

# A27 Chichester Bypass Improvement Scheme

## Update – March 2016

This update is for residents and stakeholders who are interested in the A27 Chichester bypass improvement scheme. If you would like to be removed from our contact list, please reply to this email and type “unsubscribe” into the subject bar.

We are proposing options to improve a section of the A27 near Chichester. There are currently five roundabouts and one traffic signal controlled junction along this section. Congestion regularly occurs at these locations and will worsen unless traffic is managed more effectively.

This scheme aims to improve the traffic flow, relieve congestion and support economic growth in the area.

### **Public consultation on scheme options**

Our work to identify and finalise options has taken slightly longer than anticipated, and we need to undertake some further assessments in order to ensure that the options on which we will consult are sufficiently robust. We had originally planned to undertake the consultation in the next few weeks but now expect to do so in late spring/early summer.

We recognise that, going forward, we need to work much closer with West Sussex County Council and Chichester District Council and commit to doing so in the planning of the forthcoming consultation, to ensure we take their views on the overall approach, venues selected and style of presentations into account.

We have assessed a range of options, many of which have been considered during the long history of this project and we will present this context during the consultation. Our focus, in line with the expectations set out in [the Government's Road Investment Strategy \(RIS\)](#), will be on upgrading four junctions on the existing A27 and we will be consulting on a number of options and permutations.

You will still be able to give us your feedback on the final scheme options during the public consultation. We will announce the dates and details of this consultation shortly but wanted to explain the current position.

In addition to this forthcoming consultation, there will be further opportunities to have your say at a consultation on the preferred option in 2017, and during the planning application in 2018. Construction is planned to start in 2019.

### Key dates for the scheme

<b>Full public consultation on the short list of options</b>	Spring/early Summer 2016
<b>The preferred route designed in more detail</b> <b>Full statutory consultation on the preferred route</b>	2017 (dates to be confirmed)
<b>Start of works (if planning consent is granted)</b>	2018/2019
<b>Works complete and open for traffic</b>	Option dependant: 2021 - 2023

### Keep in touch

The A27 Chichester bypass improvement scheme is essential to improve traffic, safety and economic growth in the region. To find out more:

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