



Title: **A380 SOUTH DEVON LINK ROAD - Update**

Wards Affected: **Shiphay with the Willows**

To: **Transport Working Party** On: **16 February 2012**

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1. Key points and Summary

- 1.1 This report outlines the approval by Government of the best and final bid for the A380 South Devon Link Road and sets out the forward programme for moving to implementation.

The South Devon Link Road scheme forms the key to reducing the negative impacts created by the existing traffic congestion problems on A380 between Penn Inn and Kerswell Gardens. It will deliver congestion reduction, improved air quality and positive safety, social and economic impacts. These changes will also act as the catalyst for sustainable transport improvements on the existing A380 corridor, which are unachievable at present due to congestion.

2. Introduction

- 2.1 On 13th July 2011 the Council approved funding for the submission of the best and final bid to the Department for Transport on behalf of Devon County Council and Torbay Council for the A380 South Devon Link Road.

The funding agreement between the County Council and Torbay Council reflects a sharing of the balance of costs between the two authorities on a 50/50 basis.

On 29th November 2011, as part of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Autumn Statement, Government announced that it would support the South Devon Link Road, and grant the scheme programme entry status. The sum of Government funding approved was £76.4m, thereby matching the best and final bid in full.

This was an excellent response, reflecting the high value for money of the proposed scheme, and also the strong level of support expressed by a range of key stakeholders including businesses, local MP's, district councils, the emergency services and public transport operators.

3. Project Implementation

- 3.1 On 2 December the Secretary of State for Transport informed the County Council that she is confirming the Compulsory Purchase and Side Road Orders. She also confirmed that the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has taken the decision on the Exchange Land Certificate which is required for the acquisition of common land. The public inquiry into these Orders and the Exchange Land Certificate was held in summer 2009. The Secretary of State has also published the Inspector's report.
- 3.2 The procurement exercise has already been undertaken, and hence it should be possible to award the contract during March 2012. Given that there is a design element within the contract, a substantive start on site is unlikely before autumn 2012. However, in the meantime it should be possible to progress some advance works in spring 2012.
- 3.3 If the main contract works commence in October 2012 it is envisaged that the new scheme would be open in its entirety by December 2015.

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Appendices

None.

Documents available in members' rooms

None.

Background Papers:

Local Transport Plan 3 2011-2026