

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Cabinet

Date of Meeting:	12 th July 2016
Report of:	Executive Director of Growth and Prosperity
Subject/Title:	Crewe Green Roundabout Preliminary Designs
Portfolio Holder:	Cllr David Brown, Highways and Infrastructure

1. Report Summary

- 1.1 The Council has set out a clear vision and strategy for jobs-led economic growth in the draft Local Plan. Crewe Green is a Strategic Site in the Local Plan which delivers a high-quality residential development at Crewe Green. It is a key gateway into Crewe and supports the delivery of the very necessary improvements to Crewe Green Roundabout.
- 1.2 The scheme improves a key congestion 'Pinch Point' on the main distributor network accessing Crewe and options have been developed to manage the growing traffic flows.
- 1.3 The Scheme is required to deliver strategic development at Crewe Green required by the draft Local Plan and improves access to strategic employment sites at Basford, M6 J16/J17 and Crewe Town Centre. A further objective is delivering network resilience in the era prior to the arrival of the HS2 Hub. The Scheme supports the delivery of 6,000 high-value jobs at Basford; 3500 sq m of retail space; and 150 homes at Crewe Green itself on the adjacent Strategic Site.

2. Recommendations

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 2.1 Receive the four design options that have been produced as suitable traffic solutions
- 2.2 Authorise the Interim Executive Director – Place in consultation with the Highways Portfolio Holder, to conduct a public consultation on the four design options.
- 2.3 Agree that the results of the consultation be reported back to Cabinet for a decision on the preferred option and further authorisations once complete.

3. Reason for recommendations

- 3.1 Following extensive consideration, four viable design solutions have been prepared which are at Appendix 1. They all provide sufficient capacity to

solve the current queuing and delays. All four options involve the removal of the existing traffic signals.

- 3.2 A consultation is required to engage residents; stakeholders and users to receive their contributions and engage their support in order to arrive at a preferred solution. .

4. Wards Affected

Crewe East and Haslington

5. Local Ward Members

Cllr David Newton - Crewe East

Cllr Suzanne Brookfield – Crewe East

Cllr Clair Chapman – Crewe East

Cllr John Hammond - Haslington

Cllr David Marren – Haslington

6. Policy Implications

- 6.1 The Scheme supports the Local Plan Policy CO2 and is included in the associated Infrastructure Delivery Plan.
- 6.2 It relates directly to the Council's Three Year Plan; Outcomes 2 and 6.
- 6.3 The Scheme aligns strongly to both the Economic Development Strategy and the Vision and Strategy for Economic Growth. East Cheshire Engine of the North.
- 6.4 It is included in the Local Transport Plan 2015 Policy B2 – Enabling Development.

7. Financial implications

- 7.1 The preliminary estimate of the cost of a solution is £5,000,000 which is included in the Council's budget for 2016/17; 2017/18 and 2018/19.
- 7.2 Crewe Green Roundabout will be delivered through a blend of a Local Growth Fund Grant of £3,300,000 and third-party developer contributions secured by the Council.

8. Legal implications

- 8.1 The design of the scheme, the funding of the final scheme and planning issues will be considered in future reports to Cabinet and Planning Board.. Land acquisition, costs of land acquisition will be the subject of a future report. In addition both internal and external procurement rules will need to be considered and State Aid issues addressed. All of these points will need

separate legal consideration at the material time, on the points they raise, and in light of the powers under the Constitution - and any delegated powers applicable

9. Risk Management

- 9.1 The governance arrangements and risk register are in place. Mitigation measures; monitoring and effective control will be exercised.
- 9.2 The 3rd party funding from S106 agreements is not yet all secured, so there remains a risk that this may not be achieved. Mitigation of this risk is underway via close working with the planning team and negotiations with developers to ensure that sufficient contributions will be secured which, along with the LGF funding, will fully fund the scheme

10. Background

- 10.1 A plan of the locality is at Appendix 2.
- 10.2 The land required by the Scheme will be taken from the development land for the Strategic Site cited in the draft Local Plan. The landowner is the Duchy of Lancaster and access is required to the development site on the Duchy land.
- 10.3 Immediately to the north of Crewe Green Roundabout is the Sydney Road Railway Bridge which is due to be replaced as a Major Scheme. It has been assessed that the traffic impact of concurrent construction works at Crewe Green Roundabout and Sydney Road Bridge would be unacceptably high. The bridgeworks require temporary closure and possession of the railway West Coast Main Line which the bridge crosses. These essential possessions have been secured starting in October 2018. Therefore, the practical solution to the problem is to complete the works on site at Crewe Green Roundabout before October 2018. Otherwise the relief of the Crewe Green pinch point will be delayed by a further twelve months.
- 10.4 The Scheme will be funded by £3,300,000 Local Growth Fund Grant and £1,700,000 CIL-compliant developer contributions.

11. Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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