

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date:	5 October 2012
Title:	Project Appraisal: Alençon Link Accessibility Improvements, Basingstoke
Reference:	2991
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to present the case for approval of the Alençon Link Accessibility Improvements, at a cost of £1.58 million of external funding.
- 1.2. This report seeks to illustrate the benefit of accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists that the proposed scheme provides. It provides a connection between a major residential development and the retail, employment and public transport facilities in the town centre.
- 1.3. If approved, the scheme will start in the 2012/13 programme, with completion in the following year.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. The residents of this major development have to currently use either a circuitous access route with no cycle provision, or drive in order to access the town centre. The proposed scheme will provide a direct link.
- 2.2. The proposed scheme is a significant component of the proposed town centre regeneration and provides a major gateway for all users. The scheme will enhance work undertaken already at the Alençon Link public transport interchange and at the Malls shopping centre.

3. Finance

- 3.1. The proposed scheme is estimated to cost £1.58 million.
- 3.2. The total cost is entirely funded by developer contributions, the majority taken specifically for the proposed scheme.

4. Performance

- 4.1. Surveys will be taken before and after the improvement, to monitor usage. These will be used to assess the success of the scheme.

5. Future direction

- 5.1. If approved, the scheme will continue to start in the 2012/13 programme, with completion in the following year.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1 That the Alençon Link Accessibility Improvements, at a cost of £1.58 million of external funding, be approved.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
Working files	Elizabeth II Court West, Winchester

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1 The proposals in this report have been developed with due regard to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010, including the Public Sector Equality Duty and the Council's equality objectives. An assessment of the impacts in this service area can be found at [EQIA](#).

It is considered that the issues covered by this report will not have impacts requiring further specific actions by the Council above those already established in its existing policies and working procedures.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1 The scheme will have no impact upon rates of crime or disorder.

3. Climate Change:

- 3.1 The scheme will encourage more people to walk and cycle in the area around the Alençon Link. This will mean a reduction in energy use and in vehicle emissions that cause climate change.