

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	2 July 2020
Title:	Project Appraisal: Four Marks – A31/Lymington Bottom Junction Improvements
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 the Lymington Bottom Road pedestrian crossing, 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 the Lymington Bottom Road pedestrian crossing, subject to the outcome of the public notice period of the proposed Puffin Crossing, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £398,000 to be funded from developer contributions.
- 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.
- 1.4 That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport, and Environment to renew the public notice period for the proposed Puffin Crossing and consider any comments received during that period in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 The purpose of the scheme is to provide appropriate infrastructure to accommodate forecast levels of development traffic and enable safe access to the A31 without compromising its strategic function. A new Puffin crossing point will be constructed in order to improve accessibility and safety of pedestrians crossing the A31.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 The pedestrian crossing across the A31 at the Lymington Bottom Road junction was on the list of priorities put forward by the Parish Council and agreed during numerous meetings between Hampshire County Council, the Four Marks and Medstead Parish Councils, and East Hampshire District Council.
- 3.2 The option not to construct the scheme was considered and rejected as it would be in contradiction with the aforementioned agreements.
- 3.3 Not putting the scheme forward at this stage due to the uncertainties arising from Covid-19 was considered but rejected due to the economic and other benefits of continuing as originally planned and the potential difficulties of further delays.

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:

2 July 2020

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