


Decision Record – Approval to Submit a Bid to Highways England for the A46 Stoneleigh Junction Improvement Scheme

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision	Cllr Jeff Clarke Transport and Planning	 17/7/18
Date of Decision (not before: 13 July 2018)	17/7/2018	

Decision Taken

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning approves the submission of a bid to Highways England for the A46 Stoneleigh Junction Improvement Scheme pedestrian and cycling facilities.

Reasons for Decisions

Bids for funding require the approval of the relevant Portfolio Holder

Background Information

Highways England has a designated fund as part of its overall Road Investment Strategy. This is allocated for schemes that deliver cycle infrastructure on or close to the Strategic Road Network. The A46 Stoneleigh Junction Improvement Scheme is a joint project consisting of partners including Warwickshire County Council (WCC), Coventry City Council (CCC), Warwick District Council (WDC), the Department for Transport (DfT) and Highways England. The involvement of Highways England as one of the key partners means that a bid can be submitted for the cycle infrastructure fund.

The A46 Stoneleigh Junction Improvement Scheme will upgrade the junction to a standard gyratory roundabout layout. It will re-align all the approaches, give segregated free flowing lanes and introduce dedicated pedestrian and cycle facilities.

The A46 Stoneleigh Junction acts as a barrier to pedestrians and cyclists, with no facilities provided in the current layout. The proposed layout includes shared used pedestrian and cycle facilities on both sides of the junction and signalised crossing points at each slip road. This will provide a significant improvement for pedestrians and cyclists at the junction recognising that these improvements and expected residential and employment developments in the area will increase the demand for such provision.

The value of the cycling and pedestrian infrastructure within the overall improvement scheme has been estimated, for the purpose of application to Highways England. The cost of this part of the works is £1.000m.

It is proposed to submit a bid to Highways England for £1 million towards the total cost of the scheme: £33.1m.

If successful this Highways England funding would form part of the overall funding package for the scheme. The WCC project team will comply with any conditions and undertake any reporting required by the funding body.

The WCC CIF allocation will be reduced by £1.000m only on receipt of this funding.

Financial Implications

As set out in the report.

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Checklist

Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or Exempt? (State the category of exempt information)	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of Reports considered

Link to published proposed decision report:

<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/4402/Committee/593/Default.aspx>

List of Background Papers

N/A

Members and officers consulted or informed

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Jeff Clarke

Corporate Board

Legal – Ian Marriott, Peter Endall

Finance – Liz Firmstone, Virginia Rennie

Equality – Clare Bonnet

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