

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	11 June 2013
Title:	Public consultation on highway proposals for Newgate Lane and Peel Common, Fareham and Western Access to Gosport
Reference:	4933
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

1.1. That approval be given to continue to develop a standalone highway scheme for the northern section of Newgate Lane with a view to works commencing early in 2014.

1.2. That approval be given to the proposals:

- to undertake a public consultation exercise this summer as described in this report, providing information on: the detailed proposals for implementation of a scheme on Newgate Lane between Palmerston Drive and Tanners Lane; on outline proposals for interim measures at Peel Common junction, and on Newgate Lane between Tanners Lane and Peel Common junction; and on initial ideas for route options for a western access to Gosport; and
- to continue to inform local residents and road users on the proposals as they develop, including feedback on the early consultation on western access to Gosport; detailed, localised consultation on measures at Peel Common; and detailed consultation on options for a western access to Gosport, once the necessary technical work has been undertaken.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. The decision is intended to ensure that the public and interested parties are able to have an input to plans intended to respond to the need to address:

- a) Existing traffic problems in the Newgate Lane and Stubbington area,

- b) The demand for high quality access in the longer term to the Solent Enterprise Zone,
 - c) The reliance on road transport to access the western part of the peninsula,
 - d) The potential improved climate for investment in highway schemes, and the need to respond to this to maximise investment in Hampshire's infrastructure.
- 2.2. The decision will confirm the nature of the proposed improvement scheme which will contribute towards making Hampshire safer and more secure for all by helping to address the existing traffic problems both on the corridor and in the wider context of improving strategic access on the Gosport peninsula.
- 2.3. The Solent Enterprise Zone at Daedalus is a location intended for employment based regeneration of the local economy through business growth and job creation. The decision identifies the nature of the transport infrastructure improvements that are expected to improve accessibility for local people and thus maximise wellbeing by enhancing the quality of place.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. There are known levels of existing traffic congestion along all corridors providing access to the Gosport peninsula. The addition of unmitigated employment based trip generation will add further to existing congestion levels and will not provide the business community with confidence that the Solent Enterprise Zone will be in a location where transport costs can be minimised and that is readily accessible to customers and employees. Accordingly a do nothing option has been considered but rejected on the basis of its not being able to sufficiently address the existing traffic conditions on the Gosport peninsula.
- 3.2 The option of retaining the consultation schedule as agreed in April has been considered and rejected on the grounds that it would preclude the option of including initial ideas on how a western access to the Gosport peninsula could be provided, and would thereby constitute a missed opportunity to further address congestion in the area and provide capacity for the future, particularly in light of a potentially improved climate for investment in major highways schemes.
- 3.3 The option of not developing the northern section of Newgate Lane as a standalone scheme has been considered and rejected on the grounds that this would risk unnecessary delay to the major improvement of this section of the road while options are considered for a western access to the Gosport peninsula, including a possible bypass of Stubbington, which would affect the alignment of the southern section of Newgate Lane but not the northern.

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 June 2013
Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Councillor Seán D T Woodward	

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