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'Forgotten link' road protest

LYMINSTER residents joined together outside their homes on the A284 on Friday in a protest at being the 'forgotten link' in the Lyminster Bypass plans.

Crowds, including children, turned up to take part.

Forgotten Link members live on the section of road between where the bypass is scheduled to end, and the Crossbush Roundabout, where it joins the A27.

They say they totally support the A27 Arundel bypass plan but feel the Lyminster bypass cannot go ahead unless it is in conjunction with the A27.

The bypass, due to run north from Wick to the Crossbush roundabout, will end abruptly outside of their homes, they say, with no provision made for extra traffic.

They say that there could be 3,000 extra cars a day, according to council research.

This, they maintain, will make entry and exit from their homes 'even more dangerous.'

Said a spokesperson for the group: "The road which is frequently gridlocked will be even worse and the Forgotten Link are of the opinion that a designated bypass, east of the A284 and going from the A259 Worthing road to the A27, parallel with the Angmering Bypass, would be the better long term solution."

Barney Brown, local resident and Forgotten Link member added: "The bypass is supposed to have an accompanying cycle and pedestrian path, but what happens to the cyclists and walkers when the path comes to an end and there's no way of continuing their journey onto Arundel?"

Lyminster Parish Council chairman Caroline Hariott said: "It's vital that these roads are built in conjunction with one another as our road simply can't cope with more traffic and further delays."

"This affects everyone travelling south, from Littlehampton, Wick and Lyminster who have to sit in traffic to get to the Crossbush roundabout.

"There appears to be no joined up

thinking on this project and we're deeply concerned that the effects on our end of the road haven't been seriously considered."

Another member and local teacher, Tracey Frampton said: "Children's lives are already put at risk on the existing narrow path with HGVs thundering by at speed, not to mention the pollution experienced locally when engines are 'idling' outside for long periods of time".

Maya Kelsey Wills added: "With the number of houses planned for North Littlehampton we simply don't see how the present plan will ever cope."

A WSCC survey of Crossbush residents concluded that 90% of commuters from the area worried about delays, two thirds of them were concerned about arriving late for work and missing key transport connections.

Half the residents complained of noise pollution, and many said they had experienced irritation to the nose, eyes and throat.

Pictured: Some of the protesters

