

Brief Assessment of Project Appraisals

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Meadows Employment Access and Skills Centre

Project Description

The primary purpose of the bid is to create a facility in Eastleigh to expand the PUSH pilot project 'Fast Forward' which has benefitted Portsmouth, Gosport, Southampton and Havant; providing a 'no wrong door' approach to helping people with employment and training needs.

The aim of the project is to refurbish a former local housing office based in Eastleigh, owned by First Wessex Housing Group and operate it as a community based employment access and skills centre. Outputs include engaging 400 people to seek jobs via job search activities and offering financial advice e.g. benefits/ employment rights advice, better off in work analysis and financial planning training. The project will be led by Eastleigh ED team with support from a multi-agency steering group.

Funding Requested:

£28,000 in total to cover capital costs for the refurbishment and adaptation works. Plus additional funding secured for venue running cost of £14,000 to be met by First Wessex

Project assessment criteria:

Deliverability against priorities identified in PUSH ED strategy / Grant Shapps letter	Anticipated Outcomes	Thorough analysis of risk	Value for Money (vfm)
Some positive deliverables. However, latest PUSH performance report indicates Eastleigh as having a higher employment rate of 83% in comparison to the two cities, whose employment rate remain below the national average. Skills base in Eastleigh is also higher than other PUSH areas.	The outcomes of this project would be best served in the PUSH areas of greatest need such as the two cities and older urban areas.	Insufficient evidence	Insufficient evidence

Recommendation: It was noted that Eastleigh's employment rate (at 83%) and skills base is higher than the two cities and on a value for money basis therefore, this project may not serve residents living in the area of greatest economic vulnerability. A new next Step careers advice service, a national initiative, was launched in November 2010 set up to deliver the same outcomes described in this project. **It is therefore not recommended that this project be funded.**

Southampton Central Station

Project Description

The aim of the project is to undertake the concepts design and business case for central station improvement of a strategic transport interchange enhancement and major public realm improvement including the surrounding station. The enhancement will form a core part of the Major Development Quarter (MDQ) and will allow a more sustainable, low carbon, high density development to take place, with rail services at central station providing high quality public transport access to and from the MDQ. It is anticipated that the scheme will be incorporated into the Network Rail future implementation plan.

Funding Required: **Total amount of £125,000** PLUS £125,000 LTP match funding secured

Project assessment criteria:

Deliverability against priorities identified in PUSH ED strategy / Grant Shapps letter	Anticipated Outcomes	Thorough analysis of risk	Value for Money (vfm)
Likely period of delivery is August 2013. Feasibility work needed to quantify business case	Based on the project submission, the economic benefits are unable to be quantified at this stage.	Project at feasibility stage – not in network rail's priority control period 4.	Insufficient evidence at this stage on vfm benefits.

Recommendation: TfSH has advised that Southampton Central Station does not feature in network rail's priority Control period 4 currently and on this basis it is **not recommended therefore that this project be funded.**

Platform Road Improvement Scheme, Southampton

Project Description

PUSH funding is required to undertake detailed design work on the platform road improvement scheme, ready for implementation once funding can be secured. The scheme aims to improve accessibility to the Royal Pier Regeneration development, adjacent to Town Quay. A preferred bidder for this scheme will be selected late 2010.

Funding Required:

Total of £250,000; - 100% requirement from PUSH NGP

Project assessment criteria:

Deliverability against priorities identified in PUSH ED strategy / Grant Shapps letter	Anticipated Outcomes	Thorough analysis of risk	Value for money (vfm)
The project was submitted whilst at an early stage of the development and therefore there was not enough information in the bid to establish community involvement / evidence of locally determined plans.	Based on the project submission, the economic benefits are unable to be quantified at this stage.	Limited analysis of risk	Scheme now been considered under RGF

Recommendation: The project is designed to improve access to key city centre sites. In the event that the study is complete, it has the potential to generate economic growth and jobs.. The panel was advised that since submitting the bid, further work has been undertaken and the project applicant is now seeking to take this forward under the auspices of the recently announced Regional Growth Fund. On this basis, **it is not recommended therefore that this project be funded.**

SEEDA/Regional Growth Fund (RGF)/Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) – Support to bids

Project Description

In the bid for the Solent LEP, PUSH/ IOW have already expressed an interest in taking on SEEDA property portfolio. It is currently proposed to undertake an initial evaluation of these assets using the ED delivery panel resources. Subject to Government agreement, the next stage would be to develop a case with funding options to put to Government for transfer of the portfolio to an appropriate organisation supported by the Solent LEP.

The project for which this bid is made is intended to enable PUSH to develop co-ordinated bids to exploit Government’s new funding initiatives. This would be in support of an emerging **Regeneration Group**. The Group would manage projects which would support:

- the development of bids for particular projects such as the RGF;
- seeking generic advice about, for example, deploying TIF and prudential borrowing in South Hampshire
- developing a bid to manage a portfolio of SEEDA (or other strategic) assets, identifying funding and seeking joint venture partners.

Funding Required:

A total of £500,000; to secure further funding from TIF (pilots due to launch Autumn 2011) and RGF

Project assessment criteria:

Deliverability against priorities identified in PUSH ED strategy / Grant Shapps letter	Anticipated Outcomes	Thorough analysis of risk	Value for Money (vfm)
Designed to facilitate key regeneration schemes identified in the ED strategy.	Bids to the RGF / TIF/EU funding leading to securing new funding for development and regeneration projects in South Hampshire and IOW.	Proactive approach to investigating alternative funding sources. This is crucial given the recent CSR and future spending cuts.	Potential to lever in private sector investment to strategically important sites generating wider economic benefits of jobs and housing.

Recommendation: **It is recommended that the funding requested for this project be approved.** The PUSH Chief Executives Panel noted that the anticipated outcomes would be of benefit to the sub region and would support due diligence on RDA assets. PUSH Chief Executives also recommended that the chair of the ED panel, Councillor Tony Briggs write to DCLG on the matter.

London Road, Waterlooville

Project Description

London Road is a key gateway to Waterlooville Town Centre and a focus for services, employment and retail offer. This scheme will dramatically improve a poor quality streetscape, making the Town Centre more attractive for local shoppers, including those from the new Major Development Area and a visitor destination. The enhanced town centre will meet two of the PUSH Quality Places Outcomes by delivering 5550 sqm of high quality streetscape. These being Good Design and using culture and heritage to create

sense of identity and distinctiveness. Funding is required therefore to improve the streetscape of London Road.

Funding Required:

An options appraisal was conducted which resulted in three cost effective options for consideration.

- **Option 1** Total cost of scheme is £1,075,000. PUSH Funding request is £668,000
- **Option 2.** Total cost of scheme for is £755,000. PUSH Funding request is £343,000
- **Option 3** Total cost of scheme for is £636,000. PUSH Funding request is £229,000

This project will also lever in additional funding of £327,000 from Liveability Funding and £80,000 from LABGI – Total additional funding of £407,000.

Project assessment criteria:

Deliverability against priorities identified in PUSH ED strategy / Grant Shapps letter	Anticipated Outcomes	Thorough analysis of risk	Value for Money (vfm)
Project is located in an area prioritised for regeneration and will deliver on local priority needs	Integration of phase 2 works into the old town; Delivery of St Michaels Street and St Michaels Square.	Risk assessment conducted.	The bid demonstrates vfm options and the leverage of further funding from Developer contributions of £407,000

Recommendation: The Panel considered that this project provided an opportunity to enhance the public realm thereby securing quality place enhancements in the area and in addition recognised that it had the potential to provide much needed work based / apprenticeship opportunities for young people in an area where there are high levels of youth unemployment and high levels of NEET figures. It was on this basis that the project was supported. **It is recommended therefore that the funding request of £343,000 for option 2 be approved on the strict understanding that the objectives around employment and skills and the provision of apprenticeships / vocational training opportunities being included for NEET target group are delivered.** It is also recommended that this project be overseen by Havant employability and Skills Group in collaboration with the Economic Development Delivery Panel

HOUSING AND PLANNING

North Rowner

Project Description

Aim of the project is to implement the works required to secure the adoption of the four unadopted roads in the north of the Rowner estate and improve associated parking areas. The funding requested would also be used to replace and install new lighting columns to bring the north Rowner estate up to a more comparable standard with adjacent areas; dramatically improving its visual appearance and the quality of life for local residents.

Funding required: **A total of £198,000 PLUS £3,500 funding contribution from Neighbourhood Board.**

Project assessment criteria:

Deliverability against priorities identified in PUSH ED strategy / Grant Shapps letter	Anticipated Outcomes	Thorough analysis of risk	Value for Money (vfm)
Met objectives within the context of the project criteria.	The adoption of four unadopted roads in North Rowner.	Thorough risk assessment conducted. All resources are in place to facilitate early and rapid delivery.	Transfer of all liabilities of maintenance and repair of roads and associated infrastructure to Hampshire County Council.

Recommendation: It is intended that HCC will adopt these roads after the necessary works have been carried out, subject to legal approval. The adoption of the roads will not progress without the agreement of the various landowners who will be required to dedicate areas under their ownership as publicly maintainable highway. Contribution of £3,500 has already been secured from the local Neighbourhood Funds to ensure that the necessary works take place. **It is recommended that the funding request of £198,000 for this project be approved.**

Abbotswood, Cupernham Lane, Romsey

Project Description

To deliver 800 dwellings, 40% of which will be affordable and a local centre comprising a convenience store, five shops, public house, community hall, doctors surgery / dentist, full day nursery, office units, 60 bed care / nursery homes and associated parking and a recycling centre; informal and formal open space; area for Nature Conservation; Landscaping and 'Bus Only Link' to Woodley lane. Outcomes include:

- 31 affordable homes built to Code of Sustainability level 3
- 19 of these units to be for social renting, 8 for discounted market and 4 for New Build Homebuy.

Abbotswood is identified within the PUSH Local Investment Plan and work is underway with HCA to determine funding commitments for 2011/12 and 2012/13.

Funding Required: A maximum of £1,335,000; 100% requirement from PUSH NGP- Additional funding for project not yet secured.

Project assessment criteria:

Deliverability against priorities identified in PUSH ED strategy / Grant Shapps letter	Anticipated Outcomes	Thorough analysis of risk	Value for Money (vfm)
The new policy presumption is in favour of grant free developments in areas where the market can deliver housing.	Noted to deliver 800 dwellings, 40% of which is affordable. It is also recognised that the scheme's funding beyond phase 1 is yet to be secured.	Significant risk due to the fact that the HCA funding has not been confirmed and 100% funding required for phase 1 therefore 100% reliance on public funding.	The new finance regime for the provision of affordable homes requires registered providers to look for grant free solutions

Recommendation: It is advised that this project is further developed and establishes whether HCA funding will come forward in the first instance. HCA funds for 2011/12 for housing are already committed and it is unlikely that this scheme would feature in 2012/13 due to reductions in HCA budgets and the nature of prioritisation. In the event that funding from HCA is unavailable, the new finance regime for the provision of affordable homes requires registered providers to look for grant free solutions particularly in the case of Section 106 sites. The new policy presumption is in favour of grant free developments in areas where the market can deliver housing. On this basis, **It is not recommended that this project be funded.**

North Fareham SDA

Project Description

It is proposed to undertake three technical studies which will underpin delivery of a strategic level of housing (currently estimated to be around 6,500 – 7,500 dwellings) and employment (estimated to be 90,750sqm) to support the Fareham and South Hampshire Economy. The funding sought would supplement £100,000 secured from central Government Eco Town Funding to provide studies on eco town standards, economic, demographic and viability studies. This bid, if successful will complete the evidence base for the north of Fareham SDA, help shape the detailed masterplanning and ultimately deliver the development.

Funding Required: **Total of £100,000: Transport and Access Sustainability Study (£30,000); Green Infrastructure Strategy (£30,000); Housing Market Assessment (£40,000)**

Project assessment criteria:

Deliverability against priorities identified in PUSH ED strategy / Grant Shapps letter	Anticipated Outcomes	Thorough analysis of risk	Value for Money (vfm)
<p>Delivery timescale (Dec 2010 to April 2011).</p> <p>Generally the bid supports the project assessment criteria.</p>	<p>3 technical feasibility studies to complete the evidence base for Fareham SDA and help to shape the detailed master planning and ultimately deliver the developments.</p>	<p>Similar studies proposed in this bid submission have been funded by resident local authorities.</p>	<p>It should be noted that PUSH employs a Green Infrastructure Coordinator that can help support this element of the feasibility study.</p>

Recommendation: Work is progressing through individual local authorities as part of their core strategy process to complete their own Green Infrastructure Strategy. There is therefore an expectation that individual authorities will decide how they deliver their local GI strategy to reflect local needs. Overall, similar studies proposed in this bid submission have been funded by resident local authorities. In addition the Fareham SDA has previously received funding support of 100k from CLG to support studies such as the ones proposed. **It is therefore not recommended that this project be funded.**

Rowner Community Trust

Project Description

Rowner Community Trust (RCT) is a new organisation working with local people to establish a strong active community. It is being set up with the support of the Rowner Renewal Partnership, local residents and other local bodies. The Trust is modelled on best practice from community land trusts and development trusts.

Overall aim of the project is to establish a self sustaining legacy from the Renewal programme of regeneration with an asset base and capacity to develop further local initiatives. In doing so the funding requested would be used to develop a programme of activities locally determined to meet identified local needs. This would include environmental improvements' youth facilities, learning and training.

Funding Required:

£80,000. Additional funding of £50,000 from Rowner regeneration partnership

Project assessment criteria:

Deliverability against priorities identified in PUSH ED strategy / Grant Shapps letter	Anticipated Outcomes	Thorough analysis of risk	Value for Money (vfm)
Generally the bid supports the project assessment criteria.	Enhanced regeneration of Rowner Estate; improved quality of life for local residents.	The submission is not eligible for capital funding.	The activities proposed in the bid submission are essentially asset management revenue based activities

Recommendation: **The submission is not eligible for capital funding.**

QUALITY PLACES

Southampton Cultural Quarter Public Realm

Project Description

The proposed cultural Quarter comprises the proposed Southampton New Arts Complex (SNAC) the Sea City Heritage Museum and a refurbished Guildhall Square together with the existing Mayflower Theatre, the BBC, City Art Gallery, the Millais Gallery, redevelopment of the Gantry site and Mayflower Plaza. The cultural Quarter of the city is projected to attract in around £175,000,000 of public and private investment, 2000 net jobs and additional annual visitor spend of £21,000,000. The aim of the project is to a) contribute to the first stage of the Sea City Heritage museum and b) to deliver the installation of pipe work infrastructure in advance of the site development of the SNAC to secure connection to the district heating and cooling network in Southampton.

Key outcomes include leveraging in £175,000,000 of public and private investment; approx. 2000 jobs, 326 dwellings and annual visitor spend of £21,000,000. Also the extension of the already established local energy network.

Funding Required: **£595,000; 100% requirement from PUSH NGP- Additional funding for project not yet secured.**

Project assessment criteria:

Deliverability against priorities identified in PUSH ED strategy / Grant Shapps letter	Anticipated Outcomes	Thorough analysis of risk	Value for Money (vfm)
Strong narrative but further evidence needed to demonstrate how the PUSH priorities will be met.	specific measurable / tangible outcomes not identified. Not clear what element of the MDQ the funding request will deliver.	Insufficient evidence to show how the project relates to the wider capital programme.	On the basis of the bid submission, it would appear that funding is required for a number of activities not yet specified.

Recommendation: Based on the project submission, it appears that elements of this project are at very early feasibility stage and on this basis specific measurable / tangible outcomes not identified. Further evidence to show where this project is in relation to the delivery of the pipe work infrastructure and details of whether additional funding has been secured, is required. Therefore, at this stage, it is **not recommended that this project be funded. May be eligible for consideration for Regional growth fund, if private sector investment element can be evidenced**

Swan Studios

Project Description

The project aims to deliver 20 creative workspace units to support local graduates to incubate new creative businesses. In doing so, the project would enable the conversion of two large empty shop units on the upper floor of the Swan Centre Shopping mall in central Eastleigh. The project is an extension of the successful collaboration between the Arts and Economic Development sections in Eastleigh and the creative business development programme supported by the university of Winchester which has seen 14 creative companies being based and developed in Eastleigh in the last twelve months. These new incubation spaces for creative businesses build on the work of Aspace, the PUSH regions specialist agency for the development of specialist creative workspace, and will link to the workplace development programme of Solent University.

Aspace are a partner in the development of the project, along with Prupim and the management team of the Swan Centre. In addition positive interest has also been expressed by the University of Southampton.

The range of spaces would be flexible and support up to 20 businesses or sole traders on a rolling programme that could see double that number supported over the next ten years. Lettings would be managed in relation to a credible business plan that would be reviewed 6 monthly in line with the leases. The project will be managed by a Project Board comprising of Eastleigh Borough Council, Prupim (owners of the shopping centre), CIBAS, an HE representative and a specialist arts organisation. A business plan is in place demonstrating the market, demand, benefits, management, operational arrangements and finances and is appended to this application.

Funding Required: **£150,000**; Additional funding of £135,000 has been secured from HCC/ EBC /Prupim and Swan Centre.

Project assessment criteria:

Deliverability against priorities identified in PUSH ED strategy / Grant Shapps letter	Anticipated Outcomes	Thorough analysis of risk	Value for Money (vfm)
This project has the potential to deliver on a wide range of the priorities identified in the ED strategy including support for businesses, innovation and growth, GVA and employability.	Overall outcome will support businesses working in poor facilities; enhance the value added to Eastleigh shopping centre and support the business survival rate of creative companies.	Yes	Business plan was submitted as part of the bid demonstrating market demand, benefits, financial and operation arrangements in place.

Recommendation: This project will deliver a wide range of priorities in the Economic Development strategy including support for business, innovation and employment outcomes. Developer contributions of £135,000 has already been secured. **It is recommended therefore that the funding request of £150,000 for this project be approved.**

Portsmouth Creative Industries

Project Description

This submission builds on the design feasibility funded by PUSH in 2009/10 to which it was awarded £700,000. This study will form the basis of a planning application which will be submitted in January. Subject to planning, funding is in place to proceed with the creative campus and theatre project in the summer of 2011. The project is due to be completed in 2013.

Project ambitions include the provision of physical facilities which will enable:

- New foundation degree programmes for creative practitioners
- Much improved DDA access to existing Theatre
- Significant increase in community engagement in the arts
- Support for entrepreneurship and business start ups in the creative sector.

Key outputs include: 10 incubation companies; 85 gallery exhibitions by 2013; 100% increase in CIBAS referrals from across Hampshire. In addition, the project has a wide range of outcomes ranging from skills community and personal development to the development of a vibrant creative business cluster.

Funding Required: **£500,000.** Additional funding of £23,000,000 to be levered from University of Portsmouth, New Theatre Royal (NTR), Heritage Lottery Fund and NTR fundraising not yet fully in place. Currently a £2,000,000 funding gap exists. It is proposed that this is accommodated using £500,000 PUSH funding; £500,000 from sale of space to site developer; £500,000 reclaimed VAT from restructuring of procurement and £500,000 savings. Should the project be supported by PUSH then the creation space will be delivered as part of the project due to go on site by 2011.

Project assessment criteria:

Deliverability against priorities identified in PUSH ED strategy / Grant Shapps letter	Anticipated Outcomes	Thorough analysis of risk	Value for Money (vfm)
Moderate deliverability against priorities including the creation of 10 incubation opportunities and high level foundation degree programmes for creative practitioners.	10 incubation companies; 85 gallery exhibitions by 2013;		

Recommendation: Bid under consideration

Southampton Old Town

Project Description

The proposed project would enhance the visitor economy of the Old Town by delivering better legibility, further improvements to the QE2 Mile public realm and potential uses of heritage assets in the Old Town; the combined effect being to create a virtuous cycle of additional visits, spend and private sector investment also resulting in more jobs. Key outcomes include the Integration of phase 2 works into the Old Town; the delivery of St Michaels Street and St Michaels Square and Alternative uses for vacant council heritage assets.

Funding Required: £575,000 required as a comprehensive package of improvements to the Old Town. Additional funding of £175,000 will be levered from LTP.

Project assessment criteria:

Deliverability against priorities identified in PUSH ED strategy / Grant Shapps letter	Anticipated Outcomes	Thorough analysis of risk	Value for Money (vfm)
Strong narrative but further evidence needed to demonstrate how the PUSH priorities will be met.	Specific measurable outcomes not identified at this stage. Private sector investment potential of £200k not yet secured – this would strengthen the proposition	Private sector investment to be secured	Consider Regional growth fund.

Recommendation: Project seeking private sector investment of £200,000. If secured this could be taken forward under the auspices of the regional growth fund.. **It is not recommended at this stage that that this project is funded.**

SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Hermitage Stream / Hermitage Stream Restoration Project

Project Description

Havant BC, the Environment Agency, Hampshire Wildlife Trust and Groundwork Solent are jointly involved in the project to enhance the Hermitage Stream Corridor for the benefit of people and wildlife. The aim of phase 1, *the Hermitage Stream project*, is to involve the local community in the restoration of a further section of the Hermitage Stream north of Park House Farm Way through soft engineering solutions, improved floodplain connectivity and ecological enhancements of the aquatic habitat, banks and surrounding catchment.

Phase 2 of the project, *Hermitage Stream Restoration*, would act as phase 2 of the Hermitage Stream Project as described above with key outputs being the establishment of a 'Friends Group' for the Hermitage Stream; to restore 220 linear metres river channel, footpath and cycleway.

A key outcome is to involve young people in an interesting practical project and increase the number of local people using river corridors for informal recreation.

Funding Required: **£326,000 (for phase 1); £70,000 (Phase 2).** Additional funding of £41,000 in total from S106 and Awards For All.

Project assessment criteria:

Deliverability against priorities identified in PUSH ED strategy / Grant Shapps letter	Anticipated Outcomes	Thorough analysis of risk	Value for Money (vfm)
Meets the deliverability criteria to a satisfactory level.	Getting unemployed young people back into work through experience and confidence gained by active volunteering; improve health of active participants.	Insufficient evidence	Elements of the proposal was deemed ineligible as they are essentially revenue activities.

Recommendation: Whilst this project is deliverable within the context of the New Growth Point (NGP) criteria, the activity is predominantly maintenance and is therefore ineligible for capital funding. It is recommended however, that the applicant considers bringing the project forward as a possible Regional Growth Fund (RGF) revenue bid for a social enterprise to support young people back into work. **it is recommended therefore not to fund this project.**

National Cycle Network Project – Weston Shore to Hamble Le Rice.

Project Description

The aim of the project is to deliver a missing link in South Hampshire's Strategic cycle route network necessary to a) develop the National Cycle Route Network b) improve walking and cycling access between the City of Southampton and local centres on the Hamble c) promote the use of existing public spaces, country parks and leisure facilities by improving links between such sites and major settlements and d) promote local tourism and facilitate economic growth in the sub region by improving access to urban areas, employment sites, schools and leisure facilities.

The proposed route provides an important pedestrian cycle link that connects the settlements of Southampton, Netley and Hamble. This serves as an important commuter

link, encouraging active travel modes from residential areas when accessing workplaces and schools, which are located within all three settlement areas. The promotion of non-car modes, through the provision of safe, direct and convenient pedestrian / cycle routes will work towards alleviating the pressures on the local road network, particularly at Hamble Lane along with wider benefits associated with health and the environment.

Hampshire County Council has been working in partnership with Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC), Southampton City Council and Sustrans on the development of the National Route 2, which forms part of the National Cycle Network. TfSH also fully supports the bid submitted by EBC.

Funding Required: **£145,000.** Additional funding totalling £101,000 comprising Developer, HCC and EBC contributions.

Project assessment criteria:

Deliverability against priorities identified in PUSH ED strategy / Grant Shapps letter	Anticipated Outcomes	Thorough analysis of risk	Value for Money
Meets a significant number of the deliverability criteria.	Improved health and well being; improved pedestrian and cycle access between existing employment sites, schools and local amenities.	Risk analysis conducted.	Project is fully costed with £101,000 developer contributions secured.

Recommendation: **It is recommended that the funding request of £145,000 for this project be approved.** This project has the potential to build more cohesive community with improved access to Hamble peninsula. Additional funding contributions of £101,000 has been secured.

The GI Potential of the Public Estate

Project Description

This project aims to audit existing publicly owned estate in the PUSH area. Key outputs include a map based report and accompanying GIS data which would also quantify the potential to deliver GI strategy targets; and set out an evidence based vision for future GI creation on public estates. Key outcomes include Quantified and mapped GI gains linked to biodiversity opportunity areas / Biodiversity action plans at the sub regional and local level.

Funding Required: **£19,000. 100% requirement from PUSH NGP**

Project assessment criteria:

This project could not be assessed on the basis of capital funding as the activities within the bid submission are revenue based. The SCID panel recently appointed a GI Co-ordinator to implement the GI strategy and therefore, it is advised that this project can be taken forward by the relevant officer.

Recommendation: **It is not recommended that this project be funded** for the reasons described above.

TRANSPORT for SOUTH HAMPSHIRE (TfSH)

Evidence Base Scenario Testing and Intervention analysis in support of the PUSH Growth agenda

Project Description

PUSH capital funding is being requested to use the land-use and transport modelling capabilities of the Evidence Base as a strategic planning tool to evidence the impact of land use scenarios and test the appropriateness of transport responses aimed at mitigating the impact of new development in aggregate, and of the interventions required to enable and unlock new development to support economic growth. The Evidence Base is well into the development phase of the project, with the tool available for use from March 2011. The PUSH funding requested will help to build on an existing £1,500,000 commitment from TfSH and its strategic partners.

This process will lead to the development of a Long Term Strategic Implementation Plan for the South Hampshire area that will identify the transport interventions required to drive the private sector economy forward and deliver the employment and housing growth required to support a thriving private sector-led economy. The resulting Implementation Plan will provide *oven-ready* interventions, placing the area in the enviable position of having the agility to respond to private and public funding opportunities as they arise.

The Evidence Base strategic planning tools cover the Solent LEP area and beyond. The output from this project will therefore provide a significant contribution to developing the evidence base for the Solent LEP and for supporting business growth in the area. The availability of this facility will enhance the credibility of the Solent LEP, as there is unlikely to be such a comprehensive tool so closely aligned to a LEP boundary and capable of supporting LEP actions and key functions (as identified in the Solent LEP proposal).

A key element of the business case for this project has been the potential for use of the model by the private sector. TfSH has recently held a meeting with the Chief Executive of BAA Southampton Airport, who has welcomed the tool and recognises the potential for its use to support and develop their business. This is encouraging and is evidence of the ability of this asset to realise a private sector revenue stream, which can be recycled to update the tool and support other initiatives.

The availability of this model will help to provide confidence for developers and business to locate and grow within the area as the tool is signed-up to by the Highways Agency, DfT and Network Rail.

Funding required: £500,000, for Phase 2. Phase 1 is underway and is expected to complete by March 2011. This has been funded by TfSH and HCC.

Project assessment criteria:

Deliverability against priorities identified in PUSH ED strategy / Grant Shapps letter	Anticipated Outcomes	Thorough analysis of risk	Value for Money (vfm)
First phase commenced in March 2010. Second phase to complete by March 2012 subject to PUSH funding.	A series of transport models that help unlock and enable PUSH strategic employment and housing development; improved ability to respond to funding opportunities	Risk analysis conducted.	£500,000 would deliver a robust transport model for use by PUSH and its partners to support investment in key employment and housing projects across South Hampshire.

Recommendation: Funding from HCC for phase 1 of the project for £1,500,000 has already been secured and will be delivered by March 2011. **This project has been identified as a key priority by TfSH. It is recommended that the funding request of £500,000 for this project be approved subject to the conditions** that 1)Phase 2 is co-commissioned with PUSH; 2) PUSH Contribution secures a share of intellectual property rights and PUSH Local Authorities can access the model at no cost.

M27, J5 Improvement Scheme

Project Description

This submission builds on previous achievements to date . Phase 1 of the project completed in September 2010. Outcomes achieved include:

- Detailed design of the entire junction
- Highway Agency approval of entire junction
- Phase 1 Main Works complete
- Contract documents for phases 2 & 3 are ready for tender subject to external funding being secured
- Phases 2 & 3 advanced site clearance work
- Improved road safety
- Additional capacity provided
- Reduced queues on the A335 Wide Lane and Stoneham Lane

PUSH Funding is sought to complete the design, advanced site clearance and ongoing ecological supervision for phases 2 and 3 and to begin processing the main works tender.

Funding required: **£900,000.** Additional funding of £3,500,000 required from external sources to secure the delivery of this project is still uncertain and subject to Government confirmation. TfSH is to advise in due course.

Project assessment criteria:

Deliverability against priorities identified in PUSH ED strategy / Grant Shapps letter	Anticipated Outcomes	Thorough analysis of risk	Value for Money (vfm)
Funding uncertainty remains for delivery of Phases 2 & 3	The funding required will help complete the design, advanced site clearance and ongoing ecological supervision for phases 2 & 3 and to help process the main works tender.	Strong possibility that phases 2 and 3 clearance work will not progress to delivery stage.	Given the outcome of the recent Comprehensive Spending Review, there is a high possibility that funding required to deliver this project will not be available.

Recommendation: Since the project was submitted, further work has been undertaken and TfSH has advised of the possible bid to Regional Growth Fund to support this project. Therefore, it will now be taken forward under the auspices of the Regional Growth Fund and on this basis, **it is not recommended that this project be funded.**