

Hampshire County Council

Report to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

November 2016

Objection To Statutory Advertisement of Proposed Puffin Crossing: A27 Bridge Road/Allotment Road, Sarisbury Green, Fareham

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1. Summary

1.1 The following decision is sought:

That the Director approves the proposed Puffin crossing at the A27 Bridge Road / Allotment Road Junction, Sarisbury Green, and the proposed measures in order to mitigate the concerns of one of the local residents.

2. Reason

2.1 Following the recent statutory advertisement for the Puffin crossing, which was undertaken by the ITS group, one objection was received to the proposal and this is detailed with officer comments in the appendix of this report. Approval is therefore required in order to progress the scheme to the implementation phase.

3. Other Options Considered and Rejected

3.1 A Toucan crossing facility was originally considered but the lack of shared use cycle infrastructure on either side of the A27 justifies the rejection of a Toucan crossing at this location.

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

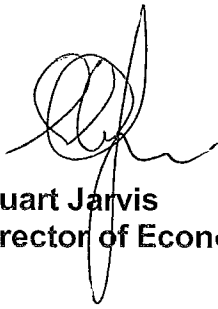
5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel – None.

6. Reason(s) for the Matter being dealt with if Urgent – None.

Approved by:

Date:

13/12/16

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Stuart Jarvis
Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report considers the outcome of the recent statutory advertisement that the ITS Group undertook for the proposed Puffin signal controlled crossing on the A27 Bridge Road/Allotment Road junction in Sarisbury Green, Fareham. A decision on this scheme was previously made by the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment in June 2016.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Director approves the proposed Puffin crossing at the A27 Bridge Road / Allotment Road Junction, Sarisbury Green, and the proposed measures in order to mitigate the concerns of one of the local residents.

3. Details of Proposal

- 3.1 The A27 Bridge Road is a busy "A" road situated in Sarisbury Green with footways on either side of the road. It has a 30mph speed limit and at present, there are no formal crossing points in the area apart from a School Crossing Patrol (SCP) site just east of the junction with Allotment Road that only operates during school term times.
- 3.2 Due to the recent development of the Cold East site and the new leisure centre, both of which are south of the A27, the number of pedestrians and vehicular traffic using the A27 has increased. This has resulted in more pedestrians needing to cross the A27 which has become increasingly difficult due to the only pedestrian crossing being the SCP located on the A27 at its junction with Allotment Road. The SCP only operates during school term times which further limits pedestrians crossing the road safely outside of school operating hours.
- 3.3 In January 2013 PV2 surveys were undertaken at the SCP site on the A27 Bridge Road near the junction with Allotment Road and the

PV2 value was 0.70 and the PmV2 was 1.79. The PMV2 value is above the criteria threshold for a controlled crossing point.

- 3.4 In the most recent 5 year recording period (01/04/11 to 31/03/16) there have been 7 reported personal injury accidents at or near the junction of the A27 Bridge Road and Allotment Road. Of the 7 reported accidents, two involved cyclists and one involved a pedestrian.
- 3.5 The existing school crossing patrol resource (SCP) will be relocated to another SCP location in Fareham and the proposed Puffin crossing will allow pedestrians to safely cross the A27 at all times not just during school term times when the SCP is operational.
- 3.6 A new footway will be constructed to the south of the new Puffin crossing on the A27 Bridge Road, which will formalise the existing damaged verge area that is an obvious pedestrian desire line from the A27 through to Allotment Road.
- 3.7 Attached are:
 - (ii) a location plan; and
 - (iii) a descriptive plan of the area.

4. **Consultation**

- 4.1 The ITS Group undertook consultation of the proposed Puffin crossing by way of placing statutory advertisement notices in the affected area between 5th September 2016 and 26th September 2016.
- 4.2 As a result of the recent statutory consultation, one objection was received and this is further detailed in the appendix which includes officer comments to the objection.
- 4.3 The objection pertains to correspondence received from a resident in Crosstrees (off Allotment Road) and their concerns relate to light and noise pollution associated with the Puffin crossing.

5. **Local Member's View**

- 5.1 The local Member, Councillor Woodward supports the proposals.

6. **Cost**

- 6.1 The cost of the scheme is £97,750, which will be funded from developer contributions and this has already been approved by the Director in the June 2016 Project Appraisal report.

7. **Conclusion**

- 7.1 The resident's concerns have been given careful consideration and mitigation measures can be implemented if required to minimise any impact. Should mitigation be required, this can be accommodated after commission of the proposed Puffin crossing.
- 7.2 The proposed puffin crossing point will alleviate the need for the school crossing patrol and this will allow safe crossing of the A27 at all times of the day and not just peak times. The crossing will also improve accessibility in the local area and contributes to Hampshire County Council's Corporate Strategies.
- 7.3 It is felt that the scheme proposals should be approved as advertised and in conjunction with the previously submitted project appraisal report which was approved in June 2016.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

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

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u> A27 Bridge Road / Allotment Road, Sarisbury Green, Proposed Puffin Crossing	<u>Reference</u> CMS1868	<u>Date</u> 26/06/16
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<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.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

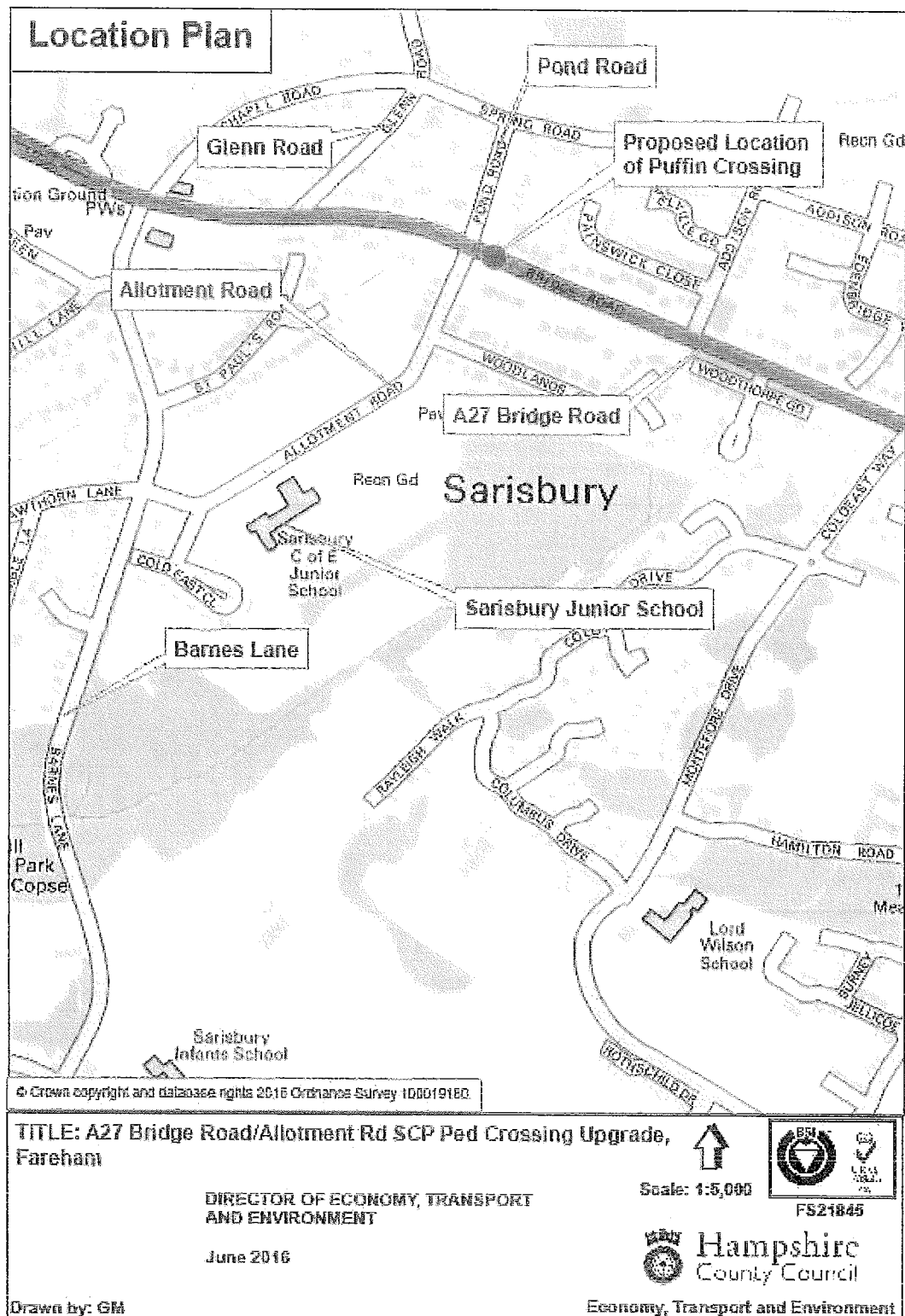
1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 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.
- 1.2 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 as an Equalities Impact Assessment has been submitted with the associated project appraisal report for this scheme in June 2016.

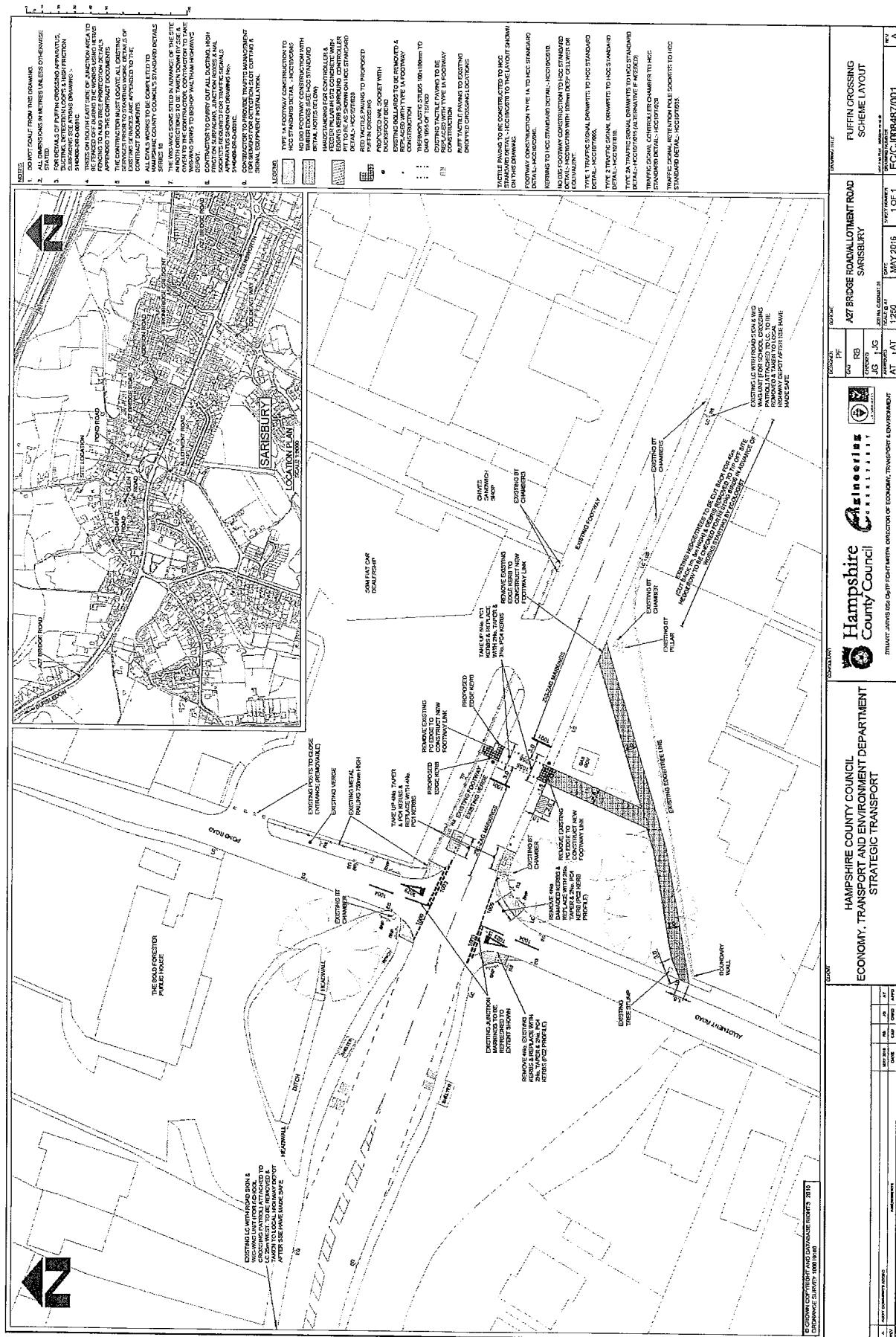
2. Impact on Crime and Disorder: None

3. Climate Change:

- a) The provision of a Puffin signal controlled crossing point will help improve accessibility and encourage pedestrians to walk which will help to reduce the dependency on car journeys.



Integral Appendix D



Objections Received to Proposals

Name and address	Comments or Concerns	Officer Comments
Resident: Mr and Mrs Chambers Crosstrees, Allotment Road, Fareham	Concerned about operational noise of the crossing point and the light that might emit from the traffic signal heads. Also concerned the crossing point is too near the junction with Allotment Road.	Resident has been advised that the volume of the audible element of the Puffin crossing would be turned off completely between 10pm and 7am. Outside of these times it would be possible to permanently reduce the volume of the audible signal on the side nearest to their property. It is likely that the light emittance of the signal heads will be obscured by the vegetation at the back edge of the verge on the A27 Bridge Road which is directly in front of numbers 1-3 Crosstrees. Further to this, should any light emittance be found to have a detrimental impact to residents, a shield could be provided to further reduce any light nuisance. The proposed location of the Puffin crossing currently conforms to national guidance which recommends that it is located at least 20 metres away from the nearest side road.