

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	11 March 2021
Title:	Hartford Bridge Flats Junction Improvement Scheme: Project Update
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 approves the design approach for the Hartford Bridge Flats Junction Improvement Scheme, as set out in the supporting report.

1.2 That authority is given to seek planning permission to progress the construction of the new section of carriageway.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1 This scheme seeks to introduce a fourth arm to the roundabout junction which will overcome the absence of provision for traffic wishing to travel southbound on Blackbushes Road from the A327 and the A30 eastbound. Should the proposed scheme be implemented, this traffic will no longer be required to divert east along the A30 and U-turn at the downstream A30 Blackbushe Roundabout, which currently adds pressure onto the adjacent junction and exacerbates traffic movements along this important secondary link to the M3 in this area.

2.2 The provision of a fourth arm would introduce benefits as follows:

- Significant journey time savings would be expected to result from the removal of the need for u-turning at the A30 Blackbushe Roundabout, as there would otherwise be circa 240 vehicles making a U-turn in the AM peak hour and 290 in the PM peak hour alone. In addition, there would be journey time savings for the traffic no longer required to U-turn and estimates are that in the AM peak hour this would equate to approximately 300 vehicle minutes saved, with a corresponding saving of 360 vehicle minutes in the PM peak hour.

2.3 The proposals in this report will enable the scheme to progress to the preparation of a full Project Appraisal, subject to planning permission and

land acquisition, to be presented to the Executive Member for approval, which is unlikely to be before September 2021.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Not seeking the necessary approvals to progress the proposed scheme to Project Appraisal. This option was rejected due to the benefits the scheme will bring in terms of journey time and congestion savings.

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 March 2021

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