

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy
Date:	3 October 2022
Title:	Transport Proposals Supporting Economic Development in Andover
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Transport and Environment Strategy approves a policy position to support the principle of reallocating road space in Andover Town Centre in accordance with the plans set out in the Andover Town Centre Masterplan, subject to the conditions of support outlined in the supporting report.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Test Valley Borough Council has set out its aspirations for the regeneration and economic development of Andover Town Centre in the Andover Town Centre Masterplan and Hampshire County Council as the local Highway Authority is in a position to facilitate these objectives or not. In order to facilitate the Masterplan significant changes are needed to the existing highway, including the reallocation of road space to achieve the placemaking and regeneration objectives.
- 2.2. Hampshire County Council's Local Transport Plan 3 creates a policy base which is somewhat supportive of the request for road space reallocation but is not necessarily explicit enough in the context of this proposed change and its implications. This report discusses the case for road space reallocation from a highways perspective and in respecting the regeneration objectives of the Masterplan proposes a policy position is adopted that is supportive in principle of the regeneration plans subject to certain highway specific conditions, which are contained in the main body of the supporting report.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The option of not supporting the highway proposals in the masterplan was considered but rejected. The proposed highways changes are an important aspect of the proposals for Andover Town Centre as they release land for

other uses and to support economic development of the town centre. Without the proposed changes the sustainable development principles underpinning the Andover Town Centre Masterplan may not be deliverable.

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:

Approved by:

Date:

3 October 2022

**Executive Lead Member for Transport and
Environment Strategy
Councillor Edward Heron**