

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	16 July 2019
Title:	Project Appraisal: Bradfords Roundabout Air Quality Scheme, Farnborough
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approve the Project Appraisal for Bradford's Roundabout in Farnborough, as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2 That approval be given to procure, spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to implement the proposed improvements to Bradford's Roundabout in Farnborough as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £438,665 to be funded from the Joint Air Quality Unit (JAQU) Grant as part of the Early Measures Fund bid.
- 1.3 That authority to make the arrangements to implement the scheme, including minor variations to the design or contract, be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 To improve air quality adjacent to A331 Blackwater Valley Relief Road and address local congestion issues.
- 2.2 The A331 is predicted by DEFRA's Pollution Climate Mapping model (PCM) as likely to be exceeding legal NO₂ limits beyond 2021. Therefore, it is listed in the national plan for tackling roadside emissions of NO₂ and the County Council, Surrey County Council and the local Environmental Health authorities of Rushmoor, Surrey Heath & Guildford have been served a Ministerial Direction to plan and deliver compliance 'in the shortest possible time'. The funding for this measure is from the Joint Air Quality Unit's Early Measures Fund and is targeted at delivering additional abatement to the primary solution identified in the local air quality plan.

- 2.3 Bradford's Roundabout is immediately to the east of the northbound A331 off-slip at Frimley, providing a link between the A331 and the A325 as well as access to Farnborough and the Farnborough Gate retail park.
- 2.4 The section of the A331 immediately south of this location is predicted to have some of the highest and most persistent NO₂ exceedances, with the PCM model predicting NO₂ levels to be at the legal limit in 2023.
- 2.5 As there were also congestion issues identified at this location and future local development of the area, the scheme was included in the Farnborough Growth Package.
- 3. Other options considered and rejected:**
- 3.1 There were no other options considered or rejected for this scheme as this scheme is funded by the JAQU Grant and is also supported by the Secretary of State for Transport.
- 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:

16 July 2019

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