

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	28 January 2025
Title:	Botley Bypass – Award of Construction Contract
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services gives authority to spend and enter into the necessary contractual arrangements to implement the final phase of Botley Bypass as set out in the supporting report, at a cost of £48.22m to be funded by from local resources (£46.02m) and developer contributions (£2.2m).
- 1.2. That authority to make the arrangements to implement the scheme, including minor variations to the design or contract, be delegated to the Director of Universal Services.
- 1.3. That authority be delegated to the Director of Universal Services, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to progress any orders, notices, or statutory procedures and secure any consents, licences, permissions, agreements, rights or easements necessary to enable implementation of this project.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The final phase of Botley Bypass creates a new single-carriageway road from Winchester Street (eastwards), crossing the River Hamble via a 70m span bridge to a new roundabout at the A334 / A3051 junction (Appendix A provides layout plans and images of project).
- 2.2. The new road links to the earlier phase infrastructure works in Woodhouse Lane which support Deer Park School, new residential development and honours a long-standing commitment by the County Council.
- 2.3. The strategic case and budget for the project has previously been approved by the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment (now Universal Services), Cabinet and Full Council.
- 2.4. This report focusses on the award of the construction contract. The project will:

- improve transport connectivity across the wider area
- unlock strategic development areas and significantly improve travel and journey times around Botley and the surrounding communities.
- divert traffic from Botley Village centre which is severely congested during peak times
- address air quality targets within an Air Quality Management Area (Botley Village)
- reduce community severance, reduce noise and improve health in the village centre, with the opportunity to significantly improve active travel by providing pedestrians and cyclists with a new shared use path allowing full connectivity with the new developments at Deer Park, Boorley Green and One Horton Heath. This will create an important cycle route linking Eastleigh Town Centre in the west to Segensworth via Whiteley to the south-east.

2.5 This final phase of the bypass has been developed and costed in partnership with Milestone Infrastructure.

2.6 This project is fully funded and aligns with the Strategic Plan (Maintain strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity; enable people to live safe, healthy and independent lives; enable people to enjoy a rich and diverse environment and enable people to enjoy being part of a strong and inclusive community).

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. **Do not deliver the final phase of the bypass** – this is not recommended as the strategic outcomes, benefits, and objectives of the full project will not be realised as previously approved by the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment and funded with the agreement of Cabinet and Full Council.

3.2. **Develop an alternative proposal to achieve similar objectives or construct specific elements only** – this is not recommended as the preferred option has previously been consulted upon and approved. Land assembly, planning consent and approvals have been secured and detailed work has been undertaken in partnership with Milestone Infrastructure to develop an affordable and deliverable solution. Significant abortive cost would be incurred and additional fees required to develop an alternative proposal which is unlikely to generate a scheme with improved value

3.3. **Defer to the project for potential delivery at a future date** – this is not recommended as a range of consents will lapse and extensive fees will be incurred to refresh the project at a future date. Construction costs will increase and the realisation of community benefits will be delayed

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

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:

28 January 2025

**Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Councillor Kirsty North**