

Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire
County Council

Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 Programme

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Description of current service/policy

The report covers proposed new schemes on the highway.

Geographical impact: All
Hampshire

Description of proposed change

Hampshire County Council has secured £3.28 million after a successful bid to the Government's Emergency Active Travel Fund. The funding will be used to provide a range of measures to create better spaces for walking and cycling in local communities. Projects included in the funding bid are:

- Improvements to High streets – This includes the centres of Aldershot, Romsey, Brockenhurst, Petersfield, Stubbington, Eastleigh and Winchester.
- New cycle routes.
- Transforming neighbourhoods.
- Strategic active travel corridor.
- Maintaining and monitoring impact of the new schemes.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out?

Yes

Public consultations on the Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 schemes outlined in this report took place for four weeks between February and March 2021.

For each of the schemes, letters and emails were sent to residents, organisations, groups, District and Parish Councils in the areas affected by the schemes, advising of details of the scheme with links to Hampshire County Council webpages and asking for feedback via on line questionnaires. Accessible versions of the questionnaire and scheme details were made available and sent out upon request.

Statutory considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Age: Neutral		
Disability: Positive	The Active Travel Fund programme provides the County Council with an opportunity to capitalise on funding available to provide improved outcomes for people with disabilities, specifically those who have difficulty in crossing the road due to the absence of at-grade crossings. Enhanced facilities will be provided to assist users with visual disabilities including tactile paving to help guide users at the crossing points.	
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

The improved accessibility, highway alignment and widened footways will deliver a positive impact for Hampshire residents, and other than the positive impact outlined above, the scheme has been assessed as having a neutral impact on people with protected characteristics.