

Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire
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Eclipse Busway Completion of Phase 1 - Retention of Rowner Road Bridge

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Description of current service/policy

The Eclipse Busway currently runs from Redlands Lane in Fareham to Tichborne Way in Gosport.

Geographical impact: Fareham, Gosport

Description of proposed change

The scheme will be the completion of Phase 1 of the Eclipse Busway. It will be a 0.9km southern extension from Hutfield Link / Tichborne Way to Rowner Road. The scheme will deliver additional time savings and improve journey time reliability for service users.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

A public exhibition of the current approved scheme was held in Bridgemarky in May 2018. Key concerns raised were the closure of Rowner Road during construction, the scheme cost and pedestrian and cyclist safety (given the removal of the bridge and loss of the grade separated pedestrian / cycle route).

Should approval be granted to build the alternative southern junction, an exhibition of the alternative scheme will be held Summer 2019 so that residents and other stakeholders are made aware of the revised scheme.

Statutory considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Age: Neutral		
Disability: Neutral		
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)

The impact of the whole scheme has been assessed as having a neutral impact on people with protected characteristics as the busway will provide enhanced public transport facilities for the whole community with improved access to waiting facilities and bus services. However, older people, younger people and those on lower incomes are generally greater users of bus services than other age and income groups.

Any other information