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Add to the action!

Have you been stuck in a queue of traffic on the A27? Or has your business suffered because of jams on the congested trunk road?

Perhaps you've been hanging around at home waiting for a delivery because the driver was held up in traffic, or friends have been delayed when they came to visit you.

Now businesses and residents can share their experiences and add their support to the A27 Action campaign. The County Council has joined forces with businesses, other local councils and MPs in West Sussex to upgrade the A27.

The road is notorious for being a traffic jam blackspot that affects residents and businesses right across the county, as well as thousands of visitors.

We are making the argument that improvements are vital for the prosperity and economic growth of the county and neighbouring areas.

County Council Leader Louise Goldsmith said: "We really want to encourage everyone to pledge their support. The more examples we can show of how the A27 restricts our local economy from growing, the

stronger our case to lobby the Government. We have already had a wealth of views from people, but need more. They will all help to bolster our case. I believe one solution would be a dual carriageway road from east to west. This is vital to keep businesses in West Sussex, and attract others to invest in our county."

A business case for the improvements will be prepared for the Government this autumn.

The A27 is one of six routes in England being considered for investment by the Government. This is the first step in the Government's programme which will continue into 2015.

How to tell us your views

- Visit www.a27action.co.uk to pledge your support.
- Visit A27 Action Facebook page and leave your comments.
- See page 19 for 'cut-out and post' support form.