

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	8 October 2020
Title:	Project Appraisal: A32/Wych Lane, Gosport Junction Improvement Scheme
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 A32/Wych Lane, Gosport, 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 A32/Wych Lane, Gosport, as set out in the supporting report, at an estimated cost of £1,581,000 to be funded with an allocation from the Department for Transport's "Safer Roads Fund" .
- 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 the safety along the A32 Fareham Road and more specifically, vehicles turning right from the A32 into Wych Lane.
- 2.2 The proposals will improve the overall efficiency of the current traffic signal junction and provide improved crossing facilities for pedestrians crossing both the A32 and Wych Lane.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 The original proposal saw extensive widening of the A32 carriageway which also lengthened the dedicated right turn lane from the A32 into Wych Lane. This proposal entailed the removal of eight mature oak trees from the east

side of the A32 carriageway in order to accommodate the carriageway widening. There are Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) on the affected trees, and in order to minimise the loss of trees, the scheme was amended. The changes to the design will now cause the removal of only three trees, which are considered of lower amenity value, while still achieving the original scheme objectives of improved junction operation and safety.

3.2 The inclusion of a pedestrian crossing phase within the A32 junction traffic signals was considered, however there is currently an existing Pelican signal-controlled pedestrian crossing to the north of the A32/Wych Lane Junction. There is also an existing uncontrolled crossing point within the junction of A32/Wych Lane on both arms and the addition of a pedestrian phase would have caused further inefficiency at the signalised junction.

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:

8 October 2020

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