

**Arundel Scate position statement on
Highways England options for the A27 Arundel Bypass**

Arundel Scate believes infrastructure measures are needed to address traffic congestion at Arundel and along the south coast. It also believes that wildlife and the landscape around Arundel and the wider area must be conserved for future generations.

Arundel Scate is wholly opposed to Option 5a and Option 3, both of which cut across sections of the South Downs National Park.

- *Option 5a will irrevocably damage historic Binsted, its lively community and its rich wildlife.*
- *Option 3 will destroy part of the most significant area of irreplaceable ancient woodland on the south coast. It exceeds the agreed budget.*
- *Both options will wipe out populations of rare and protected species and damage part of an important wetland area. Both are costly. Both will increase traffic levels in the area and exacerbate congestion issues at Chichester and Worthing. Both will seriously damage an important local amenity and businesses. We believe these options will also destroy town centre trade and attract retail and housing 'infill' development, as has happened elsewhere.*

We are encouraged to see the inclusion of Option 1, a shorter, near, offline, 40mph road, in the public consultation. The route is in alignment with the single carriageway 'New Purple' route which we have long supported, and also provides the best value for money. However, we are opposed to the dual carriageway design of Option 1 as being detrimental to the town and generating excessive traffic.

Option 1 is unacceptable in its current form. We therefore seek the adoption of the alignment of Option 1, amended to a wide single carriageway (WS2) design with improved cross-town connectivity.

We believe that final decisions should be fully evidenced on need, impacts and cost benefit.

The 'New Purple' route is a near, offline, 40MPH, wide single carriageway with enhanced connectivity and an associated package of sustainable transport elements. It resolves most traffic issues in and around Arundel, minimises impact on the natural environment and is the best value solution. See arundela27forum.org.uk for more information..

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Arundel SCATE is a group of residents and businesses from Arundel and the local area, concerned about plans for the A27. We aim to ensure that 21st century solutions are found to local transport issues for people and the countryside.

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