

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Highways Operations
Date:	29 July 2021
Title:	Bus Gate East Anton Andover
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Highways Operations approves the installation of a Bus Gate at East Anton in accordance with the approved development, to be managed and enforced via an ANPR camera system.
- 1.2. That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to make the necessary arrangements, including confirmation of Traffic Regulation Orders and entering contractual and Legal agreements in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to implement the scheme.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The proposed bus gate is a planning condition of the East Anton planning consent approved layout. The main spine road through the estate is designed to prohibit general traffic from passing through the middle section by the school, with access to this length restricted to buses and cyclists only.
- 2.2. The scheme will enable the completion of the infrastructure for this estate and establish the bus priority measures that will ensure the continued delivery of key services by the local operator.
- 2.3. The layout is consistent with East Anton planning consent and forms a vital part of the Traffic Impact assessment agreed at the time. The S106 Agreement supporting this consent includes an obligation to contribute towards a bus only restriction at this location.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Keep the section closed to all traffic. The bus company will be unable to deliver a viable service which could lead to significant financial support being required by the council.

- 3.2. Open the section to all vehicles. This would be in contravention to the approved layout for the development and would create safety concerns outside the school and local shops. The development would not deliver the proposed bus priority objectives and would encourage more car use.
- 3.3. Rely on a signing only solution to implement the bus only restriction. This would not create an effective restriction and would not be enforced as a priority by Hampshire Police.
- 3.4. Implement a rising bollard solution. This was the original proposal envisaged at the design of the estate. However, due to reliability and maintenance concerns this was not implemented, with the ANPR solution developed instead.

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:

29 July 2021

**Executive Member for Highways Operations
Councillor Russell Oppenheimer**