



A27 Arundel Bypass Scheme

Elected Representatives' Forum Terms of Reference

Purpose

The Elected Representatives' Forum will provide a way for Highways England to engage with communities local to the A27 Arundel scheme. It will be a forum for local statutory bodies to get up-to-date information about the scheme, feed back into the scheme about any local issues, and understand how the scheme will progress.

The forum will help local communities, via their elected representatives:

- Find out accurate, up-to-date information about the scheme, through the consultation and planning stages, and what local communities can expect - for example, emerging evidence and design of options
- Understand what the scheme means for them and how it will progress over the years.

Membership

The following bodies will be represented at the meetings by two to three elected members, self-nominated by their organisations:

- Arun District Council
- Arundel Town Council
- Lyminster & Crossbush Parish Council
- Slindon Parish Council
- South Downs National Park Authority
- Walberton Parish Council
- West Sussex County Council

The constituency MP will also be invited.

The membership will have the opportunity to:

- represent a broad section of the local communities who will be directly affected by the scheme
- bring their local communities' views and questions to the project team
- hear from the project team experts about the scheme options, studies and design.

All members are attending in their capacity as elected representatives of the local community, and are asked to declare any relevant interests.

How will the forum work?

We are keen for the forum itself, via the independent chair, to take ownership of the format and style of meetings. We are clear that this needs to be a forum acting as a good conduit between the local communities and Highways England.

- We will appoint an independent chair. The forum will be impartial and will be run and steered independently. The role of the chair will be to encourage debate, identify areas of consensus, summarise difference and distil possible solutions emerging or needed to be investigated further.
- We will meet approximately once every two months, in the Arundel area, during evenings.
- The forum will have no decision-making or financial authority. Any ideas emerging from the forum will be referred to Highways England or other relevant bodies for deciding whether resources/funds are to be invested.
- Highways England will provide the secretariat.

Inputs

The forum will need the following information and participation to work:

- An agenda established and circulated by Highways England prior to meetings (following the first inaugural meeting agreeing the terms of reference)
- Updates from Highways England about how the project is progressing and what is coming up
- Feedback, ideas and active discussion with local elected representatives.

Outputs

What the forum will do:

- Agree ideas, feedback and representations to take to Highways England
- Participants to provide feedback and discuss with their organisations, groups or companies.