

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services
Date:	24 October 2024
Title:	Andover Western Avenue – Preferred Option
Report From:	Director of Hampshire 2050

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services notes the request from Test Valley Borough Council to make alterations to the highway in Andover to facilitate the delivery of its Andover Masterplan and a new linear park on Western Avenue.
- 1.2 That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services notes the letter from the Leader of Test Valley Borough Council that acknowledges the potential for disruption and congestion in the town centre during construction of the Western Avenue scheme and that the scheme may change future vehicle movements through Andover.
- 1.3 That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the indicative preferred Highway Scheme as detailed in Appendix 1 and delegates authority to the Director of Universal Services to agree, in consultation and agreement with Test Valley Borough Council, the final preferred scheme.
- 1.4 That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services delegates authority to the Director of Universal Services to progress all design and development work necessary to enable completion of detailed design, make minor amendments and accommodate responses made in the planning application for the new park to be submitted by Test Valley Borough Council.
- 1.5 That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services delegates authority to the Director of Universal Services to work with the scheme promotor, Test Valley Borough Council, to progress all consents required including but not restricted to delivery agreements, funding agreements, land transfers and rights of easement.
- 1.6 That the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the allocation of £1.1million of Section 106 held by the County Council as a contribution towards the development and delivery of the preferred Scheme.

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. 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. This report is required to agree the preferred option for the highway changes to Western Avenue, seek the required delegated authority to complete design and progress the consents required prior to delivery.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The option of not supporting the highway changes proposed by Test Valley Borough Council as part of their 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: The Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services declared an interest in this item as he is the Cabinet Member for Strategic Regeneration and Partnerships (South) on Test Valley Borough Council and took no part in the discussion.

Under Part 3: Chapter 2: Paragraph 2.3 of the County Council's Constitution, the Deputy Leader agreed to depute this decision to the Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 (Climate Change, Culture and Partnerships) and HR, Communications and Performance.

- 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:

**Councillor Zoe Huggins, Executive Member for
Hampshire 2050 (Climate Change, Culture and
Partnerships) and HR, Communications and
Performance.**

24 October 2024

**(on behalf of the Executive Member for Hampshire
Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services)**