

# **Press release: A27 Worthing and Lancing bypass plans go on show today**

Road users, business and local people are being encouraged to have their say on the proposals in an eight week public consultation, which runs until 12 September.

The proposals for Worthing and Lancing form part of the Government's investment along the A27 to increase capacity, reduce congestion and fully renew some of the busiest sections of the vital south coast road, which also includes schemes for Arundel and East of Lewes.

An overview of the A27 Worthing and Lancing improvements scheme

Highways England project manager Tom Beasley said:

The plans we're announcing today aim to increase capacity at key junctions in Worthing and Lancing to help reduce journey times and improve safety. We want to make sure the improvements we take forward are the right ones, delivering the most overall benefit and value for drivers, and people living and working in the area.

I urge anyone interested in the proposals to come along to one of the eight public information events that we're holding and to have their say on the proposals by completing the consultation survey online or by post, by Tuesday 12 September.

Highways England has considered a number of options for improving the A27 through Worthing and Lancing from junction improvements to dual carriageway schemes with flyovers. The improvements being consulted on are the ones which best meet the scheme objectives while offering value for money within the scheme's budget. The improvement being proposed by Highways England would upgrade six key junctions along the route in Worthing and Lancing.

The junctions are:

## **1. Durrington Hill/Salvington Hill:**

The existing priority junctions will be converted to a traffic signalled cross road junction.

## **2. Offington Corner Junction roundabout:**

The existing roundabout will be converted to a traffic signalled cross road junction. All approaches and some exits to be widened to accommodate extra slip roads and lanes.

### **3. Grove Lodge junction:**

The approaches would be widened to accommodate two lanes of traffic through the junction.

### **4. Lyons Farm Retail Park junctions:**

The existing junctions would be widened to accommodate more lanes, and creation of new turning arrangements at both junctions.

### **5. Busticle Lane/Halewick Lane junction:**

Provide a new junction to the west of the existing junction with access to and from Halewick Lane.

### **6. Grinstead Lane/Manor Road junction:**

Widen the existing junction approaches and convert the existing roundabout to a new traffic signal controlled junction for traffic turning from Manor Road onto the A27.

Together, these junction upgrades would provide significant extra capacity and reduce delays. Each junction would also have protected pedestrian and cycle crossing facilities, helping to link communities with side of the road.

Highways England will be holding eight information exhibitions at venues in Worthing and Lancing so that the public can examine the proposals and speak to the project team to find out more and give their feedback.

All responses will be carefully considered before an announcement is made on a preferred route later this year. Subject to a successful outcome to the consultation, people will have another opportunity to have their say once the final plans have been announced, and construction could start as early as 2020 and take around two years to complete.

Details on the proposals and feedback forms will be available online from today until 19 July to 11:45pm on 12 September 2017 at [www.highways.gov.uk/a27Worthing-and-Lancing](http://www.highways.gov.uk/a27Worthing-and-Lancing) as well as at public information events as follows:

Public information events dates and locations:

Wednesday 19 July Worthing Assembly Hall, Worthing 4pm to 8pm

Tuesday 25 July Harriet Johnson Centre, Sompting 1pm to 8pm

Saturday 29 July Impulse Leisure, Lancing 10am to 2pm

Saturday 12 August Impulse Leisure, Lancing 10am to 2pm

Tuesday 15 August Worthing Assembly Hall, Worthing 1pm to 8pm

Wednesday 16 August Harriet Johnson Centre, Sompting 1pm to 8pm

Saturday 2 September Worthing Assembly Hall, Worthing 10am to 2pm

Wednesday 6 September Manor House, The Boulevard, Worthing 2pm to 8pm

You can also find copies of the brochure and the questionnaire at the following locations throughout the consultation period (19 July to 12 September 2017), during their normal hours of opening:

- Broadwater Library, Dominion Road, Broadwater, Worthing, BN14 8JL
- Broadwater Parish Rooms 117 Broadwater Road, Worthing, BN14 8HT
- Durrington Library Salvington Road, Worthing, BN13 2JD
- Ferring Library The Street, Ferring, BN12 5HL
- Findon Valley Library Lime Tree Avenue, Findon Valley, Worthing, BN14 0DH
- Fishersgate Community Centre West Road, Portslade, BN41 1QH
- Goring Library Mulberry Lane, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, BN12 4JL
- Harriet Johnson Centre Old School House, Loose Lane, Sompting, BN15 0BG
- Lancing Library Penstone Park, Lancing, BN15 9DL
- Shoreham Library St Mary's Road, Shoreham, BN43 5ZA
- Southwick Community Association 24 Southwick Street, Southwick, BN42 4TE
- The Shoreham Centre 2 Pond Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5WU
- Worthing Library Richmond Road, Worthing, BN11 1HD

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