

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Officer Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Date:</b>	May 2016
<b>Title:</b>	Emsworth Cycling and Crossing Improvements (Ph 3 Emsworth package) <span style="float: right;">CMS Ref: 2325</span>

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Director approves the details of the Emsworth Cycling and Crossing Improvements, as set out in this paper.
- 1.2. That the Director gives approval to procure, spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements to implement this scheme, at a total estimated cost of £152,000, to be funded from developer contributions.
- 1.3. The Director approves this addition to the 2016/17 Capital Programme at a value of £152,000.

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To complete missing links in the Emsworth Cycle Network thereby improving safe passage of cycles, particularly between schools, rail and new housing development.
- 2.2. The decision supports the Hampshire County Council corporate strategy policies of "Maximising wellbeing" and "enhancing quality of place".
- 2.3. The scheme will help improve accessibility of Hampshire Farm housing development and St. James' and Emsworth Primary Schools.

#### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. An improvement to the New Brighton Road / Horndean Road junction was originally proposed as part of the S106 Agreement for Hampshire Farm development to include signalisation of the junction with toucan crossings. However, due to the proximity with the proposed Interbridges signalised junction this was not deemed acceptable and the option was rejected.

#### 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: None

6. Supporting Information: None

<b>Approved by:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	<u>2/6/16</u>
<b>Stuart Jarvis</b>			
<b>Director of Economy, Transport and Environment</b>			

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### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide details of the proposed scheme to improve cycling safety and accessibility throughout Emsworth.
- 1.2 The proposed scheme will implement a range of cycling improvements including installation of a toucan crossing on Horndean Road at St. James' Primary School, cycle route signage on Christopher Way, and the upgrading of narrow footways for shared use.

### 2. Background

- 2.1. Contributions have been taken from the Hampshire Farm residential development to provide transport improvements in the area, in particular the promotion of non-car modes of travel.
- 2.2. The developers Transport Assessment (TA) found that there were few cycling facilities in the area of the development and a study was undertaken to identify and develop a number of specific cycle facilities and cycle corridors. This scheme aims to provide missing links along those corridors, allowing safe passage of cyclists through Emsworth.
- 2.3. Improvements were identified at the New Brighton Road/Horndean Road junction together with a controlled crossing of the B2148 Horndean Road to improve access for pedestrians and cyclists. However, signalisation of the junction has since been abandoned due to the proximity of further development at Interbridges sites. This scheme therefore aims to attract cyclists away from this junction and cross at a safer location further north at St James School.

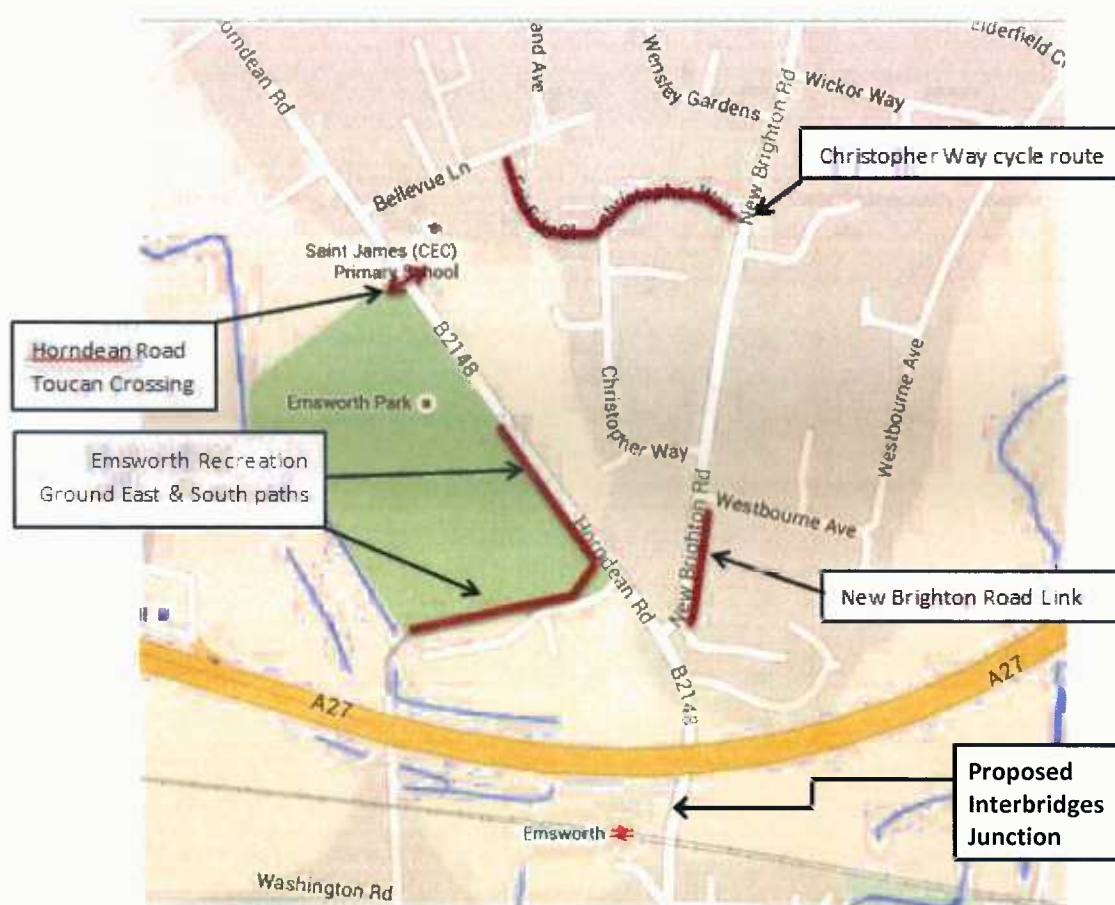


Figure 1: Location plan of Cycle Improvements

### 3. Finance

3.1	<u>Estimates</u>	<u>£'000</u>	<u>% of total</u>	<u>Funds Available</u>	<u>£'000</u>
	Design Fee	8	5	Developer contributions	152
	Client Fee	6	4		
	Supervision	7	5		
	Construction	131	86		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>

3.2	<u>Revenue Implications</u>	<u>£'000</u>	<u>% Variation to Committee's budget</u>
	Net increase in maintenance expenditure	0.8	0.001%
	Capital Charges	15.0	0.009%

(Depreciation and notional interest charges)

#### 4. Programme

	Gateway Stage			
	3 - Project Appraisal	Start on site	End on site	4 - Review
Date (mm/yy)	05/2016	07/2016	09/2016	10/2016

#### 5. Scheme Details

- 5.1. To construct a new controlled (toucan) crossing of Horndean Road opposite St James School, south of number 15. The work will involve upgrading the existing uncontrolled crossing with wider dropped kerbs, new tactile paving, anti-skid on north and south approaches, removal of four bollards, duct work and toucan equipment comprising 4nr. poles with heads and pedestrian call units, controller and power terminal.
- 5.2. To provide cycle route signage on Christopher Way. This will provide a signed and marked route linking New Brighton Road with the new toucan crossing in Horndean Road.
- 5.3. To widen two existing footways within Emsworth Recreation Ground, to 3.0m for shared use and create a second cycle route. The route across the north and west sides of the Rec have already been widened but this omits the north-south axis along Horndean Road and the east-west axis to the New Brighton area. Along the boundary with the Memorial garden, the presence of trees precludes such widening, but the opportunity will be taken to rebuild the path to its current width to include improved drainage. The work includes creation of an access point north of the Memorial Garden for cyclists travelling northbound to leave the carriageway and access the off-road shared track.
- 5.4. South of Westbourne Avenue, the proposal is to replace the existing grass verge on the east side of the road by widening the footway to create an off-road cycle track. Improvements to the existing uncontrolled crossings at the Westbourne Avenue junction are included, to provide a safe means for cyclists to access the cycle track from the carriageway. The footways in New Brighton Road south of the junction with Horndean Road will be changed in status to 'shared' cycle tracks (no widening needed) and an uncontrolled crossing point installed across New Brighton Road north of the railway bridge to give access to the station.

#### 6. Departures from Standards

- 6.1. None

#### 7. Community Engagement

- 7.1. A letter drop has been carried out to properties in close proximity of the proposed works.
- 7.2. An article has appeared in two local residents association newsletters (The Ems and Shoreline) outlining proposals and a public exhibition is planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 at Emsworth Community Centre. Residents Associations are supportive of the scheme.
- 7.3. County member Cllr Ray Bolton and local borough member Cllr Brendan Gibb-Gray have been consulted and are happy and supportive for the scheme to be implemented.

## **8. Statutory Procedures**

- 8.1. The toucan crossing will be subject to advertisement in advance of installation.

## **9. Land Requirements**

- 9.1. There are no land requirements for these improvements.
- 9.2. Footpaths within Emsworth Recreation Ground are currently owned and maintained by Havant Borough Council. It is agreed that this will remain the arrangement following upgrade to shared use.
- 9.3. Initial plans to provide an additional cycle link between Washington Road and North Street have been delayed until land issues have been resolved. This will also enable the construction of the Toucan Crossing in school holidays.

## **10. Maintenance Implications**

- 10.1. The cycle route signage and the widening of the footway on New Brighton Road are expected to have negligible effect on maintenance budgets.
- 10.2. The shared use footway/cycleway within the Recreation Ground will continue to be maintained by Havant Borough Council.
- 10.3. The addition of the Toucan Crossing will require periodic maintenance. This cost is expected to be less than the cost of providing a school crossing patrol at this location, representing a revenue saving.

## **11. Recommendations**

- 11.1. That the Director approves the details of the Toucan Crossing Cycling Improvements, as set out in this paper.
- 11.2. That the Director gives approval to procure, spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements to implement this scheme, at a total estimated cost of £152,000, to be funded from developer contributions.
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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

**Other**

Please list any other targets (i.e. National Indicators, non LTP) to which this scheme will contribute.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**

**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

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

**Other Significant Links**

<b>Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents</b>	
<p>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.)</p>	
<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>

## Impact Assessments

### 1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.1. 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.

1.2. Statutory considerations:

<b>Impact</b>	
Age	Medium - positive
Disability	Medium - positive
Sexual Orientation	None
Race	None
Religion and belief	None
Gender Reassignment	None
Sex	None
Marriage and civil partnership	None
Pregnancy and maternity	None
<b>Other policy considerations</b>	
Poverty	None
Rurality	None
Other factors	None
Geographical impact	Emsworth

This scheme will make cycling and walking easier and safer, particularly for more vulnerable road users such as children by providing safe specific facilities.

### 2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

None

### 3. Climate Change:

3.1 The provision of the toucan crossing and associated cycle links will reduce dependency on car journeys and promote more sustainable modes of transport.