



**A27 Arundel Bypass
Elected Representatives' Forum
Meeting Minutes**

Date	21st November 2018
Time	18.30 – 20.30
Location	The Town Hall, Maltravers Street, Arundel, West Sussex BN18 9AP

Representatives		
Name	Title	Organisation
Norman Dingemans (ND)	Councillor	Arun District Council
Paul Dendle (PD)	Councillor	Arun District Council
Robert Wheal (RW)	Councillor	Arun District Council
Stephen Haymes (SH)	Councillor	Arun District Council
James Stewart (JS)	Councillor	Arundel Town Council
Roger Elkins (RE)	Councillor	West Sussex County Council
Gary Markwell (GM)	Councillor	West Sussex County Council
Bob Rogers (BR)	Councillor	Walberton Parish Council
Suzanne Clark (SC)	Councillor	Walberton Parish Council
Paul Wilkinson (PW)	Councillor	Slindon Parish Council
Peter Fenton (PF)	Councillor	Slindon Parish Council
Dan Montagnani (DM)	Elected Member	Lyminster & Crossbush Parish Council
Tim Burr (TB)	Elected Member	South Downs National Park Authority
Alun Alesbury (AA)	Elected Member	South Downs National Park Authority

Observers		
██████████	Officer	South Downs National Park Authority
██████████	Officer	West Sussex County Council
██████████	Nick Herbert's advisor	MP Arundel and South Downs
██████████		Arun District Council

Highways England		
██████████	Senior Project Manager	Highways England
██████████	Route Sponsor	Highways England

	Project Director	WSP
	Stakeholder Lead	Highways England
	Stakeholder Support	Highways England

Topics of discussion	Actions	Actionee
1. Introductions/Apologies		
No comments	No actions	
2. Health, Safety and Wellbeing		
No comments	No actions	
3. Forum Terms of Reference		
<u>Declaration of interests.</u> Members were asked to declare their interests in accordance with the Terms of Reference.	Members of the group to declare interest via email.	Representatives
<u>Forum representatives.</u> The importance of including representatives from areas further afield as well, such as Littlehampton, Bognor Regis etc was discussed. All those who would be impacted by the scheme in one way or another should be consulted and engaged with. The consensus was to keep the group small and regularly review attendees during future meetings.	Keep the question of attendees on the table and revisit the decision in the future.	All
4. Project update		
<u>Reason for further consultation and what the new evidence contains.</u> There have been a number of developments in the evidence, since carrying out our design assessments. As this is new and important information, we thought that this should be brought to the public for a further consultation.	No actions	
<u>Timeline for consultation and construction.</u> Timeline to be provided as soon as possible considering elections and the need for representatives to get back with answers to residents.	Project team to take this onboard for the next meeting, and provide dates as soon as possible	HE Project team

<p><u>Materials from the meeting to be shared with participants.</u></p>	<p>Email out the slides and minutes to the group. Make sure that it has been sent before the Slindon Parish Council meeting 12th December.</p>	<p>HE project team</p>
<p>5. A27 story so far – needs and benefits</p>		
<p>No comments</p>	<p>No actions</p>	
<p>6. Q&As</p>		
<p><u>Environmental mitigation, design and budget.</u></p> <p>The question was asked about the 1 to 7 ratio for tree planting and whether this ratio will be maintained.</p> <p>It is possible that the ratio will be maintained. This will need to be discussed and negotiated with Natural England.</p>	<p>No actions</p>	
<p><u>Ford Road junction.</u></p> <p>The need for the Ford Road junction to accommodate traffic movements from surrounding areas, making sure that it does not come too close to Arundel. Will the assessment work be made available for consultation?</p>	<p>The assessment work for Ford Road junction and all routes will be transparent and made available during further consultation.</p>	<p>HE Project team</p>
<p><u>Implications of the scheme delay.</u></p> <p>What are the implications of the delay and why this work has not been done before, a long wait for something that has been needed for a long time.</p> <p>An opinion was expressed from a representative that there is massive support for Option 5A, that people need the A27 bypass and that they have been waiting 40 years.</p> <p>As assessment works are carried out new information becomes available. There has been sufficient change in the route options and it is the right thing to bring this information to the public for further consultation before we move forward with a preferred route.</p>	<p>No actions</p>	

<p><u>Western tie-in.</u></p> <p>The design of the western tie-in options. Can the options be made available?</p>	<p>Project team to discuss if the western tie-in designs can be brought to the next meeting to show.</p>	<p>HE Project team</p>
<p><u>Consideration of cut-and-cover option in cost, similar to Stonehenge.</u></p> <p>Cut-and-cover actually impacts on the landscape more and is not cost effective. The impacts have been considered, particularly on ecology and protected species. The cost for ongoing future maintenance is quite high.</p>	<p>No actions</p>	
<p><u>Concern about the design of a bridge over the river.</u></p> <p>Looking for a design that is good for the eye as well as for the motorist and does not create a huge block in the landscape, and balances between cost and design.</p>	<p>No actions</p>	
<p><u>Forum questions.</u></p> <p>The possibility for representatives to ask further questions via email to the HE Project team.</p>	<p>Any questions and responses that are emailed will be circulated to the forum as a whole.</p>	<p>HE Project team</p>
<p><u>Statement of Community Consultation.</u></p> <p>Will a statement of community consultation be issued?</p> <p>We will be undertaking a non-statutory further consultation next year. The statement of community consultation is part of the statutory consultation process.</p>	<p>No actions</p>	
<p>7. AOB</p>		
<p>No comments</p>		
<p>8. Date / venue for next meeting</p>		
<p><u>Independent chair for the next meetings.</u></p>	<p>Independent chair to be in place for the next meeting.</p>	<p>HE Project team</p>
<p><u>Discussion topics and questions for the next meeting.</u></p>	<p>Members of the forum to send particular topics for discussion or questions for the agenda ahead of the</p>	<p>Representatives</p>

	next forum.	
<u>Timeline for the scheme.</u>	Scheme timeline to be clarified with DfT in order to get back to attendees with something relevant.	HE Project team
<u>Social media engagement.</u> On behalf of West Sussex County constituency GM posted on social media ahead of the meeting and received feedback from residents about the scheme (1000 engagements). Have previously conducted a survey on the topic and received 500 responses.	Send a summary of received feedback from residents on social media post	GM
<u>Dates and venues for next meetings.</u> Consensus was to keep with the current venue, Arundel Town Hall.	Doodle poll to be sent to select dates for the next meeting.	HE Project team