

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	11 July 2017
Title:	Transport Improvement Scheme Update: A27 The Avenue / Gudge Heath Lane, Fareham
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport, having considered the objections received and the forecast traffic delays detailed within this report, gives approval for the removal of the temporary crossing installed to mitigate the closure of the subway during the period of construction of the Transport Improvement Scheme at A27 The Avenue / Gudge Heath Lane, Fareham, and that in order to maintain the journey time improvements that formed the business case for the scheme, the proposed permanent at-grade crossing facility is not implemented.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 A decision is needed on whether to replace a temporary staggered Pelican crossing, installed for the closure of the subway during the works, with a permanent staggered Puffin crossing in order to provide an at-grade crossing facility, or whether the temporary crossing should be removed without replacement now that the subway is open again.
- 2.2 Technical assessments have determined that a permanent at-grade crossing would compromise the journey time improvements that formed the business case for the major improvement scheme. On this basis, the recommendation is to remove the temporary crossing, and not to replace it with a permanent crossing.

3 Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 It would be possible to install a permanent staggered Puffin crossing to provide direct, at-grade access to rail and bus services for manual wheel chair users, for whom the subway is unsuitable. This option is rejected

because retaining an at-grade crossing facility will lead to avoidable delay for other road users, and reduce the benefits of the scheme. An alternative route exists for manual wheel chair users that is less direct, but maintains at-grade access to rail and bus services.

- 3.2 Options to revise and extend the existing subway ramps were discounted due to design and budgetary constraints. Options to provide more direct alternative at-grade routes via Western Way and West Street have been investigated but none proved suitable or achievable due to safety concerns related to poor driver visibility and sight stopping distances, and as such any solutions via this route were discounted.

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:

I thank Councillor Peter Latham for attending my meeting and speaking in support of the recommendations.

Approved by:

Date:

11 July 2017

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