

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	10 June 2014
Title:	Project Appraisal: Eastleigh Rail Station Forecourt Improvements
Reference:	5850
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. Executive Summary

1.1. This scheme realises a long term ambition to enhance the forecourt of Eastleigh station. At present the area is heavily focussed on the car at the expense of the pedestrian and the existing arrangement is cluttered. Eastleigh Station has had improvements carried out to the station buildings in the past, but the surrounding infrastructure requires considerable alteration to reduce pedestrian and vehicle conflict and to improve the legibility and sense of place.

1.2. Scheme Outline:

The scheme aims to provide a high quality public realm adjacent to the Grade II Listed building (Eastleigh Station) and improve accessibility within the site. The design also takes into account the cycle route projects being delivered in the area (Bishopstoke Road and Leigh Road cycle ways and a proposed cycle/pedestrian link to the north under Bishopstoke Road bridge) as well as providing a much better integration with Eastleigh Town Centre (currently undergoing enhancements to its public realm).

1.3. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

The scheme design was carried out by SWT and has been heavily influenced by the County Council's Landscape Team and Engineering Consultancy.

There were no significantly different alternative options, with all being fairly similar with slight differences to the cycle parking and Taxi Rank areas.

1.4. Measures of Success

A customer attitude survey will be carried out to assess the general feel of the improved forecourt and, in conjunction with the completion of the Bishopstoke cycleway, there should be an increase in cycle use to and from the station.

2. Background

2.1. This is a partnership project that has been developed with South West Trains (SWT), Network Rail (NR), Hampshire County Council and Eastleigh Borough Council to produce an environmental improvement scheme for the forecourt at Eastleigh Railway Station. A successful bid to the Department for Transport (DfT) was made for Local Sustainable Transport Funds (LSTF) in 2012. These funds must now be spent by March 2015.

2.2. Objectives:

- To enhance the setting of Grade II listed railway building and create a more welcoming and appealing environment
- To complement the national station improvement works already undertaken
- To accommodate all necessary operational requirements of the railway station including access to buses during rail engineering works, taxi rank provision, motorcycle parking, disabled bays, drop off areas, parking quotas and more accessible cycle parking
- To provide better links with Eastleigh Town Centre for cycling and walking linking into existing cycle routes and creating a significantly enhanced and widened pedestrian crossing
- To incorporate enhanced signage as part of the town's Wayfinding programme
- To use materials which are complementary to those being used in the Town centre
- To provide integral and more sustainable LED lighting where possible

3. Finance

3.1	<u>Estimates</u>	<u>£'000</u>	<u>% of total</u>	<u>Funds Available</u>	<u>£'000</u>
	Design Fee	90	19	Developer Contribution	65
	Client Fee	5	1	District Contribution	20
	Supervision	8	2	LSTF	315
	Construction	397	78	SWT	80 ¹
				Safety Engineering Contribution	19
	Total	<u>499</u>	<u>100</u>	Total	<u>499</u>

3.2	<u>Revenue Implications</u>	<u>£'000</u>	<u>% Variation to Committee's budget</u>
	Net increase in current expenditure	0	0
	Capital Charge	0	0

4. Programme

- 4.1. Construction is programmed to commence towards the end of the school summer holidays.
- 4.2. Minimal disruption to the travelling public is essential and will be reflected in the contractor's scheduling. This may result in a slightly longer construction period and out-of-hours working.

5. Scheme Details

- 5.1. The scheme involves complete re-development of the station forecourt together with improved crossing facilities to the town centre. Taxi rank provision will still be provided near to the station entrance but traffic flow will be altered to ensure it does not conflict with the pedestrian desire line to the crossing.
- 5.2. Materials to complement Eastleigh's town centre improvements will be used to keep a common theme and maintain legibility.
- 5.3. There will be planting and use of street trees to enhance the area.

¹ Approval of the scheme is subject to receipt of these funds.

6. Departures from Standards

6.1. None.

7. Community Engagement

7.1. This scheme is primarily on private land and the design has been carried out by South West Trains. South West Trains will be coordinating the dissemination of information to the public using public information displays, and Hampshire County Council will be mirroring this information on its website.

7.2. The Local Member, Councillor Andy Moore, supports the proposals.

8. Statutory Procedures

8.1. Listed building consent is required. The scheme has been developed in close consultation with Eastleigh Borough Council and Hampshire County Council has applied for consent. A decision is expected in good time for the scheme to proceed as planned.

9. Land Requirements

9.1. Landlord's consent is required to carry out the works and has been approved in principal. South West Trains are providing part funding and the elements of the scheme that may change as part of the Landlords consent relate to material specification and minor detail. As such this is also not anticipated as being a problem.

10. Maintenance Implications

10.1. The majority of the works will be on South West Trains land, and the on-going maintenance will be the responsibility of South West Trains.

11. Recommendation

11.1 That, subject to securing the necessary consents and external financial contributions outlined in this report, approval be given to procure and spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements to implement the proposed improvements to Eastleigh Rail Station Forecourt and the adjacent highway connections, as set out in this report, at an estimated cost of £499,000 to be funded from the Transport for South Hampshire Local Sustainable Transport Fund, District and County developer contributions, and South West Trains.

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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**

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

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

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. The website contains a summary assessment of the impacts on the [Safe and efficient transport systems in Hampshire](#)
- 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.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

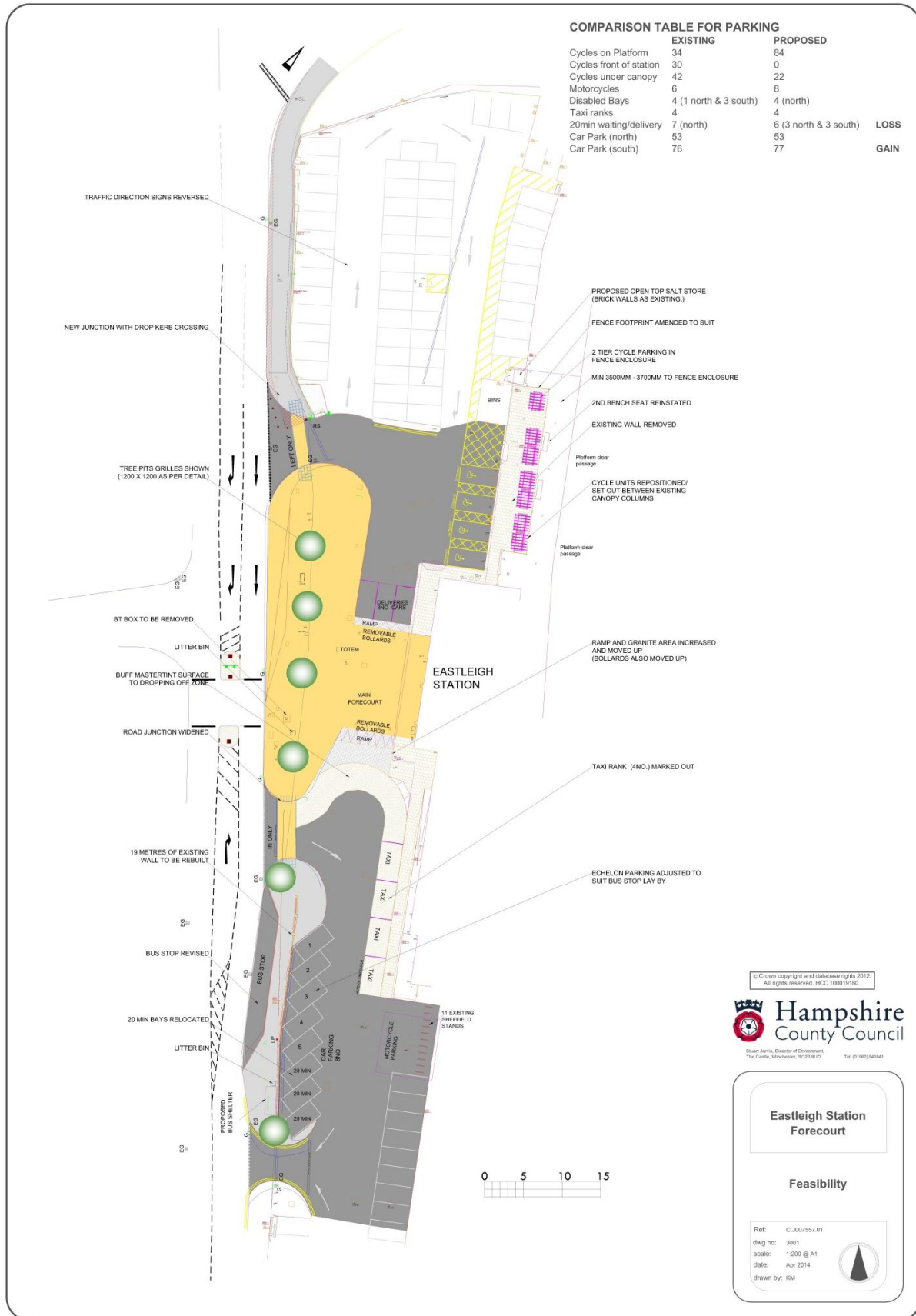
- 2.1 None.

3. Climate Change:

- 3.1. How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?
- 3.2. How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

The linkages with an enhanced cycleway network and improvement to the walking routes and additional cycle storage will improve and encourage the use of non motorised forms of transport to and from the station.

The reduced use of fossil fuels will reduce the overall carbon footprint.



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Eastleigh Station Forecourt

Feasibility

Ref: C_2007557.01
 dwg no: 3001
 scale: 1:200 @ A1
 date: Apr 2014
 drawn by: KM

Eastleigh Station Forecourt and Southampton Road: Materials and Street Furniture



Granite setts to be used on ramps



Litter bins to be located near to crossing and bus stop. Lettering to be black



Tegula to be used in Taxi rank and approach



Tigermulch to be used around trees



Perfecta to be used adjacent to Station building and in Cycle tiered-rack area



Stainless Steel bollards. To match those used in Town Centre – 2 indents at top with red bands



Mastertint to be used on forecourt and for pedestrian crossings may be replaced with Tegular (as above)



Kerb type to be used in forecourt area and bus layby area



Studs to mark Highway boundary

**Eastleigh Station Forecourt and Southampton Road:
Visuals of proposed scheme**

