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# Arundel A27: peaceful 'crisis rally'

Conservationists and community groups from across Sussex are gathering for a peaceful rally to show their opposition to Highways England's chosen route for the new Arundel Bypass.

The rally (Thursday May 24) has been arranged to coincide with an emergency meeting of the Board Members of the South Downs National Park Authority to discuss their response to the news.

Highways England announced on May 11 that it had chosen its route '5A' which would take the new road through the rural village of Binsted - passing through ancient woodland and chalk stream habitat within the boundaries of the National Park.

The route is opposed by the National Park and by local organisations and conservationists working together under the umbrella of the South Coast Alliance for Transport and the Environment (SCATE). SCATE members cover a range of specialisms, from climate change and landscape, to wildlife and sustainable transport.

Members of the group are now planning to gather for the rally to offer their support to National Park Authority as it formulates its official response.

"SCATE does not consider that the preferred route of the bypass offers an adequate solution to the residents of Arundel and surrounding villages," says SCATE's Chair, Henri Brocklebank.

"The natural environment and local communities are paying the price for poor decision-making. We must see 21st Century sustainable transport solutions".

The meeting is to be held at the South Downs Centre in Midhurst on Thursday May 24 at 9.15am.

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