

# MP backs residents' A27 survey

THE launch of a residents' survey to support the campaign to upgrade the A27 has been welcomed by Arundel and South Downs MP Nick Herber.

The MP also revealed that a full Arundel bypass is under active consideration by the Government, while unpopular 'online' improvements to the existing A27 through the town have been ruled out.

The survey has been published by the A27 Action campaign which was launched in June by local MPs, councils and business leaders to make the case for dualling the A27 across West Sussex.

Last week Mr Herbert met with other members of the A27 Action Steering Group to review the campaign's progress and discuss next steps.

The group comprises Nick Herbert, West Sussex County Council leader Louise Goldsmith; Pieter Montyn, county council cabinet member for highways and transport; Arun District Council leader Gillian Brown and Martin Fausset, managing director of Ricardo.

The A27 Action campaign has been gathering strong support from local businesses and are now inviting local people to complete a residents' survey, which can be found on the A27 Action website, [www.A27action.co.uk](http://www.A27action.co.uk).

Last month Nick Herbert and East Worthing and Shoreham MP Tim Loughton attended a meeting held in Eastbourne with Department of Transport officials to discuss the Government's feasibility study on A27 improvements at Arundel and Worthing.

The study is being prepared by the Highways Agency and Department of Transport who confirmed that they are looking at a full 'offline' bypass of Arundel and have ruled out online improvements.

Nick Herbert has long campaigned for a full Arundel by-pass and in June invited the Transport Secretary to West Sussex to see the problems of congestion on the route.

The A27 is one of six road schemes competing for funding from a £24 billion pot of promised road infrastructure spending over the next five years.

Further announcements are expected when the Chancellor delivers his Autumn Statement on Wednesday 3 December.

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**Type of pet:** Golden Retrievers.

**Name of Pet:** LL Bean (mother), Plum (her pup).

**Age of pet:** Seven years, and three months.

**Where did you get her from?**  
A breeder of old fashioned working golden retrievers in Gloucestershire.

**How long have you had her?**  
LL Bean from eight weeks. Plum was born to LL Bean by Caesarian Section and, as I operated, I've had her since she



Nick Herbert said: "We have made great progress, and A27 upgrades including an Arundel bypass are now under active consideration, so we must continue to make the case.

"It is very encouraging that a proper 'offline' bypass of Arundel is being looked at formally, while the 'online' options through the town which had been mooted, but which would have been very unpopular and damaging, have been ruled out.

"The A27 Action residents' survey will provide useful evidence and feedback for the campaign, so I urge local people to take part."

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