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Dear All

Thank you to those who came to the ABNC meeting last Tuesday. Please find attached the minutes from the meeting which are also available on our website. Many thanks also to all who lobbied Nick Herbert MP, Councillors, the Roads Minister, and the A27 Study with the arguments against Arundel Bypass Option B through Binsted and Walberton. This achieved some results – Nick Herbert now ‘does not support’ Option B; the roads announcement does not mention it.

Roads Announcement

When the Chancellor announced £250m for the Arundel Bypass on 1 Dec, he said it would be: ‘A new dual carriageway bypass to link together the two existing dual carriageway sections of the road. The starting point will be the previous Preferred Route [Option A or the Pink/Blue route], subject to consultation with the National Park Authority, local government and the public on this, and alternative options.’ Public consultation on options for the bypass should follow, possibly not till after the election in May. We have asked (following our resolution of 21 October) for consultation to include online options.

Department for Transport A27 Feasibility Study

We are expecting the results of the A27 Feasibility Study to be published soon – possibly in January 2015. We then hope to hold another ABNC meeting, in Walberton, to discuss the impact of the Study’s recommendations on Walberton, Binsted and Tortington. We will also re-run the presentation about Options A and B, including aerial photos showing the actual width of the road, and the recently found maps used for the Archaeological Assessment of the Pink/Blue route (now Option A) in 1993. These show details of the road junctions at the A27 west of Arundel, Ford Road, and the Crossbush junction.

Website

We have updated the ABNC website to include a Media page where email links are available to local newspapers. Please continue to write letters to the press about the A27 bypass and its impact on the neighbouring villages, or to question the value of a major offline bypass, when only minor improvements are happening at Chichester, Worthing, Lancing and east of Lewes.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year, and we look forward to seeing you all in 2015.

Kind regards

Arundel Bypass Neighbourhood Committee

