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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 06 January 2020

Portfolio:	Policy and Resources
Subject:	Secure Access to the Western Side of the Solent Airport and provide further car parking for children's play area
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priorities:	Maintain and extend prosperity.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to undertake safety improvements to the West Gate entrance to the Solent Airport at Daedalus and to provide additional parking immediately adjacent to the children's play area being delivered at the Western end of Daedalus Common.

Executive summary:

The proximity of both the new Daedalus Common (and associated parking) and the adjoining children's play area to the West Gate of Solent Airport requires that we improve the security of the airfield to reduce the risk of unauthorised access. There is also an opportunity to provide additional parking provision immediately adjacent to the children's play area.

The programming of developments requires that we put in place a package of works to ensure the safety of those using and visiting the airport and to enhance the visitor experience.

It is recommended that a package of works be implemented in spring 2020.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Executive:

- (a) approves a capital budget of £250,000 to fund improvements to airside security at the West Gate entrance to the Solent Airport and provide further parking for the children's play area to the West of Daedalus Common; and
- (b) agrees to delegate the award of contract to the Director of Planning and Regeneration following consultation with the Executive Leader.

Reason:

To address the increased risk of airside incursions following the planned opening of Daedalus Common and the new children's play area and to provide further parking for the proposed children's play area.

Cost of proposals

It is estimated that the cost of the project is £250,000 and that it will be funded from unallocated capital reserves

Appendices

Appendix A: Plan illustrating planned works.

Background papers**Reference papers**

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Executive Briefing Paper

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INTRODUCTION

1. Access to the western side of the Solent Airport at Dedalus is via the West Gate located off the Gosport Road. The gate is used by Britten Norman who occupy Bellman 1 Hangar (its staff, its suppliers and visitors). In addition, this gate is used by the private pilots who use hangars for managed hangarage.
2. The West Gate is located within the area of Solent Airport that in the long-term plan will be developed as Swordfish Business Park. This will include a new taxiway, access road, drainage and opportunities for turnkey development and tenant lease options. In addition to improving the airside infrastructure, a large area of open space to the north of the airfield has been developed to form Daedalus Common. This will open to the public in late spring/ early summer 2020 at which time a new children's play area will be opened adjacent to the existing West Gate parking area. There is an opportunity to provide additional parking immediately adjacent to the children's play area, but also adjacent to the current airport gate.
3. The proximity of the West Gate to the new Daedalus Common and play area will increase the likelihood of an erroneous entry by a member of the public to the secure airside area. Given the aircraft movement that takes place on the taxiway just 100 metres beyond the West Gate entrance, the risk of an incident is high and needs to be mitigated. This proposal seeks to address the issue.

PROPOSAL

4. The existing West Gate is a cantilevered sliding gate operated either remotely by telephone or via an intercom. Once in the open position it allows a clear opportunity for people to tail gate in or to inadvertently drive airside and therefore enter a hazardous situation. To resolve this, it is proposed to create an airside air lock with two sets of linked gates where only one can be opened at a time. The airlock would be appropriately signed and marked to alert any unauthorised entrants of their error and give them an opportunity to turn around before entering a hazardous area.
5. On the landside area it is proposed to replace the existing informal gravel car park, with

a level drained area with a tarmac surface to accommodate parent and child parking, parking for those with a disability and to provide an appropriate pathway from the parking area to the entrances to the play area.

6. Whilst the gate works are relatively limited in scope, they will involve the design of security gates, their control systems, the provision of electrical power, installation of CCTV, drainage improvements, resurfacing and line marking works. There will be related but separate works to create the car park. Comprehensive packages of works will therefore be designed and constructed, subject to receipt of planning and Civil Aviation Authority approvals.
7. This proposal has been presented to and is supported by the Daedalus Members' Working Group.

FINANCE

8. It is estimated that the cost of the improvements, to help prevent airport incursions and to provide further parking for users of the play area is £250,000. It is recommended that the Executive considers approving a capital budget in this sum to allow these improvements to be designed and implemented. It is proposed to fund these works from unallocated capital reserves.

CONCLUSION

9. The programming of the development at Solent Airport requires that security of the West Gate is improved to reduce the risk of airside incursions and in conjunction with these works, the opportunity will also be taken to improve the parking facilities for those visiting the soon to be opened public open space and play area.

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