

Latest News on the Arundel Bypass and ABNC Activities

A very warm welcome to all the new supporters who have joined through our website or petitions.

Blog/Website

Some of you may have seen our new Blog page on the website. Please subscribe to our Blog page by clicking on the [orange button to subscribe to the RSS feed](#). Subscribing will make it easier for you to see when there are new blogs for you to look at, by clicking on the 'RSS feed' button under your Favourites, without having to keep revisiting the website to check. If you would like to write a blog relating to our villages and/or the Bypass then please send them to us. We look forward to hearing from you.

We are also redesigning our website to be more intuitive and to come up nearer the top of the list on google searches and other search engines. To help achieve that, we have put the website on to the new domain www.arundelbypass.co.uk which after a few weeks should come high up when anyone searches for "Arundel bypass". The more often we all visit and use the website, the higher up the search pages it will come, and the more supporters and influence we will get. More details will follow in our next newsletter.

Feasibility Report - **BE PREPARED**

In December last year, the government announced the funding for the Arundel Bypass and said that there would be a Consultation with the pink/blue route (Option A) as the starting point.

We still await the Report on the 2014 A27 Feasibility Study which should have been released in January this year. ABNC correspondence since December indicates that there are 3 options under consideration which may still include the highly damaging Option B.

If the Bypass goes ahead, the construction is tentatively scheduled for the end of Road Phase 1 (2019/2020) which is a short timescale – in other words the Consultation Phase and Public Inquiry are likely to be fast tracked after the May election **and we may need to act fast**.

Ecological Surveys

These will be undertaken by Arun Valley Ecological Surveys ("AVES"), whose aim is to understand, gather and present ecological evidence for the impact of the off-line Arundel bypass routes. ABNC (and Arundel SCATE) will be liaising closely with AVES and will be publishing their news, updates and reports on the website. Are any of you or, do you know any experts in fauna and flora who would give their time to assist? If so, please let us know.

Due to the importance and expert nature of this work, AVES will be briefing an ecological consultant to co-ordinate the ecologists, collate the data and generate a report which will be available in the public domain, to be used as evidence for the Arundel Bypass but also as a valuable history/record of the environment round our villages. It is anticipated that the cost for this will be in the region of £3,000 - £5,000 and although AVES is applying for local grants, there will inevitably be a shortfall. AVES would be most grateful if any of you (personally or as a business) would like to send a donation for this work; you will be given acknowledgment on ABNC's website unless you would prefer to remain anonymous. Please contact us for payment details.

More details in our next newsletter.

Origins of SDNP boundary south of the A27

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Please read the excellent blog “The True History of the National Park Boundary at Arundel” on our blog page. It shows that commonly held beliefs maintained and stated by local politicians, councillors and DfT officials , that ‘anti-road campaigners’ got the area south of the A27 at Arundel included in the National Park, are inaccurate.

Strawberry Fair

A date for your diaries: the 2015 Strawberry Fair will be 19 July. All proceeds go to locally chosen charities and Binsted Church Repairs. More details will be circulated nearer the time.

Thank you for your continued support to ABNC.