

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Date:</b>	2 July 2020
<b>Title:</b>	Project Appraisal: Whitehill Bordon Relief Road: Junction 2 to 3 Shared Use Footway/Cycleway
<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 the Whitehill and Bordon Relief Road: Junction 2 to 3 Shared Use Footway/Cycleway scheme in Bordon, 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 Whitehill and Bordon Relief Road: Junction 2 to 3 Shared Use Footway/Cycleway scheme, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £696,000 to be funded by the EM3 LEP.
- 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 be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment in consultation with the Head of Legal Services to progress all appropriate orders, notices or statutory procedures and secure any consents, licences, permissions, rights or easements necessary to enable the Whitehill and Bordon Relief Road: Junction 2 to 3 Shared Use Footway/Cycleway scheme to be implemented.

### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 To better integrate the Whitehill and Bordon A325 Relief Road with the surrounding areas, through provision of an additional pedestrian and cycle facility between Junction 2 and 3, which will provide route continuity for active travel modes along the full length of the Relief Road. This will integrate the existing centres of population in the north and south areas of the town with the

new facilities, residential development areas and employment areas being delivered as part of the regeneration project.

- 2.2 To promote walking and cycling to provide a healthy alternative to the car for short local journeys to work, local services or school, through provision of a high-quality off-road shared-use facility which will create an improved environment for pedestrians and cyclists when compared to the limited facilities which currently exist.

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

- 3.1 The masterplan for the adjacent Prince Philip Park development shows that a north/south pedestrian facility linking Junction 2 to 3 would be provided within the site boundary, therefore 'to do nothing' was the initial option taken and an on-highway facility in this area was not constructed as part of the main Relief Road scheme. However, the redevelopment of this part of the Prince Philip Park site has been delayed and is not due for redevelopment in the near term. The current lack of suitable north-south pedestrian/cycle alternatives in this area is generating concerns over pedestrian safety, with vulnerable road users walking on the highway verge between Junction 2 and 3. This is not appropriate given the nature of the road, therefore 'to do nothing' is no longer considered to be an acceptable option.
- 3.2 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:
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

**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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**2 July 2020**

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