

Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire
County Council

Whitehill and Bordon Integration - Budds Lane

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Description of current service/policy

The Whitehill Bordon Masterplan (2012) makes provision for 3,350 new homes and 5,500 new jobs up to 2032. To enable this growth to be realised, Hampshire County Council alongside the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) and Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership (EM3 LEP) have funded and delivered a relief road to the west of the existing A325 to unlock land vacated by the Ministry of Defence and facilitate the regeneration of the town.

Geographical impact: East
Hampshire

Description of proposed change

To transform Budds Lane into a route which will enable and encourage the local residents to walk or cycle. This will also enable the Town Centre to become more attractive and accessible for all who live, work and shop there.

The scheme will provide a shared bicycle/pedestrian footpath along Budds Lane. It will also include pedestrian crossings and junction refurbishments (transforming a junction to a roundabout). The footpaths will be lit up with street lights.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out?

Yes

Public consultation on the Whitehill & Bordon Integration Project was undertaken between 13 July and 9 September 2018.

The consultation clearly demonstrates that there is a high level of support (over 80%) for;

- Making the town safer and more attractive to walk and cycle around;
- Making it easier to cross the main roads by foot or by bicycle; and
- Encouraging through traffic to use the relief road.

Statutory considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Age: Positive	This part of the scheme is to provide enhanced pedestrian/bicycle paths. This will involve dropping some of the existing kerbs to allow for easier crossing across adjoining roads for those with reduced mobility due to age. The associated pedestrian crossings will also enable a much safer way of crossing the carriageway for all, including the elderly.	
Disability: Positive	This part of the scheme is to provide enhanced pedestrian/bicycle paths. This will involve dropping some of the existing kerbs to allow for easier crossing across adjoining roads for those with reduced mobility due to disability. The above mentioned pedestrian crossings will also include tactiles which will provide an additional safety measure for visually impaired users.	
Sexual orientation: Neutral		

Race: Neutral		
Religion and belief: Neutral		
Gender reassignment: Neutral		
Gender: Neutral		
Marriage and civil partnership: Neutral		
Pregnancy and maternity: Neutral		
Other policy considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Poverty: Neutral		
Rurality: Neutral		

Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)

Any other information

This part of the scheme is to provide enhanced pedestrian/bicycle paths. This will also involve dropping some of the existing kerbs to allow for easier crossing across adjoining roads. The associated pedestrian crossings will enable a safer way of crossing the carriageway for all, including those with reduced mobility due to age or disability.

The above-mentioned pedestrian crossings will also include tactile paving which will provide an additional safety measure for visually impaired users.