



A27 Arundel Bypass Neighbourhood Committee

NO to an Expressway through Sussex, YES to Better Transport within Sussex

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A very warm welcome and thank you to the new ABNC supporters who have joined us recently.

1. HOT TOPIC - CHICHESTER A27 NEWS

Chichester Meetings Erupt

As many of you may be aware, the battle over the inclusion of northern bypass options at Chichester has continued unabated over the Christmas period. There was a meeting at WSCC County Hall on 5 January and there have been a succession of meetings with the Parish Councils of Fishbourne, Boxgrove, Westhamptnett and Lavant which have united in opposing the northern bypass. Links to the articles on these meetings published by Chichester Observer and SpiritFM can be found on the ABNC's [Battle of the Media page](#).

Chichester Route Maps Leaked

Yesterday afternoon, SpiritFM and Chichester Observer jointly released draft versions of the 7 options being proposed for Chichester. These maps are available on the [SpiritFM](#) and [Chichester Observer](#) websites and are also available on the ABNC's new page [CHICHESTER](#). It should be stressed that these maps are drafts and we understand, are still being amended but the impact of the routes is all too clear.

Options Four and Five (note the proposed flyover at Lavant) would have a devastating impact on the countryside to the north of Chichester and the South Downs National Park. The iconic view across Lavant, to Chichester and its Harbour from the top of Trundle and Kingley Vale, enjoyed by generations, would be irretrievably damaged if these options proceeded.

Chichester Deserves Better Petition Grows

Please support [Chichester Deserves Better](#) in opposing the offline bypass route options. As at Arundel, online/near-online improvements to the existing A27 would be the best solution to the traffic congestion round Chichester and surrounding villages. Sussex's A27 should be made to work for Sussex people, not turned into an A27(M) as a long distance through traffic alternative to the M25. The Chichester Deserves Better [PETITION](#) has now reached 3,080 – Chichester Deserves Better is now targeting 5000, so if you haven't signed the petition already please do so now.

2. SUSSEX A27 COMMUNITY UPDATE

Binsted Village Website – see what ABNC is protecting from bypass destruction

The Binsted Village website www.binsted.org has been launched – this website is a good way for all Binsted's friends to find out more about this rare place, which ABNC is seeking to protect from expressway bypass routes.

Other news and views posted since the last newsletter can be found on the [ABNC blog page](#).

Thank you for your continued support.

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