



## Arundel Bypass: what's happening?

Things may appear quiet, but funds were agreed by government at the end of 2014 and Highways England (HE) and their consultants, Parsons Brinckerhoff, are proceeding with the road development process.

HE has met with representatives from local authorities and organisations, including Arundel SCATE, to identify issues to be considered when deciding on route options to take to public consultation.

### Highways England timetable for Arundel Bypass

HE decides on route options	November 2016
Public consultation on options	Spring 2017
Preferred route announcement	Autumn 2017
Start of works	2021
Opening	2023

HE is set on a massive dual carriageway and prefers an off-line route (away from the current road) that will devastate the Arun Valley and generate more traffic and pollution in the Arundel area.

NOW is the time to tell HE and authorities we want to see 21<sup>st</sup> century road and transport solutions, not destructive, traffic-inducing options.

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**Arundel SCATE** is a group of residents and businesses from Arundel and the local area concerned about plans for the A27.

We aim to find the best solutions for our local transport issues.

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## **New Purple bypass**

Arundel A27 Forum, a new network of individuals, business and other organisations keen to see improvements which minimise destructive impacts, aims to see the 'New Purple' bypass route as a serious option included in HE's forthcoming consultation. This bypass is a short stretch of wide single carriageway road close to Arundel, improving traffic flow, in contrast to dual carriageway options across the Arun Valley which would destroy communities, homes, wildlife and historic landscape.

Details of the New Purple bypass route and the Forum can be found at:

**[www.ArundelA27Forum.org.uk](http://www.ArundelA27Forum.org.uk)**

Arundel SCATE is supporting this proposal as a good compromise and that the New Purple Route should be included as a serious route option for consultation in 2017.

## **Chichester**

The A27 development process at Chichester is a year ahead of the Arundel and Worthing plans. HE tried to bulldoze through normal consultation procedures and get a northern 'expressway' option (similar in design to a motorway) at the last minute, in a very short consultation period, early this year. People in Chichester campaigned against this option and the Department for Transport ordered HE to drop it. Consultation on A27 at Chichester runs until 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016.

## **Other news**

By popular demand, in September, we will hold a walk showing the 'Pink/Blue' route, the highly damaging option favoured by the local road lobby. Keep an eye open for posters, at [www.scate.org.uk/arundel](http://www.scate.org.uk/arundel) and **fb Arundel Scate**.

### ***Did you know...***

*...traffic levels on the A27 at Arundel are lower now than in 2000?*

*(data from Department for Transport counts).*

*In that time, 7,000 homes have been built in Arun District.*