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Dear Mr Phillips,

**A27 Arundel Bypass**

Walberton Parish Council would like to express its support for Arundel Bypass Neighbourhood Committee's initiative in requesting that the "Binsted Option" for the A27 Arundel Bypass should be ruled out of the current "Options Identification Stage".

In representing our parishioners in Binsted, we refer to our Neighbourhood Plan, Policy GA 7: "The Arundel Bypass is supported in principle but only when taking the route that causes the least damage to the countryside to the north of Binsted village within the Parish's boundary" The given reason is that this area "includes countryside that is cherished by parishioners for some of the most attractive and – in ecological terms – most valuable in the Parish. The policy is important for delivering on the Vision and Core Objectives and reflects Survey results and comments.

Further we concur with ABNC on the following points:

**1. Precedent at Worthing and Chichester**

Removing the Binsted Option (the route as set out by Highways Agency consultants Faber Maunsell in 2006) is consistent with the precedent established both at Worthing and Chichester that the option extending furthest into more rural areas has been removed prior to the Options Selection Stage.

**2 Support for a productive, efficient process towards improving the A27**

The consideration of the option by Highways England blights a large area of Walberton Parish. Retention of this option would make the A27 options counter-productively controversial.

**3. Evidence of impact in terms of recent Planning Policy.**

In terms of the most recently applicable planning policies, i.e. South Downs National Park's "Special Qualities (SQ's 1-7), the Binsted Option is considered to be more damaging than Option A ( the Pink/Blue route adopted by the Secretary of state as the Preferred Route n 1993).

Yours sincerely,

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