

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Officer Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Title:</b>	M27 Junction 10 Initial Enabling Planting Works (Package C)

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### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the details of the M27 Junction 10 initial enabling planting works, (Package C) as set out in this paper be approved;
- 1.2. That approval be given to procure, spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements to implement this scheme, at a total estimated cost of up to £95,000 to be funded from the Capital Programme.

### 2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. A decision is required to enable the commencement of essential enabling works for the M27 Junction 10 in a timescale necessary to meet constraints associated with licencing for protected species. A delay to progressing the licensing could result in a 12 month delay to the start date for main works given the seasonally constrained period for progressing the license and this could jeopardise funding secured for scheme delivery which needs to be spent by March 2021.

### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Alternative options have been considered and rejected. To not progress the advanced works could have a fundamentally delaying impact upon the M27 Junction 10 scheme in terms of the overall programme and not meeting critical project dates. There is no financial risk to HCC regarding any of these initial enabling works or licenses hence in this instance the approach taken is considered appropriate.

### 4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. None

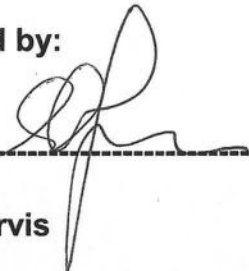
**5. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:**

5.1. None

**6. Supporting Information:**

6.1. None

**Approved by:**



**Stuart Jarvis**

**Director of Economy, Transport and Environment**

**Date:**

13/12/18

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### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to seek approval for initial, enabling landscape planting works for the M27 Junction 10, which are required to ensure replacement habitats can be created in sufficient time to enable protected species to be relocated and to meet time constraints associated with licencing for European protected species. The planting works form part of a wider overarching package of works that are essentially required prior to the advanced works for the main scheme and in advance of the delivery of the main works. Approval is being sought to procure, spend and deliver the advanced works. It is necessary to secure a licence to work on third party land with the developer, Buckland Development Ltd. There is no financial risk to HCC regarding any of these initial enabling works or licences.
- 1.2. Alternative options have been considered and rejected. To not progress the advanced planting works could have a show-stopping impact upon the M27 Junction 10 scheme by delaying the overall programme and could mean that critical project dates are not met.
- 1.3. Measures of Success would be works satisfactorily completed.

### 2. Background

- 2.1. M27 Junction 10 currently has restricted access only allowing partial movements for westbound off and eastbound on movements. It is an essential requirement that Junction 10 be upgraded to an all moves junction to cater for the predicted new traffic movements which will be generated by the Welborne Garden development being promoted by Fareham Borough Council through their adopted Welborne Plan (2014).
- 2.2. As part of the Environmental Appraisal for the site, the presence of protected species including great crested newts and dormice have been identified. To ensure that appropriate licenses can be secured in the necessary timescale to allow mitigating clearance, habitat creation and associated planting to ensure dormice can be relocated, it was necessary to submit an initial, advanced

Planning Application in October 2018 for advanced enabling works. (Planning Permission is required before a European protected species licence can be issued). The application is to be determined by Fareham BC in December 2018 allowing advanced works to commence, in the seasonally constrained period between December and January.

- 2.3. In order to progress these works it is necessary to seek approval via a delegated decision to procure the works. It is necessary to secure a Section 6 Agreement under the Highways Act with Highways England to undertake work on their land and to progress a licence to work on third party land with the developer, Buckland Development Ltd. There is no financial risk to HCC regarding any of these initial enabling works or licences, hence in this instance the approach taken was considered appropriate given the fact that to not have progressed this advanced application would have had a show-stopping impact upon the scheme.

### **3. Scheme Details**

- 3.1. The initial, enabling, landscaping works contract will comprise the preparation of areas for planting and habitat creation. The works will be supplemented by additional planting forming part of the advanced works contract for the main works and subsequent mitigation planting operations will be followed by establishment maintenance works (2019 – 2023).

- 3.2. The works are shown by drawing CJ008926-ATK-HGN-J10-DR-CH-000023 attached.

### **4. Finance**

- 4.1. £1.5 million was secured from the DfT retained funding in January 2018 as an advance towards the scheme development. Accordingly the Director of Economy, Transport, and Environment approved the early stages of this scheme's entry into the Capital Programme.
- 4.2. A separate report on Capital Programme Monitoring, to the decision day in January 2019, will propose that the £1.5m value is increased to reflect any additional funding secured and to enable further development of the scheme.
- 4.3. The funding for the advanced works are anticipated to come from the £1.5m funds already secured as set out above

### **5. Programme**

- 5.1. The works will help to ensure that the programmed target dates for the development and delivery of the Junction 10 scheme are achieved. It is anticipated that the enabling works will commence in January 2019 and be completed by April 2019.

### **6. Departures from Standards**

6.1. None

## **7. Community Engagement**

7.1. A planning application for the advanced works was submitted to Fareham Borough Council in October 2018 by Buckland Development Ltd. The wider Junction 10 scheme is part of the Welborne developments planning application submitted in 2017 and due to be updated in December 2018.

## **8. Statutory Procedures**

8.1. The works require planning permission from Fareham Borough Council. It is anticipated that this will be granted on 12 December 2018.

## **9. Land Requirements**

9.1. The land required for the advanced works is within ownership of Buckland Development Limited (BDL). It will necessary to process a licences to carry out the works on BDL land.

## **10. Maintenance Implications**

10.1. Planting operations will be followed by establishment maintenance works in advance of the advance works for the main works and maintenance associated with that. (2019 – 2023).

## **11. Recommendation(s)**

11.1. That the details of the M27 Junction 10 initial enabling planting works, (Package C) as set out in this paper be approved;

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## **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**

<b>Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:</b>	yes
<b>People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:</b>	yes
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:</b>	yes
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:</b>	yes
<b>OR</b>	
<b>This proposal does not link to the Strategic Plan but, nevertheless, requires a decision because:</b> <i>NB: Only complete this section if you have not completed any of the Strategic Plan tick boxes above. If it is not applicable, please delete.</i>	

**Other Significant Links**

<b>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
Capital Programme EMET	
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives</b>	
<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.)

DocumentLocation

## 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	Neutral
Disability	Neutral
Sexual Orientation	Neutral
Race	Neutral
Religion and belief	Neutral
Gender Reassignment	Neutral
Sex	Neutral
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral
Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral
Other policy considerations	
Poverty	Neutral
Rurality	Neutral
Other factors	Neutral
Geographical impact	Fareham

**Please give a brief explanation of each impact you have listed as low/medium/high.**

### 2. Impact on Crime and Disorder: Negligible

### 3. Climate Change:

The construction of the advanced works will have minimal/negligible impact on Hampshire County Council's carbon footprint. The wider scheme will enable vehicles to enter the strategic road network more directly reducing the Welborne development's traffic generation overall impact of the on congestion on the highway network. The advanced planting mitigation works mitigate the impact of the larger schemes on habitat loss.