

## A27 Bypass - The Debate Continues

Paul Dendle's article last month struck a chord with some readers

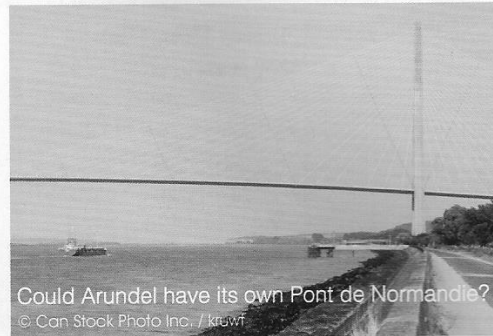
**Dear Editor** Just to complain about Paul's article in the latest edition of Sussex Local. He says...."an A29 relief road, from Bognor to Fontwell, is to be built". This is not factually correct. Arun District council has such a scheme in it's Local Plan. The Local Plan conflicts with the democratic wishes of the electors of Eastergate and Barnham regarding development in the villages, as expressed through their Neighbourhood Plan. The scheme is being actively fought against by villagers. No decision on the LP will be made before next year and a separate, additional Public Inquiry would be needed to turn 'maybe' to 'is'. In the meantime you may wish to ask Paul to get his facts right or merely state his personal preferences and perhaps print a retraction in your next issue? Yours sincerely, **Ian Truin, Barnham.**

**Paul responds:** I accept that it's only proposed, but I believe it has a high likelihood of that happening.

**Dear Editor** Mr Dendle asks for silent majority feedback on the Arundel Bypass! As a Silent Majority (SM) person my problem is that I trust Mr Dendle's lot no more on this than I do on the NHS, Education or the Banks. I could get excited about an initiative akin to the Pont de Normandie but that won't happen. So the answer is **no**. Instead, let's use a fraction of the money on a truly participative programme which promotes a fervour of 'debate and consultation on a transport policy for the area to include properly conducted surveys, research data, other forms of transport and initiatives to change behaviour. Yours sincerely, **Chris Warren-Adamson,, Warningcamp .**

**Dear Editor** We are Arundel residents, and wholly in favour of the construction of a bypass. However much one may yearn for the rural idyll, the time is past for trying to stop the growth of road traffic. For twenty years the queues either side of the Arundel bottleneck have lengthened - at huge economic cost, increase in pollution and wear/tear on drivers' nerves. This is the reality.

Moreover it is surely better to concentrate traffic on motorways than to encourage drivers to take long circuits through the countryside to avoid delays. Coming from Chichester, we now routinely drive up the A29 from Fontwell to Whiteways and down into Arundel from the north; more mileage, more petrol fumes, more noise in Houghton Forest, but at least we don't wait half an hour. Similarly,



Could Arundel have its own Pont de Normandie?  
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going towards Brighton, we loop out via Houghton, Storrington & Steyning to avoid the Worthing/Lancing crawl.

In support of Green concerns may we urge that

- (a) for every acre of land converted to motorway, two adjacent acres be compulsorily purchased and planted with indigenous trees;
- (b) underpass tunnels be made every quarter mile in the new road embankments so that humans and animals can cross underneath without anxiety.

Future generations will bless us if we do (a) and (b) now - when of course they would cost least and minimise harm to wildlife. Every generation will bless us for removing the vicious A27 bottleneck. Yours sincerely, **Rosamund and Francis Chute, Arundel.**

**Dear Editor (via email)** I favour the pink-blue route for the Arundel bypass. Can it be started soon please. The A27 is a nightmare for much of the time. Tortington common is not ancient woodland. Dualling of the existing route is a non starter as it would divide the town. Arundel is being held to ransom by these Scate people. Sorry but people come first in this instance. **Mrs Yvonne Norris.**

**Further reading and contacts**  
[www.scar-uk.co.uk/arundel.htm](http://www.scar-uk.co.uk/arundel.htm)  
[www.a27action.co.uk](http://www.a27action.co.uk)  
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