

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Officer Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Title:</b>	Hermitage Stream Shared Use Cycle/Footpath, Havant

**Contact name:** Karen Wright

**Tel:** 01962 846879

**Email:** Karen.1.wright@hants.gov.uk

#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Director approves the details of the Hermitage Stream shared use cycle/footpath, Havant, 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 £166k, to be funded from developer contributions and local resources.

#### 2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. To enable completion of this scheme which will provide access to the school and Hermitage Stream river bank from both Middle Park Way and Park House Farm Way, as well as connecting with an existing off-road cycle link to the town centre.

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

None.

#### 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.

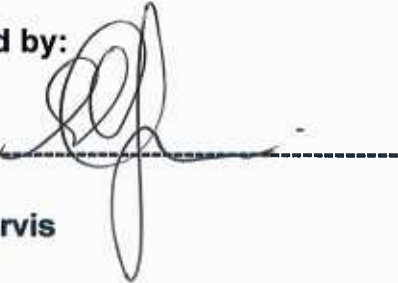
#### 5. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:

5.1. None.

#### 6. Supporting Information:

6.1. None.

**Approved by:**



A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke, positioned above a dashed line.

**Date:**

6/8/15

**Stuart Jarvis**

**Director of Economy, Transport and Environment**

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Title:</b>	Hermitage Stream Footpath, Havant

**Contact name:** Karen Wright

**Tel:** 01962 846879      **Email:** Karen.1.wright@hants.gov.uk

### 1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to obtain approval to procure and spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements to implement the proposed improvements to Hermitage Stream shared use cycle/footpath as set out in this project appraisal, at an estimated cost of £166,000 to be funded from developer contributions and local resources.

#### 1.2. Scheme Outline

Provision of a 2.5m wide 365m long shared use cycle/footpath through the grounds of Park Community School to link Middle Park Way and Park House Lane.

#### 1.3. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

#### 1.4. Measures of Success

The proposed path will link Middle Park Way to Park House Farm Way via the school grounds, and will serve a school with over 900 pupils and staff. It is anticipated that about a third of these would be accessing the school via the new path.

### 2. Background

2.1. In 2013, Hampshire County Council and Havant Borough Council were working in partnership with the Environment Agency (EA) on a £1.2 million Hermitage Stream restoration project which aimed to improve the water environment of 7km of the river and open up the river banks for access. During this work, the opportunity to construct a path between Park House Farm Way and Middle Park Way became apparent, enabling a link to the existing Hermitage Stream off-road cycle route which runs from Middle Park Way southwards into Havant town centre.

2.2. In 2014, the school began a £20 million rebuilding project which included providing access to the new shared use path from the school grounds.

2.3. Whilst the EA were unsuccessful in securing the funding required to complete the restoration project, the proposed shared use path will be compatible with any future stream enhancements undertaken by the EA.

### 3. Finance

3.1	<u>Estimates</u>	<u>£'000</u>	<u>% of total</u>	<u>Funds Available</u>	<u>£'000</u>
	Design Fee	13.5	8	Developer contributions	76
	Client Fee	3.0	2	Local Resources	90
	Supervision	5.0	3		
	Construction	136	82		
	Land	8.5	5		
	Total	<u>166</u>	<u>100</u>	Total	<u>166</u>

3.2	<u>Revenue Implications</u>	<u>£'000</u>	<u>% Variation to Committee's budget</u>
	Net increase in maintenance expenditure	0	0.000%
	Capital Charges (Depreciation and notional interest charges)	8	0.005%

### 4. Programme

	Gateway Stage			
	3 - Project Appraisal	Start on site	End on site	4 - Review
Date (mm/yy)	07/15	10/15	02/16	02/17

## **5. Scheme Details**

- 5.1. Provision of a 2.5m wide 365m long shared use cycle/footpath between Middle Park Way and Park House Farm Way, with associated fencing to match the existing. No lighting is required.

## **6. Departures from Standards**

- 6.1. None.

## **7. Community Engagement**

- 7.1. This scheme is strongly supported by County Councillor Liz Fairhurst who was instrumental in developing the concept of a shared use facility along the Hermitage Stream.
- 7.2. In June 2013, the EA carried out a public consultation event for the proposed restoration works which included the footpath link. There were no objections raised on either the river restoration works or the proposed shared use path.

## **8. Statutory Procedures**

- 8.1. A Planning Application was submitted by HCC Estates to Havant Borough Council which was approved in May 2014.

## **9. Land Requirements**

- 9.1. The proposed shared use path required the purchase of a 1.6m strip of land from the garden of 142 Park House Farm Way. This transaction has been completed and the owners are very supportive of the proposals.

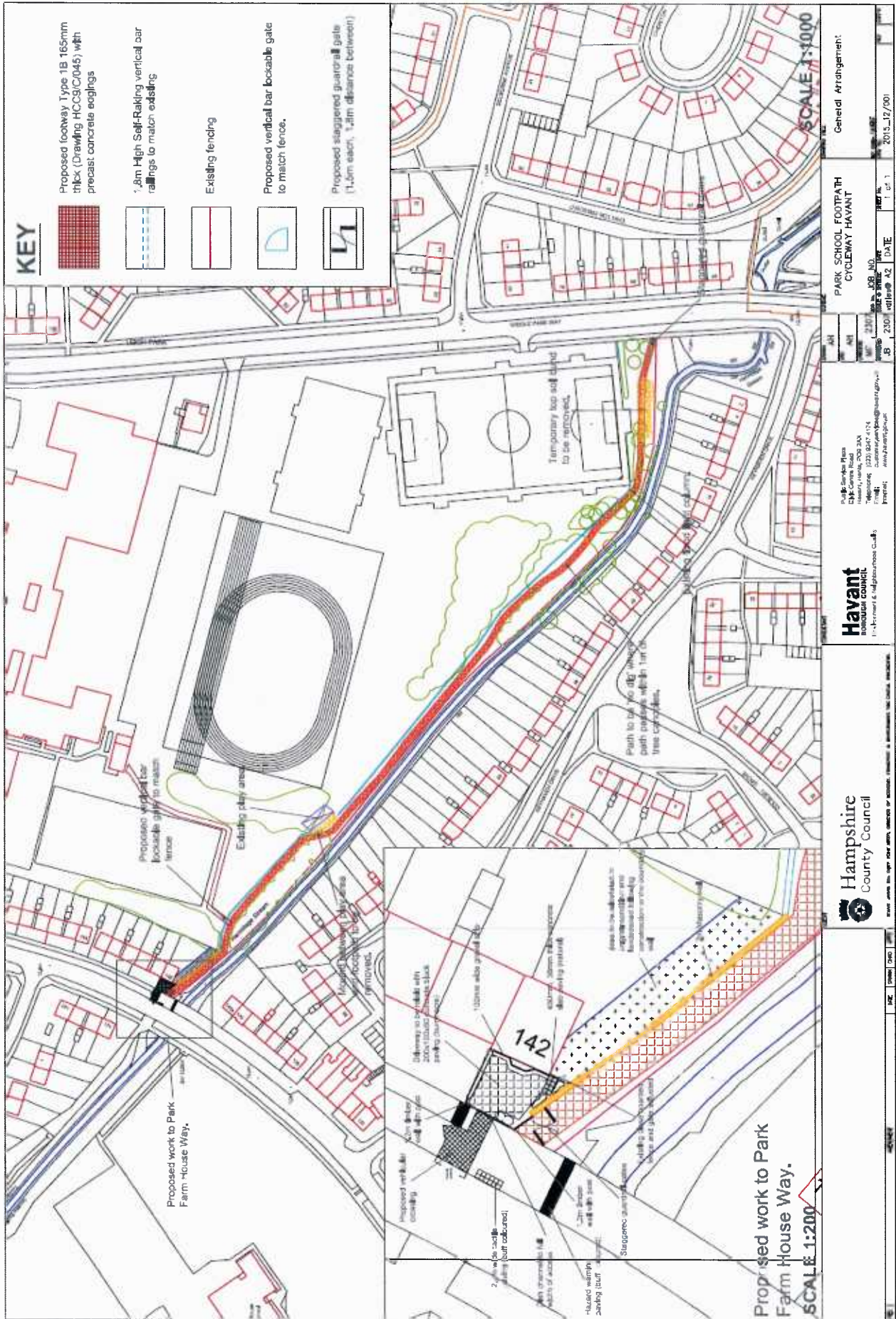
## **10. Maintenance Implications**

- 10.1. Havant Borough Council have agreed to undertake maintenance of the whole length of the new shared use path, so there will be no maintenance implications for the County Council.

## **11. Recommendation(s)**

- 11.1. That the Director approves the details of the Hermitage Stream shared use cycle/footpath, Havant, 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 £166k, to be funded from developer contributions and local resources.

# Site Plan



## 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>	Yes
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>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives:</b>		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	

**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.)

DocumentLocation

## 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:

Impact	
Age	High - positive
Disability	High - positive
Sexual Orientation	None
Race	None
Religion and belief	None
Gender Reassignment	None
Sex	None
Marriage and civil partnership	None
Pregnancy and maternity	High - positive
Other policy considerations	
Poverty	None
Rurality	None
Other factors	None
Geographical impact	Havant

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

### 2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

This scheme will have no impact on this.

### 3. Climate Change:

This scheme will make it easier and more attractive for children wishing to walk and cycle to Park Community School, thus reducing the number of car journeys made, and so contributing to climate change in a positive way.