



Andover – Access to Town Mills Car Park from the A3057 and Riverside Improvements

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Description of current service/policy

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Geographical impact: Test Valley

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Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

The County Council previously undertook community street audits in 2009 and 2015 and a formal consultation was undertaken between 20th July, 2017 to 31st July 2017. This included two public information exhibitions on 20th and 22nd July 2017. A feedback form was made available at the two exhibition events as well as online. The results of this consultation indicated overall support for the enhancements which did not include the new access to Town Mill car park.

| Statutory considerations | Impact | Mitigation |
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| Age: Neutral | | |
| Disability: Neutral | | |
| Sexual orientation: Neutral | | |
| Race: Neutral | | |
| Religion and belief: Neutral | | |
| Gender reassignment: Neutral | | |

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| 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)

This decision has been assessed as having a neutral impact on groups with protected characteristics. The scheme is designed to improve accessibility to Andover town centre and the River Anton for pedestrians and cyclists. The proposals will also provide better continuity in the existing cycle network and aims to reduce the dominance of motor vehicles in the town centre. This will also have a positive effect on improving air quality and providing people with sustainable alternatives to access the town centre.

Any other information