

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment
Title:	Duttons Road (A3057), Romsey, Puffin Pedestrian Crossing

Contact name: Brandon Breen

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Director approves the details of the Duttons Road, Romsey Puffin Pedestrian Crossing, as set out in this report.
- 1.2. That the Director gives approval to procure, spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements to implement this scheme, at a total estimated cost of £116,400, to be funded from Local Transport Plan (LTP) contributions.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. To improve accessibility and safety for pedestrians crossing Duttons Road (A3057) by introducing a Puffin signal controlled crossing point as requested by residents in a recent 750 signature petition.
- 2.2. To assist those pedestrians considered most vulnerable (school pupils), to cross the busy A3057 Duttons Road.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

To do nothing is not an option being recommended given the nature of the site and due to the petition that was received from members of the public asking for the previous school crossing patrol (SCPO) officer to be reinstated. The SCPO had been removed due to recent changes in SCPO site criteria and the reinstatement of the former SCPO officer would not meet the current guidance as the site is predominantly used by secondary school children.

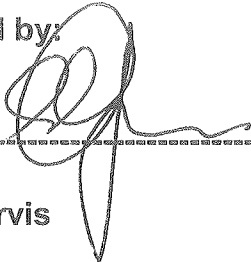
4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by an Executive Member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service: None

6. Supporting Information: Not applicable

Approved by:



Date:

18/6/18

Stuart Jarvis

Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to provide details of the proposed Duttons Road (A3057), Romsey Puffin pedestrian crossing as shown in the attached plan in Appendix.
- 1.2. The footways on either side of the proposed Puffin crossing location will be widened to allow for sufficient landing areas for pedestrians using the crossing point.
- 1.3. The carriageway surface on the north and south approaches (approximately 50 metres) of Duttons Road will be resurfaced with high friction hot rolled asphalt which will improve skid resistance on the approaches to the proposed Puffin crossing.
- 1.4. Alternative options considered were to “do nothing” but this was rejected due to the nature of the site and the recent requests from many members of the public for the reinstatement of the previous School Crossing patrol officer. This also resulted in a petition being submitted to the Executive Member for Environment and Transport which had more 750 signatures.
- 1.5. The success of the scheme will be measured on future pedestrian surveys and monitoring the personal injury accident record for this location.

2. Background

- 2.1. Duttons Road is a part of the A3057 which is the principal northern route into and out of the town centre and passes through Romsey, continuing southwards into Southampton and north to Andover. It is a busy through route and forms part of an advisory lorry route.

The location has until recently benefitted from a school crossing patrol officer (SCPO), however, due to changes in the school crossing patrol criteria the SCPO has been withdrawn as the number of primary school children crossing

does not meet the new criteria (the crossing point is used mainly by secondary school children).

- 2.2. The need for a controlled crossing in this locality has arisen from public concerns regarding the safety of school children crossing Duttons Road in this specific location. Concern was also raised about the difficulty of crossing Duttons Road at all times of the day. The location of the crossing is fixed by the position of a pedestrian footpath leading to the Salisbury to Romsey railway line which links residential areas in the north and east of the town (Fishlake Meadows and Cupernham) via the Romsey Industrial Estate. The crossing location also links with a footpath on the opposite side of the road (Landsdowne Close) which links with Greatbridge Road directly opposite Romsey School and therefore is a direct desire line to and from the secondary school.
- 2.3. The site is constrained by the fact that it has narrow existing footways on both sides of Duttons Road at the point where the desire line occurs and forward visibility is constrained. The river runs adjacent to this crossing point beneath Duttons Road and as a consequence, the bridge over the river also affects where a controlled crossing can be located. The visual barrier of the river bridge parapet wall also affects visibility of those waiting to cross. Additionally the waiting area on the western footway, which is on the bridge, is too narrow for a crossing and is also too close to junction of Landsdowne Close.
- 2.4. A petition was received by Councillor Humby, via the County Councillor for the Romsey Town Ward Councillor Mark Cooper, from The Romsey School. The petition had been signed by 750 signatories asking for the reinstatement of the SCPO in this location. The petition was acknowledged by Councillor Humby as the Executive member for Economy and Transport, who stated that school crossing patrols are generally no longer provided for secondary school children, with road safety education and training provided to this age group instead. A recent survey of those who had been using the SCPO showed that, those under the age of 11, and likely to be attending Romsey Abbey Primary School, were in the main accompanied by an adult. Therefore, the number of primary age children crossing Dutton's Road now no longer meets the criteria for a SCPO and it has since been withdrawn.
- 2.5. A pedestrian and vehicle survey was carried in March 2017 over a 12 hour period on Duttons Road, close to the location of the former SCPO to quantify the degree of difficulty pedestrians' face when crossing Duttons Road. The assessment resulted in a Pv2 value of 1.15. Hampshire County Council's Traffic Management Policy & Guidance states that where a Pv2 value higher than 1 is achieved then the location is within the threshold when the County Council would consider providing a controlled crossing; however, this is subject to two further caveats; the physical constraints of the site and the availability of funding.

3. Finance

3.1	<u>Estimates</u>	<u>£'000</u>	<u>% of total</u>	<u>Funds Available</u>	<u>£'000</u>
	Design Fee	19.1	16	Local Transport Plan Funding	116.4
	Client Fee	6.0	5		
	Supervision	5.3	5		
	Construction	80.0	69		
	Land	6.0	5		
	Total	<u>116.4</u>	<u>100</u>	Total	<u>116.4</u>

3.2	<u>Revenue Implications</u>	<u>£'000</u>	<u>% Variation to Committee's budget</u>
	Net increase in maintenance expenditure	3	0.003%
	Capital Charges (Depreciation and notional interest charges)	11	0.007%

4. Programme

	Gateway Stage			
	3 - Project Appraisal	Start on site	End on site	4 - Review
Date (mm/yy)	06/18	08/18	09/18	09/19

5. Scheme Details

5.1. The scheme comprises of the provision of an at grade Puffin signal controlled crossing point on Duttons Road (A3057) just south of the junction with Landsdowne Close.

- 5.2. The existing guard rail on the eastern side of Duttons Road will be extended approximately four metres south of the footpath which currently leads to the rail bridge and canal to ensure pedestrians cross safely at the proposed Puffin crossing point.
- 5.3. The carriageway approaches (approximately 50 metres in either direction) to the proposed Puffin crossing will be resurfaced using a high polished stone value (PSV) hot rolled asphalt material which will improve skid resistance for vehicles.
- 5.4. The existing footway on the eastern side of Duttons Road will be widened by approximately one metre in order to improve accessibility and create a landing area for pedestrians using the crossing.
- 5.5. The existing verge area on the west side of the proposed crossing location will be converted to footway in order to create a safe landing area for pedestrians using the crossing point. The footway will be constructed using reinforced materials which will allow for the temporary parking of highways maintenance vehicles when work is required to the Puffin crossing and its equipment.

6. Departures from Standards

- 6.1. None

7. Community Engagement

- 7.1. The HCC County member Mark Cooper has been consulted on the proposals and is supportive of them. A petition was submitted to Councillor Cooper and subsequently forwarded to Cllr Humby and Cllr Perry, both of which support the proposed Puffin crossing. Affected residents and The Romsey School will also be informed prior to commencement of the works.

8. Statutory Procedures

The HCC ITS team undertook a formal public advertisement of the proposed Puffin crossing between 30th April and 28th May 2018 and no objections or representation were received during this time. The police were also consulted at this time and no response was received.

9. Land Requirements

- 9.1 In order to improve the pedestrian landing area of the proposed crossing point, there will be a requirement to secure the existing verge area to the west and east of the crossing point in order to accommodate the traffic signal controller equipment and to provide an area for highway maintenance vehicles to park. This area is shown in the land plan in the appendix of this report.

9.1. HCC estates have undertaken the deed of dedication for the required parcel of land (verge area on western side of Duttons Road) which is privately owned, and an agreement in principle has been confirmed with the land owner. The formal legal agreement is currently being drafted and finalised and is expected to be taken to engrossment in the week commencing 18th June 2018 .

9.2. The small parcel of land required on the eastern side of Duttons Road is unregistered and therefore a Section 228 (Highways Act 1980) will be undertaken by HCC Legal after the works are completed in order to ensure the due legal process is followed when acquiring unregistered land for highway purposes. The scheme can still be delivered should either of the parcels of land become unavailable.

10. Maintenance Implications

10.1. The improvements will have a minor impact on future year's maintenance revenue budget and this is expected to be approximately £3,000 annually based on the highways asset management "Future Year Maintenance Worksheet". The Asset Management Team has been consulted on the proposals and has agreed the materials being used.

11. Recommendation(s)

11.1 That the Director approves the details of the Duttons Road, Romsey Puffin Pedestrian Crossing, as set out in this report and shown for indicative purposes upon the plans attached at Appendix C,D and E.

11.2 That the Director gives approval to procure, spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements to implement this scheme, at a total estimated cost of £116,400, to be funded from Local Transport Plan (LTP) contributions.

LTP3 Priorities and Policy Objectives

3 Priorities

To support economic growth by ensuring the safety, soundness and efficiency of the transport network in Hampshire

Provide a safe, well maintained and more resilient road network in Hampshire

Manage traffic to maximise the efficiency of existing network capacity, improving journey time reliability and reducing emissions, to support the efficient and sustainable movement of people and goods

14 Policy Objectives

Improve road safety (through delivery of casualty reduction and speed management)

Efficient management of parking provision (on and off street, including servicing)

Support use of new transport technologies (i.e. Smartcards; RTI; electric vehicle charging points)

Work with operators to grow bus travel and remove barriers to access

Support community transport provision to maintain 'safety net' of basic access to services

Improve access to rail stations, and improve parking and station facilities

Provide a home to school transport service that meets changing curriculum needs

Improve co-ordination and integration between travel modes through interchange improvements

Apply 'Manual for Streets' design principles to support a better balance between traffic and community life

Improve air quality

Reduce the need to travel, through technology and Smarter Choices measures

Promote walking and cycling to provide a healthy alternative to the car for short local journeys to work, local services or school

Develop Bus Rapid Transit and high quality public transport in South Hampshire,
to reduce car dependence and improve journey time reliability

Outline and implement a long term transport strategy to enable sustainable
development in major growth areas

Other

Please list any other targets (i.e. National Indicators, non LTP) to which this
scheme will contribute.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	no
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	no
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	no

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

Impact Assessments

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.1. The proposals in this report have been developed with due regard to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010, including the Public Sector Equality Duty and the Council's equality objectives. The website contains a summary assessment of the impacts on developing Hampshire's highway network and transport systems.

1.2. Statutory considerations:

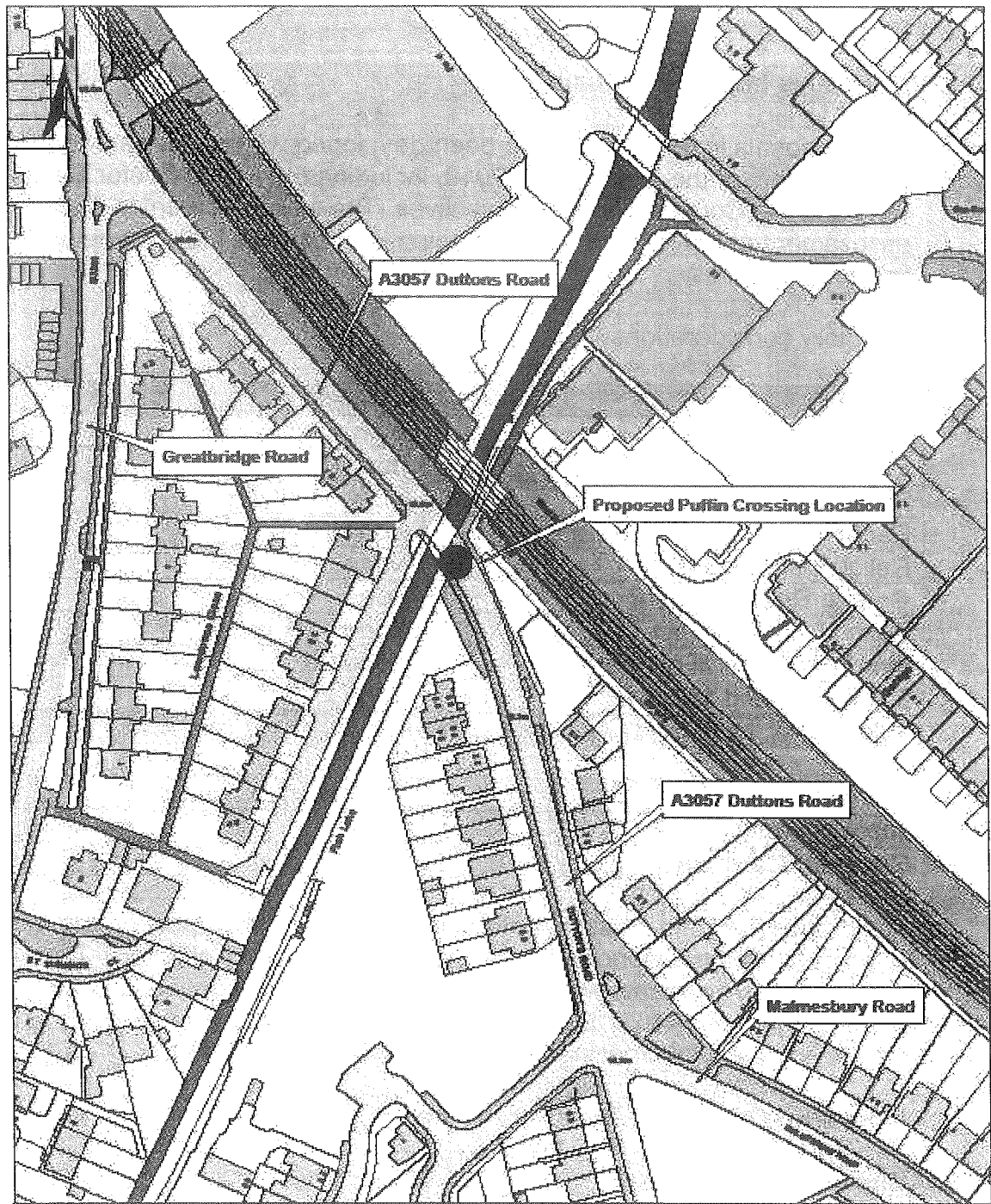
Impact	
Age	High
Disability	High
Sexual Orientation	None
Race	None
Religion and belief	None
Gender Reassignment	None
Sex	None
Marriage and civil partnership	None
Pregnancy and maternity	None
Other policy considerations	
Poverty	None
Rurality	None
Other factors	None
Geographical impact	Romsey

The proposed Puffin crossing point will have a positive impact on the more vulnerable road users including the disabled and school children. The proposed improvements will assist those pedestrians identified above, in crossing the busy A3057 Duttons Road, especially during peak times where the previous school crossing patrol officer has been removed.

2. **Impact on Crime and Disorder:** None

3. **Climate Change:**

3.1 The provision of a Puffin signal controlled crossing point will allow pedestrians to safely cross the busy A3057 Duttons Road, especially during peak traffic times. It will also promote walking and alternative modes of transport which will help to reduce the dependency on car journeys for short distances.



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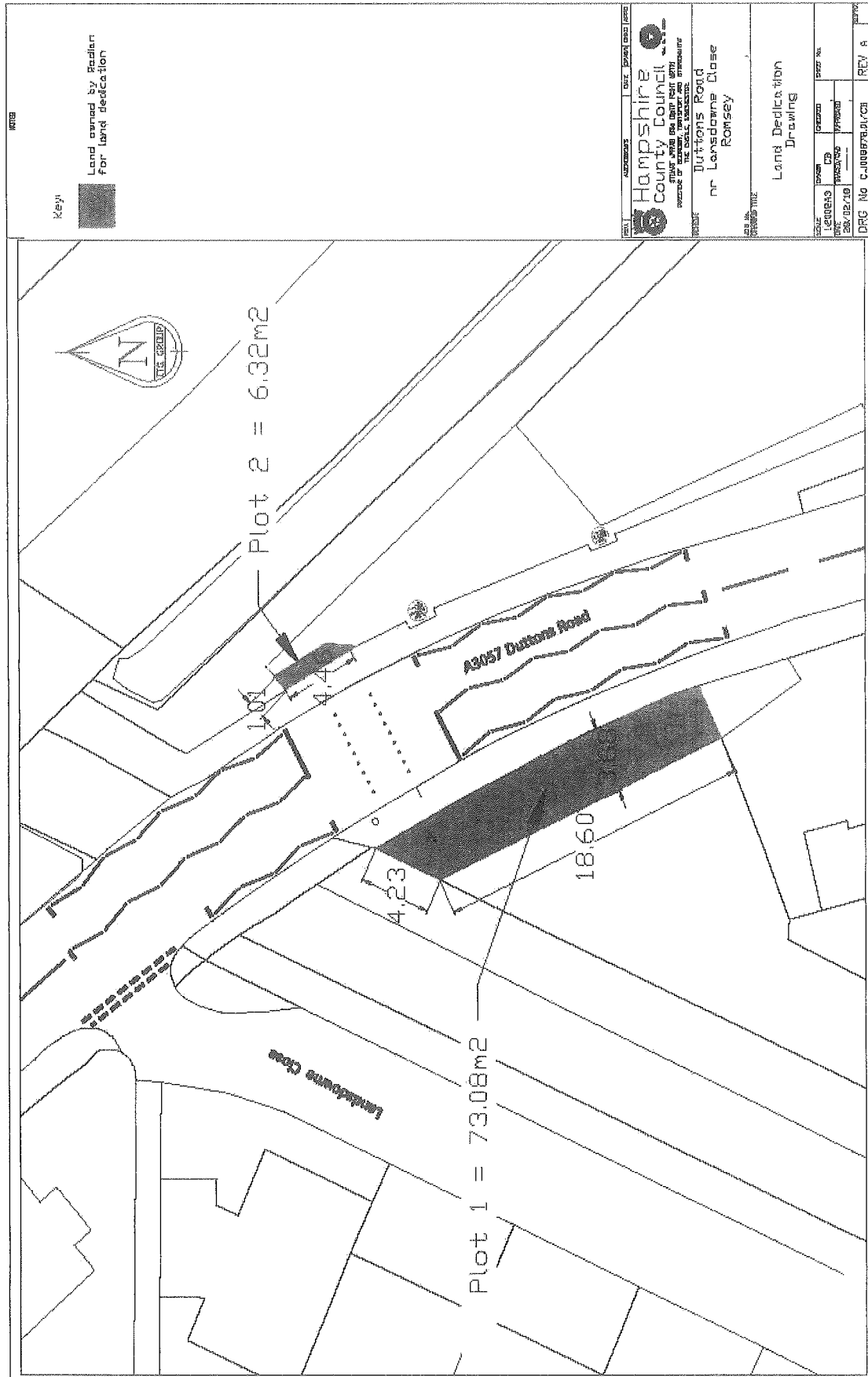
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Project: Duttons Road
 nr Lansdowne Close
 Romsey

Title: Land Dedication Drawing

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