

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member - Environment
<b>Date:</b>	21 July 2010
<b>Title:</b>	Project Appraisal: Alençon Link, Basingstoke - Bus Interchange Improvements
<b>Reference:</b>	1846
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Environment

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#### **1. The decision: (PROPOSED)**

- a) That this Project Appraisal Report for the implementation of improvements to Alençon Link, Basingstoke, to enhance accessibility to public transport and the major shopping centre in the town under a Section 278 agreement as part of a major redevelopment of the approach to the town centre from the railway station at a cost of £600,000, be approved.
- b) That the Head of Legal Services, in consultation with the Director of Environment, be authorised to enter into a Section 278 agreement for Phase 1 of the works providing agreement has been reached with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council over the highway boundary.
- c) That a separate Project Appraisal Report be submitted later in 2010/11 for approval to implement the second phase of improvements that are proposed on the northern side of Alençon Link.

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

- 2.1. The reason for this decision is to improve and enhance the accessibility to the town centre from the main railway station approach. In addition the works proposed will enhance access to the bus services that operate through Alençon Link in both directions.
- 2.2. These improvements accord with The County Council's Corporate priority of making 'Hampshire safer and more secure for all' as well as 'enhancing our quality of place' and 'maximising wellbeing'.
- 2.3. The improvements to the bus laybys on both sides of Alençon Link were originally intended to be implemented as one scheme. However, Basingstoke

and Deane Borough Council, which now owns The Malls, wants to progress general improvements to the frontage area to this development including the façade of the building. It is therefore logical and an efficient way to deliver the improvements on the south side of Alencon Link with a Section 278 agreement with the Borough Council. A separate project appraisal report will be submitted for approval for the improvement scheme proposed for the north side of Alencon Link later this year (2010/11).

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

3.1. The only other option considered was 'a saw tooth' arrangement for the bus laybys. However this would have necessitated the diversion of an 18 inch gas main. The cost estimate for the diversion of this utility was excessive and could not be met by the budget for the improvements. This option was therefore rejected and a conventional single long layby on either side of Alencon Link was taken forward as the preferred option.

**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 Standards Committee: none.**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.**

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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<b>Executive Member for Environment Councillor M J Kendal</b>	