

# Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire  
County Council

## Project Appraisal: M27 Junction 7 Corridor - Technology Improvements

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Environment

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assessment: 18/02/2020

### Description of current service/policy

The current highways arrangement includes three Variable Message Signs, one CCTV camera and existing traffic signals, which are all coming to the end of their serviceable life.

Geographical impact: Eastleigh

### Description of proposed change

Highways England is promoting and funding technology improvements to assist and improve the management and throughput of traffic at and around the M27 at Junction 7. This scheme proposes to secure and utilise that funding to install seven Variable Message Signs, four network management CCTV cameras and 64 roadside Bluetooth journey time monitoring detectors, and to implement improvements to the Thornhill Park Road/Hinkler Road traffic signal junction in Southampton.

### Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

### Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

This package of technology improvements was developed in consultation with Highways England and Southampton City Council. All works on HCC network are 'off-highway' and are not expected to cause any significant disruption to the travelling public during construction/installation. Traffic signal upgrade at Hinkler Road will require a series of communications in association with Southampton City Council, which would commence on approval of this Project Appraisal.

<b>Statutory considerations</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<b>Age:</b> Neutral		
<b>Disability:</b> Neutral		
<b>Sexual orientation:</b> Neutral		
<b>Race:</b> Neutral		
<b>Religion and belief:</b> Neutral		
<b>Gender reassignment:</b> Neutral		
<b>Gender:</b> Neutral		
<b>Marriage and civil partnership:</b> Neutral		

<b>Pregnancy and maternity:</b> Neutral		
<b>Other policy considerations</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<b>Poverty:</b> Neutral		
<b>Rurality:</b> Neutral		

## **Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)**

The proposed scheme will help manage congestion, identify network incidents and assist journey planning and route choice within the local and strategic road network around M27 Junction 7. As such, the scheme will benefit all road users, and will have a neutral impact on groups with protected characteristics.

## **Any other information**