



**Title of meeting:** Cabinet Member for Transport Decision Meeting

**Date of meeting:** 29 February 2024

**Subject:** Pavement Replacement at The Hard - Construction Date

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**Cabinet Member:** Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

**Wards affected:** Charles Dickens

**Key decision:** No

**Full Council decision:** No

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## 1. Purpose of report

1.1. The purpose of this report is to agree a date when the contractor can gain access to begin construction works for the replacement of the pavement at the Hard Interchange.

## 2. Recommendation

2.1. To approve the proposed access date of the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024, after which construction can then start.

## 3. Proposed Construction Date

3.1. Upon conclusion of the tender process, a preferred contractor, Mildren Construction Limited, has been identified and the contract is ready to execute. Prior to execution, the proposed access date needs to be confirmed.

3.2. Following consultation with key stakeholders, it is recommended that the access date is 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024. This means that construction can start on or after this date.



The duration of works is expected to take 19 weeks, with completion around mid-October.

3.3. The access date represents the earliest point where the contractor can start works on site. In the meantime, surveys and design works will take place. It is possible that these activities may lead to delays in the programme, and the actual construction start date may be pushed out.

#### **4. Risks and other options considered**

4.1. The risks of undertaking construction in the summer are:

4.1.1. Increased volume of pedestrians during the summer visiting the Historic Dockyard, Gunwharf and cruise passengers on the shuttle buses.

4.1.2. Increased volume of interchange users due to summer festivals and events.

4.1.3. The proposed mitigation could be to pause construction on key festival dates thus reducing the flow of heavy vehicles in the area. Additional numbers of transport officers on event days could be considered.

4.2. The risks of undertaking construction in the autumn are:

4.2.1. Inconvenience to passengers having to walk further in adverse weather.

4.2.2. Adverse weather with increased rainfall affecting construction activities such as laying concrete, increasing the programme length and cost.

4.2.3. Risk of increased construction cost due to inflation.

4.2.4. Fewer hours of daylight possibly requiring the use of generators, increasing air and noise pollution.

4.2.5. Possible mitigation measures could include extending the construction programme to allow for adverse weather conditions, though this would lead to increased costs.

#### **5. Consultation**

5.1. The following stakeholders were consulted: bus operators, Council Culture and Leisure officers and the contractor.

5.2. Bus operators indicated that a summer construction period would be less impactful on users due to relocated services.

5.3. Culture and Leisure officers highlighted a number of key events in the summer with particular emphasis on the 80<sup>th</sup> D-Day anniversary from 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> June, which the proposed access avoids.



5.4. Council Transport officers are supportive of the summer construction period.

5.5. Based on the above options and consultation undertaken, it is recommended that the summer construction is preferable, with an access date of 10<sup>th</sup> June, after the D-Day commemorations.

**6. Legal**

6.1. The proposed access date of 10th June 2024 can be accommodated/confirmed within the construction contract.

**7. Finance**

7.1. The financial implications of The Hard Pavement Replacement were considered and agreed at the Cabinet Member for Transport Decision Meeting on 13th December 2023.

7.2. The recommendation in this report of the proposed access date on 10th June 2024 does not have any further direct financial implications on the Council.

7.3. Should the proposed access date be delayed to the Autumn there is a risk of increased construction costs due to inflation and an extended programme.

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**Appendices:** N/A

**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location



The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/  
rejected by ..... on .....

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Signed by:

Cabinet Member for Transport