cyclists currently crossing over a splitter island on a roundabout. This option includes alteration of an existing lay-by to facilitate the new puffin crossing but still providing short term parking for the parade of shops which rely on this parking space.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The option above was the only option that included the retention of the lay-by and still provided a controlled crossing. Other options included an uncontrolled crossing and conversion of the splitter island to a pedestrian refuge but this was seen as substandard.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by an Executive Member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:

5.1. None

6. Supporting Information:

6.1. None

Approved by:



Date:

17/9/14

Stuart Jarvis

Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to provide details of a proposed scheme of improvements to East Street Toucan and Vigo Park Cycle link, and to seek approval to construct the proposed scheme.

1.2. Scheme Summary:

This scheme provides a controlled crossing and will link the Picket 20 development and Andover town centre with an off road cycle route. It follows a well used desire line with pedestrians and cyclists currently crossing over a splitter island on a roundabout. This option includes alteration of an existing lay-by to facilitate the new puffin crossing but still providing short term parking for the parade of shops which rely on this parking space.

1.3. Options considered and rejected:

The option above was the only option that included the retention of the lay-by and still provided a controlled crossing. Other options included an uncontrolled crossing and conversion of the splitter island to a pedestrian refuge but this was seen as substandard. The original controlled crossing required removal of the lay-by but after more detailed consultation during the detail design period it was recognised that the lay-by was essential to the parade of shops for quick visits.

1.4. Measures of Success:

This scheme forms part of a larger cycle network and its success will be monitored as part of a larger ongoing assessment of the usage of the Andover cycle network.

2. Background

2.1. This scheme has been part of the Andover cycle network plan to link the Picket 20 development to the centre of Andover and the adjoining cycle routes.

2.2. The main aims and objectives of the scheme are:

- To provide a controlled Toucan crossing on East Street.
- To provide an uncontrolled crossing on Adelaide Road.
- Improve facilities for both cyclists and pedestrians through Vigo Recreation Ground and in the vicinity of East Street and Adelaide Road.
- Improve road safety through the provision of safer crossing points for both cyclists and pedestrians.
- Implement infrastructure which will allow local residents to consider alternatives to the private car thereby, reducing congestion on the road network and promoting the economic growth of the town centre.

3. Finance

| 3.1 | <u>Estimates</u> | <u>£'000</u> | <u>% of total</u> | <u>Funds Available</u> | <u>£'000</u> |
|-----|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| | Design Fee | 6 | 5 | Developer Contributions | 111 |
| | Client Fee | 3 | 3 | | |
| | Supervision | 4 | 4 | | |
| | Construction Land | 98 | 88 | | |
| | Total | <u>111</u> | <u>100</u> | Total | <u>111</u> |

| 3.2 | <u>Revenue Implications</u> | <u>£'000</u> | <u>% Variation to Committee's budget</u> |
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| | Net increase in maintenance expenditure | 2 | 0.002 |
| | Capital Charges (Depreciation and notional interest charges) | 11 | 0.007 |

4. Programme

| | Gateway Stage | | | |
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| | 3 - Project Appraisal | Start on site | End on site | 4 - Review |
| Date (mm/yy) | Sep 14 | 5 Oct 14 | 10 Dec 14 | 10 Dec 15 |

5. Scheme Details

- 5.1. Widening of footway across Vigo Park to accommodate shared cycleway
- 5.2. Island adjustments to cross Adelaide Road
- 5.3. New Toucan Crossing installation on East Street
- 5.4. Layby adjustments in East Street

6. Departures from Standards

- 6.1. None

7. Community Engagement

- 7.1. County Councillors Pat West and Tim Rolt have been consulted and support the proposal of providing improved facilities for both cyclists and pedestrians in this location. TVBC have consulted locally and support the scheme.
- 7.2. Retailers and local residents have been consulted by TVBC and the results of the consultation highlighted that removal of the layby would effect the businesses. The scheme was redesigned to move the layby and maintain the same capacity.

8. Statutory Procedures

- 8.1. None

9. Land Requirements

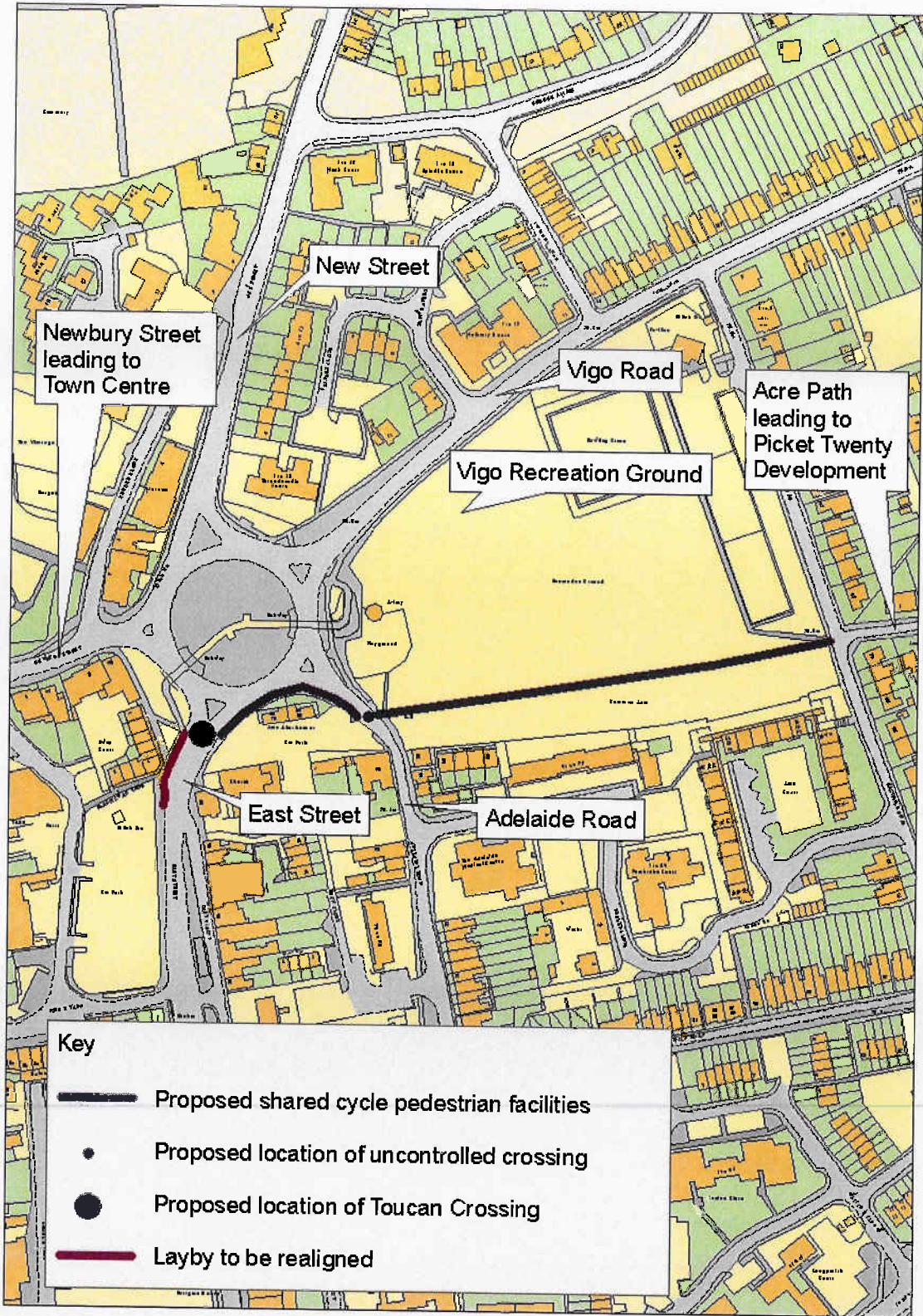
- 9.1. TVBC are the custodians of the Vigo Park cycleway land. This land has been designated and signed as a permissive path

10. Maintenance Implications

- 10.1. There will be an increase of £2000 per year for the additional signals equipment in the highway. TVBC will continue to maintain the path through Vigo Park.

Recommendation(s)

- 10.1. That the Director approves the details of the East Street Toucan and Vigo Park Cycle link scheme, as set out in this paper.
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LTP3 Priorities and Policy Objectives

3 Priorities

- To support economic growth by ensuring the safety, soundness and efficiency of the transport network in Hampshire
- Provide a safe, well maintained and more resilient road network in Hampshire
- Manage traffic to maximise the efficiency of existing network capacity, improving journey time reliability and reducing emissions, to support the efficient and sustainable movement of people and goods

14 Policy Objectives

- Improve road safety (through delivery of casualty reduction and speed management)
- Efficient management of parking provision (on and off street, including servicing)
- Support use of new transport technologies (i.e. Smartcards; RTI; electric vehicle charging points)
- Work with operators to grow bus travel and remove barriers to access
- Support community transport provision to maintain 'safety net' of basic access to services
- Improve access to rail stations, and improve parking and station facilities
- Provide a home to school transport service that meets changing curriculum needs
- Improve co-ordination and integration between travel modes through interchange improvements
- Apply 'Manual for Streets' design principles to support a better balance between traffic and community life
- Improve air quality
- Reduce the need to travel, through technology and Smarter Choices measures

Promote walking and cycling to provide a healthy alternative to the car for short local journeys to work, local services or school

Develop Bus Rapid Transit and high quality public transport in South Hampshire, to reduce car dependence and improve journey time reliability

Outline and implement a long term transport strategy to enable sustainable development in major growth areas

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

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| Hampshire safer and more secure for all: | Yes/no |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): | |
| Maximising well-being: | Yes/no |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): | |
| Enhancing our quality of place: | Yes/no |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): | |

Other Significant Links

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| Links to previous Member decisions: | | |
| <u>Title</u> | <u>Reference</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives: | | |
| <u>Title</u> | <u>Date</u> | |
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Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

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| <u>Document</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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Impact Assessments

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

The proposals in this report have been developed with due regard to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010, including the Public Sector Equality Duty and the Council's equality objectives. The website contains a summary [assessment of the impacts](#) on Developing Hampshire's highway network and transport systems.

It is considered that the issues covered by this report will not have impacts requiring further specific actions by the Council above those already established in its existing policies and working procedures.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder: None

3. Climate Change:

The cycleway should reduce vehicle trips and increase walking and cycling thus reducing the CO2 emissions.