

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Date:</b>	10 March 2020
<b>Title:</b>	Project Appraisal: Access Improvements to Kings' School, Winchester
<b>Report From:</b>	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 Access Improvements to Kings' School Winchester, as outlined in the supporting report.
- 1.2 That approval be given to procure and spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements, in consultation with the Head of Legal services, to implement the proposed improvements to the shared use footway and improvements to pedestrian crossing along Romsey Road, Winchester, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £430,000 to be funded from developer funding.
- 1.3 That authority to make the arrangements, including third party access arrangements to implement the scheme and 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 proposal seeks to improve pedestrian and cycle facilities along this stretch of Romsey Road by widening the footpath to 2.5m and making it a shared use footway.
- 2.2 To upgrade the existing puffin crossing at the junction of Romsey Road and Battery Hill to a toucan crossing facility to promote cycling and widen the crossing area for all users to access Kings School.
- 2.3 The proposal will encourage non-vehicular travel in the vicinity of the school which will improve air quality and the environment.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1 The feasibility study looked at widening the existing footway between Kings Road and Kilham Lane on the northern side of Romsey Road to provide a cycle/pedestrian shared use footway. However, the costs of this option were higher than the proposed shared use footway and entailed greater delivery risk.
- 3.2 To provide a west to east cycle lane would require the widening of the carriageway within the northern highway verge, which cannot be incorporated into this scheme due to budget limitations. At the consultation on the draft feasibility study at Kings School, stakeholders doubted the usefulness of the eastbound facilities and agreed that the westbound option and the continuation facilities westwards were not a priority for delivery immediately, but that they could be implemented in the future if resources allowed.

**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:**

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**10 March 2020**

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