

A27 Arundel Bypass Stakeholder Pack

Thanks for your help!

Sharing information about the A27 Arundel Bypass scheme will help the local community to remain updated on the progress and stay in touch with us to ask any questions they might have.

In this presentation you will find blocks of text, links, videos and images that you might want to use in your own channels to help raise awareness of what is happening, why, and how you and others can find out more about the A27 Arundel Bypass scheme as well as next steps and other Highways England activity in the area.

Background

As the main route serving the south coast, the A27 corridor is crucial to the region's success. A population of 750,000 relies on the A27, and growth plans for the region mean this number is set to increase.

The corridor runs all the way from Chichester to Polegate, providing essential passage for everyday journeys, as well as logistical transportation of goods, and long distance routes for visitors to the South East region.

The smooth running of this road plays a key part in the region's success, which currently contributes over £207 billion a year to the UK economy according to TfSE's (Transport for the South East's) 2018 Economic Connectivity Review.



Need for the scheme

There are a number of issues to overcome in order to get the A27 running smoothly. The road comprises a series of bottlenecks that hold up traffic and cost commuters, businesses, communities and visitors valuable time and money. The stretch of road running through Arundel between Crossbush junction and Walberton narrows from dual carriageway to single carriageway.

At peak times, it often operates at between 100% and 150% capacity, causing disruption, congestion and hazards on the road. This cuts off communities from neighbouring areas, making everyday trips longer and more difficult, and costing businesses millions of pounds a year.

Frustrated drivers often resort to rat-running through surrounding villages and the South Downs National Park to avoid tailbacks. This impacts on local people and rural places that are not designed for the noise, pollution and congestion of through-traffic and long-distance transport.

Objectives



Improving safety

To improve the safety of travellers along the A27 and consequently the wider local road network



Protecting the natural environment

To minimise environmental impact, and protect and enhance the quality of the surrounding environment through high quality design. To respect the South Downs National Park and its special qualities in the decision-making process



Connecting the community

To reduce congestion, reduce travel time and establish improved, and more reliable journey times along the A27. To provide better access to local services and facilities for all users



Supporting economic growth

To improve the capacity of the A27 whilst supporting local planning authorities to manage the impact of planned economic growth

Project update

Since Highways England consulted on the A27 Arundel Bypass scheme last time, further studies have identified new information that affects the scheme options, and which could change opinions on the most appropriate option for the improvement scheme.

To give you an opportunity to review this information in light of all the evidence, Highways England will conduct a further consultation to ensure the best solution for the area.

In order to deliver a full, fair and informative consultation, it is essential to ensure sufficient, consistent analysis across all the options, so that consultees can help shape the scheme based on the latest information available.

This consultation, which is planned for late summer 2019, will give the local community a fresh look at all the viable options for upgrading the A27. Highways England is, as always, committed to running a fair and transparent consultation to find the best long-term solution for Arundel.

Precise consultation timings will be confirmed shortly. You can stay informed about the project by registering for updates on their [website](#) and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch at a27arundelbypass@highwaysengland.co.uk.

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Why do we need to improve the A27?

As the main route serving the south coast, the A27 corridor is crucial to the region's success. A population of 750,000 relies on the A27, and growth plans for the region mean this number is set to increase.

The smooth running of this road plays a key part in the region's success, which currently contributes over £207 billion a year to the UK economy according to TfSE's (Transport for the South East's) 2018 Economic Connectivity Review.

But there is a problem. There are a number of bottlenecks running along this road that hold up traffic, costing commuters, businesses, communities and visitors valuable time and money. The stretch of road running through Arundel between Crossbush Junction and Walberton narrows from dual carriageway to single carriageway.

At peak times it often operates at between 100% and 150% capacity, causing disruption, congestion and hazards on the road. This cuts off communities from neighbouring area making everyday trips difficult and with long waits, and costs businesses millions of pounds a year.

Why is Highways England consulting on the options again?

Since we consulted on the A27 Arundel Bypass scheme last time, further studies have identified new information that affects the scheme options, and which could change opinions on the most appropriate option for the improvement scheme.

To give you an opportunity to review this information in light of all the information, Highways England will conduct a further consultation to ensure the best solution for the area.

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What has changed since the last consultation?

Since Highways England made the preferred route announcement for 5A in May 2018, the team has been developing the design for 5A. As part of this, they have been exploring ways in which to protect the surrounding environment, and investigating enhancements for all options.

Given the sensitive environment at Arundel, even relatively minor changes in design can make all the difference, so two additional options that were not part of the initial consultation are being brought back. Highways England are keen to ensure you have the opportunity to give your views on the new information across all the options, not just 5A.

When is consultation planned?

Highways England are planning to open an eight-week consultation period in late summer this year. If you would like to stay informed about further details, you can sign up for project updates by visiting www.highwaysengland.co.uk/a27.

How will local wildlife be protected?

Many species are mobile, and will move to other locations of their own accord. We are investigating measures to ensure that animals are able to cross the route, including bespoke wildlife crossings or underpasses where necessary.

Some animals will have to be physically removed for the construction of the scheme. We will work closely with Natural England to carry this out appropriately.

How will you stay engaged with the community?

Highways England will continue to hold meetings with the elected representative to remain updated on local communities' needs, views and priorities, and ensure community representatives are kept up-to-date on the latest project developments and plans. This enables them to talk to you about progress, understand your views and ensure Highways England has a good understanding of how the plans might affect you. This will all feed into an ongoing wider conversation about the scheme and inform the plans in the coming weeks, months and years.



For your channels

Suggested newsletter copy

If you would like to share updates about the project through your own channels to your network, please feel free to do so. To help, we have provided some suggested copy below:

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Since their preferred route announcement in May 2018, Highways England carried out further studies on the preferred route, and in the process, have identified new information that affects the scheme options, and which could change opinions on the most appropriate option for the improvement scheme.

To give you an opportunity to review this information in light of all the evidence, they will conduct a further consultation to ensure the chosen option is the best solution for the area. In order to deliver a full, fair and informative consultation, it is essential to ensure sufficient, consistent analysis across all the options they are considering.

As such, they recently announced a decision to carry out further consultation in late summer 2019. You can stay informed about the project by registering for updates at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A27arundel-improvement, or you can get in touch by emailing a27arundelbypass@highwaysengland.co.uk

Useful links

Project website

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a27-arundel-improvement/>

Sign up for newsletter

<https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKHIGHWAY/subscriber/new>

PINS status

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/a27-arundel-bypass/?ipcsection=overview>

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