

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member - Environment
Date:	26 January 2011
Title:	Safeguarding of Land for Transport Schemes – New Forest District
Reference:	2397
Report From:	Director of Environment

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

a) That New Forest District Council be informed that:

- (i) land safeguardings should be retained for the following schemes; Rail stations at Hounslow, Hythe and Marchwood;
- (ii) land safeguarding should be retained at Twiggs Lane, Marchwood in the short term, pending a review of the effectiveness of recently introduced safety measures in achieving the objectives of the original scheme;
- (iii) consideration should be given to introducing a new land safeguarding for the proposed transport interchange at Ferry Yard, Hythe
- (iv) land safeguardings should be abandoned for the following schemes; A326 Totton Western Bypass and a rail station at Bartley Park; and
- (v) reference to A326 improvements south of Totton should be retained within the draft Local Development Framework, pending the outcomes of the South Hampshire Long Term Strategic Implementation Plan.

2. Reason for the decision:

2.1. The decision supports the County Council's future ability to invest in transport schemes, thereby supporting all three of the Corporate Objectives. It also protects the County Council from potential future claims for blight from the owners of land affected by safeguardings.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The option of retaining all existing safeguardings was considered. It was rejected because some existing safeguardings are out of date and/or no longer necessary.
- 3.2. The option of abandoning all safeguardings was considered and rejected because it would prejudice the ability to deliver future transport schemes that are necessary to the longer term economic and environmental well being of the area.
- 3.3. The option of developing new or amended safeguardings was considered and rejected as unnecessary. Where alternatives are proposed, principally for the A326 Totton Western Bypass, the objectives can be met more cost effectively through a junction strategy that does not require third party land.

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:

Approved by: ----- Executive Member for Environment Councillor M J Kendal	Date: 26 January 2011
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