



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

Date	14 March 2019
Time	18.00 – 19.30
Location	The Town Hall, Maltravers Street, Arundel, West Sussex BN18 9AP

Attendance

Chair: [REDACTED]

Representatives		
Name	Title	Organisation
John Charles	Councillor	Arun District Council
Norman Dingemans	Councillor	Arun District Council
Paul Dendle	Councillor	Arun District Council
Robert Wheal	Councillor	Arun District Council
Stephen Haymes	Councillor	Arun District Council
James Stewart	Councillor	Arundel Town Council
Lucy Ashworth	Mayor	Arundel Town Council
Roger Elkins	Councillor	West Sussex County Council
Gary Markwell	Councillor	West Sussex County Council
Bob Rogers	Councillor	Walberton Parish Council
Suzanne Clark	Councillor	Walberton Parish Council
Barbara Brimblecombe	Councillor	Slindon Parish Council
Peter Fenton	Councillor	Slindon Parish Council
Roger Davies	Elected Member	Lymminster & Crossbush Parish Council
Tim Burr	Elected Member	South Downs National Park Authority
Observers		
[REDACTED]	Officer	South Downs National Park Authority
[REDACTED]	Officer	West Sussex County Council
[REDACTED]	Nick Herbert's advisor	MP Arundel and South Downs
[REDACTED]	Officer	Arun District Council
Highways England		
Alan Feist	Programme Lead	Highways England

██████████	Route Sponsor	Highways England
██████████	Stakeholder Lead	Highways England
██████████	Project Director	WSP
██████████	Design Lead	WSP
██████████	Consultation/ Engagement Lead	WSP

Topics of discussion	Actions
1. Introductions/Apologies	
██████████ (chair) and attendees introduced themselves providing their name and affiliation.	No actions
2. Health, Safety and Wellbeing	
We were reminded of the stress that can be experienced during very busy and pressured periods, such as leading up to and during public consultations. We can help each other by recognizing the signs of stress, actively listening and providing support during these challenging periods.	No actions
3. Project Update	
<p>HE gave an update on the announcement made earlier that day on the timing of the further consultation. The consultation is planned for late summer and will be carried out over an eight-week period.</p> <p>The forum discussed why it is taking longer than expected to launch the consultation. HE stated that we need to ensure that we have consistent analysis across all the options that are being considered for further consultation. We are investigating a number of options which haven't previously been consulted on and are working hard to finalise analysis on these as quickly as possible. This requires significant time to carry out studies of the new information and what it might mean for all route options.</p> <p>Attendees expressed disappointment that consultation was delayed but there was group consensus that it was important that thorough and robust assessments were carried out consistently for all options that were being considered.</p> <p>HE confirmed that the start of construction is delayed and is looking like summer 2022.</p> <p>Despite delays HE confirmed that the A27 Arundel scheme funding is in place through the Regional Investment Strategy 1 (RIS1) programme and is on the list for the RIS2 programme.</p>	No actions
4. Route Corridors	
<p>WSP presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the process for carrying out identification and selection of options to be taken forward for further assessment ahead of public consultation indicative locations of route corridors that are currently being assessed further, before a decision on which options will be put forward at the consultation. <p>It was made clear that the route corridors with the different variants were</p>	HE to share with attendees the plan with indicative route corridor locations

<p>those that were currently being assessed and are at a formative stage. It is not possible to show specific route alignments because as the assessments progresses it is possible that changes may be made. Therefore we are only presenting broad corridors as shown in the plan.</p> <p>The final options for consultation will be decided closer to the start of public consultation, after the work is complete and the alignments have been agreed internally. The full information supporting the assessments will be shared with the public at this time.</p> <p>The need for and number of route junctions being considered were discussed, particularly focusing on the Ford Road junction. HE noted that they are undertaking work to assess the benefits and impacts of including a junction at Ford Road for the offline options. This will be presented as a part of the further public consultation.</p> <p>Other topics discussed during the meeting were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • indicative locations of the route corridors relative to ancient woodland, South Downs National Park and local communities were discussed. • Traffic and congestion through Arundel and around Crossbush roundabout • Grade separation at the eastern end at Crossbush • A284 north-south link road from the A27 at Crossbush and proposed Lyminster Bypass • Information supporting the traffic modelling of the junctions and route options being considered will be made available at consultation. 	
5. General discussion with Q&As	
<p>The forum discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the social media communications around A27 Arundel scheme • key dates for next meetings and the consultation • arrangements being considered at Ford Road, western tie-in, Crossbush and other junctions/connections along the scheme • channels for providing an update on the scheme and the elected representatives' forum leading up to and during consultation (e.g. website, media) 	<p>HE to share with attendees the key dates for next meetings</p> <p>HE to provide an update on the scheme website</p>
6. AOB	
No further comments	No actions
7. Date / venue for next meeting	
It was agreed that the next meetings will be arranged for mid June and mid August, and set for a 6pm start. The Arundel Town Council meetings will be taken into consideration.	HE to arrange next meetings for mid June and mid August