

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	11 July 2017
Title:	Project Appraisal: Ringwood Road, Totton Pedestrian/Cycle Link Improvements
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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport approves the Project Appraisal for the Pedestrian / Cycle Link Improvements scheme along Ringwood Road, Totton, as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2 That approval be given to procure and spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements to implement the proposed pedestrian / cycle link improvements along Ringwood Road, Totton as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £290,000 to be funded from Local Transport Plan grant funding (£110,000) and New Forest District Council Contribution (£180,000).
- 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 The Ringwood Road / Calmore Road / Testbourne Avenue junction is located 0.8 miles to the west of Totton town centre. The existing junction takes the form of a four arm staggered traffic signal junction with uncontrolled pedestrian facilities on each arm. The existing crossing facilities do not meet current standards as the crossings are not aligned correctly and the dropped kerbs are not flush with the carriageway.
- 2.2 The junction is situated within a residential area, and there a number of local facilities and amenities located in close proximity which residents are likely to travel to on foot. Consequently the junction forms a key part of walking routes within the local area. In addition, a number of vulnerable road users, including children and the mobility impaired, are utilising the crossing facilities at the junction to access the aforementioned facilities and services.

2.3 A survey carried out on 5th September 2013 recorded the pedestrian movements crossing each arm of the junction and demonstrates that the junction has a high pedestrian usage. In total, 1034 pedestrian crossing movements were recorded around the junction over a 12 hour period. In addition, cyclists also use the junction. There is an existing shared pedestrian cycle route to the north of the Ringwood Road carriageway situated to the east of the Ringwood Road / Calmore Road / Testbourne Avenue junction.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 Two other options were considered but rejected on the basis they were considered insufficient for the area and potential users. Option 1 – Pedestrian controlled facility (puffin crossing) on Ringwood Road East arm of the junction only. Uncontrolled crossings on the remaining arms of the junction would be realigned and brought in line with current standards to assist pedestrians. Whilst a puffin crossing on this arm would provide signalised crossing facilities on the arm with the highest ratio of vehicle flow to numbers of pedestrian crossing, this still only accounts for approximately 27% of the total number of pedestrian / cycle crossing movements at the junction. Therefore this option was not considered suitable for further development.

3.2 Option 2 – Provision of a puffin crossing on Ringwood Road East together with a toucan crossing on the Calmore Road arm of the junction, which would provide connectivity for the shared pedestrian/cycle route along Ringwood Road. As with option 1 above, the remaining uncontrolled arms of the junction would be realigned and brought in line with current standards. Signalised crossings on Ringwood Road East and Calmore Road would provide for approximately 45% of the total number of crossing movements around the junction. This was still considered insufficient, and therefore this option was rejected.

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:

11 July 2017

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