

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	5 June 2018
Title:	M27 Junction 9 and Parkway South Roundabout Scheme – Update Report
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the amended alignment for the preferred scheme for the M27 Junction 9 and Parkway South Roundabout Improvements, as shown on the drawing at Appendix 1, be noted.
- 1.2 That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport recommends that the Executive Member for Policy and Resources provides authority to acquire all third party interests in any land and any necessary rights required for or to facilitate/enable the delivery of the M27 Junction 9 and Parkway South Roundabout Improvements by agreement (“the Scheme”).
- 1.3 That in order to ensure the delivery of the M27 Junction 9 and Parkway South Roundabout Improvements (“the Scheme”) in a timely manner, the Executive Member for Environment and Transport recommends to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources that a Compulsory Purchase Order is made for the land required to deliver the Scheme, as detailed in the revised Appendix 2, to run in parallel with negotiations to acquire all third party land interests by agreement, on the basis that the areas of land identified in revised Appendix 2 will not be extended but may be revised or minimised.
- 1.4 That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment and the Head of Legal Services to progress any appropriate Orders, Notices, or Statutory procedures and obtain any consents, rights or easements that are necessary for the M27 Junction 9 and Parkway South Roundabout Improvements (“the Scheme”).

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The decision is required to allow the funding agreement to be signed to enable the progression of detailed design for the M27 Junction 9 and Parkway South Roundabout Improvements (“the Scheme”) and all associated elements including land acquisition following an amendment to the proposed alignment of the highway improvements on Whiteley Way. The amendment to the design impacts the previously approved land requirements for delivery of the scheme.

- 2.2. A previous decision by the Executive Member for Policy and Resources on 18 October 2017 delegated authority to refine or minimise the scope of land requirements for the scheme to the Director of Culture, Community and Business Services (Strategic Manager – Assets and Development) on the basis that land requirements would not be extended. As the amended design for highway improvements on Whiteley Way requires the acquisition of a parcel of land that was not previously identified, approval of the amended land acquisition plans and approval to make a Compulsory Purchase Order is now sought.
- 2.3. The Scheme is required to assist in resolving the severe traffic congestion currently experienced in the area, which is reported as negatively impacting investment and business retention and is essential to enable improved access to the planned North Whiteley residential development.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The option of not progressing work on the junction improvements was considered and rejected as it would mean the traffic congestion and delay in the area would continue to worsen, with resultant negative impacts on the economy and provision of new homes.
- 3.2. The option of implementing improvements at one junction and not the other was considered and rejected, as the two junctions are very much linked in operational terms and only a fraction of the overall scheme benefits would be achieved and traffic routing to and from Whiteley would still be severely delayed.
- 3.3. The option of widening Whiteley Way on the eastern side of the carriageway was considered and rejected as uneconomically viable due to the restrictions posed by existing utility services and the significant costs associated with the necessary structural works. This option was also judged to have a greater potential negative impact on adjacent residential properties.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

In making this decision, I acknowledge the minor formatting changes in Appendices 2 and 3 and accept the slight boundary change shown in plan EC/CJ008770/L109 to include part of a drainage ditch which is necessary to ensure consistency with the requirements of the amended European Protected Species Mitigation Licence for the scheme issued by Natural England.

Approved by:

Date:

5 June 2018

**Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Councillor Rob Humby**