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Subject: ABNC Newsletter - A27 Arundel Bypass Update

A27 Arundel Bypass in the News

Some of you may have seen ABNC's press release in the local media ([click here for links to some of the articles featuring it, on our Battle in the Media page](#)). We are urging Highways England (HE) to 'do the same at Arundel' by dropping the option(s) through Binsted as they have now decided to do at Chichester by dropping the northern bypass options in their current "Options Identification" stage (Nov2015-Nov2016).

What will happen next?

Highways England say they will start engaging with the local communities around Arundel from July onwards, with the intention of holding a Public Consultation in January/February 2017. At this stage, we don't know whether it will be a 6 week consultation as they proposed for Chichester, 8 weeks as they are now proposing for Chichester, or 12 weeks which is the norm for major projects. But before that they have to decide, by November, what options they are going to put to the Public Consultation. **ABNC say no option through Binsted should be included.**

What you can do to help

Where our press release has been published in online news articles, readers can leave comments on articles, letters etc. Inevitably there are aggressive comments from readers who lack local knowledge and assume ABNC is simply anti-road. We need counter-comments to be posted explaining that ABNC is simply seeking a solution for the A27 at Arundel which has the least damaging impact on our countryside and villages, whilst solving the traffic congestion around Arundel for local people. Our committee volunteers have limited time and we need your help:

- **Please help** by adding your own online comments or writing letters to give a truer picture in the media.
- **Please also write** to Highways England, the Department for Transport, your MP and County and District Councillors, to help us get the message across that the route option through Binsted should be taken off the table NOW.

Chichester Northern Bypass Result

This shows it **IS** worth making a fuss! Congratulations to Chichester Deserves Better (CDB) and their supporters on their very successful campaign, persuading Highways England to see sense and drop the northern bypass options at Chichester. These would have been very damaging to the communities on the north side of Chichester, and wouldn't have solved the traffic problems in the long term. HE will now focus their efforts on online improvement works to the existing roads and junctions – and have delayed the public consultation to the summer, but the planned works start date remains unchanged. CDB is continuing to campaign to find the best possible solution and we heartily support them in their efforts.

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Thank you for your continued support in opposing the Binsted road options.