

Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire
County Council

Romsey Town Centre Improvements Phase 3- Market Place

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Environment
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Description of current service/policy

Market Place, Romsey town centre highway and public realm accessibility improvements
Geographical impact: Test Valley

Description of proposed change

To make Romsey town centre more accessible to pedestrians and cyclists, and the area more attractive for all who live, work and shop there. The improvements will provide residents, as well as the many visitors to the area, with a fresh looking town centre that will be easier to navigate on foot, and will also be in keeping with the town's historic character.

The scheme will provide an increased, well defined pedestrian area and wider level pavements, which provide more space for pedestrians to enjoy the town centre, with better crossing opportunities for all users.

To reduce vehicle speeds and remove the dominance of motor vehicles in the town centre area.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

Two staffed public exhibitions were held in the Town Hall on the proposal for the Market Place where three proposal options were displayed. These were on Saturday 5 November between 10 and 12 noon and then again on Monday 7 November between 9 – 5pm, after which the plans were shown in the Former Magistrates Court for people to view until the 18 December 2016. Residents, businesses, and the wider community were encouraged to have their say on the proposed options being considered for Market Place. It provided an opportunity to view plans and details of the

proposed improvements, and to discuss these with the officers to identify areas for further consideration. Option 1 was chosen option.

Statutory considerations	Impact	Mitigation
<p>Age: Positive</p>	<p>The scheme is designed to provide a level highway surface from building line to building line. This will remove the kerbs, thus allowing all users easy access to the area and the ability to cross the road at any location, and not rely on drop kerbs for access. The level surface will enable the widening of all footway areas on all four areas around Market Place, which will increase accessibility for pedestrians, wheelchair users, and mobility scooter users, as well as removing trip hazards for those with mobility impairments.</p> <p>All pedestrian movements will be improved, and with wider footways it will remove the need for people to walk in the road to avoid pedestrians from the other direction.</p>	
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Sexual orientation:		
Neutral		
Race:		
Neutral		
Religion and belief:		
Neutral		
Gender reassignment:		
Neutral		
Gender:		
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Marriage and civil partnership:		
Neutral		
Pregnancy and maternity:		
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Other policy considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Poverty:		
Neutral		
Rurality:		
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Any other information