

Horror at New Bypass Video

Villagers in Binsted have launched a new film which graphically demonstrates the environmental damage which would be caused by one of the route options for the Arundel Bypass. The film shows bird song silenced and a huge swathe of unspoilt countryside destroyed or permanently blighted by the traffic noise and pollution.

“It’s a kind of horror movie”, said local artist Gilly McCadden. “People come from far and wide to enjoy the beauty and peace of Binsted. This is the longest and costliest option Highways are looking at for the A27 Arundel Bypass. Also it ruins precious natural and community assets. This option shouldn’t be on their shortlist at all.”

The drone film used in the video set, which dramatically shows the road’s potential impact, was made on the weekend of the Binsted Strawberry Fair in July. More than 1100 people came to the Fair, at which Binsted villagers and friends raised over £6500 for local charities.

“Now we are getting ready for our village Harvest Supper”, said Jo Withers, who has run the kennels in Binsted for 33 years. “It’s a traditional fair in the old flint threshing barn, with locally cooked food and folk music. All these village traditions would come to an end if the road is built through Binsted.”

The film, which can be seen on YouTube (www.arundelbypass.co.uk) superimposes the road route on aerial photos. The film concludes with a celebration of Binsted’s beauty as it is now.

“The Arundel Bypass Neighbourhood Committee is about to submit a major evidence report to Highways giving the planning reasons why it should not be ruined”, said ABNC Secretary Emma Tristram. “Over 1200 people have so far signed our petition, but these videos will help many more people understand what Sussex could be about to lose.”

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Link to 6 still images taken from playlist:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/d8f31imxacv82si/AADBt-gTkbHR-dFxEAfH8Aka?dl=0>

Playlist link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IjQ3Do8b4gs&list=PLhGN9UapkuqOLNabx68hnEkeyOjh1Nsn9>

Playlist Embed Code:

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- For more information about Binsted village see www.binsted.org
- For more information about the environment of Binsted see www.maves.org.uk & www.facebook.com/mavesarundel
- For more information about Tortington village, and its fight for survival against severance by the Binsted option or other fully offline options, see www.tortington.org.uk