

Neighbours divided over need for a bypass

TWO Littlehampton businessmen based on the same industrial estate road voiced conflicting views on the need or not for an Arundel bypass at an election hustings in Arundel on Monday night.

Calling for improvements to the area's road network, Richard Goss, a director of online retailer Rinkit, said courier firms charged extra for making deliveries to and from Littlehampton because of traffic delays.

Problems travelling north from Littlehampton or south towards the town, caused by the A27 junction at Crossbush, also led to staff wanting to leave early to avoid the queues.

However Andrew Scrimgeour, managing director of AJS Labels, across Arndale Road from Rinkit, said he could not agree with a suggestion that Arundel was among the top ten areas in the UK for traffic congestion.

"I don't believe it. It wouldn't get into my top 500. I'm a businessman. I need those road links, too, but this is not the top priority," said Mr Scrimgeour, who, like Mr Goss,



Queueing traffic on the A27 at the Crossbush interchange

lives in Arundel.

The meeting, organised by Sussex CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) and transport pressure group Arundel SCATE, at St Nicholas' Church, attracted an audience of about 100 people.

All five parliamentary

candidates for the Arundel and South Downs seat took part in the debate - Peter Grace (UKIP), Nick Herbert (Conservative), Shweta Kapadia (Lib-Dem), Isabel Thurston (Green) and Christopher Wellbelove (Labour).