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A27 Arundel: Highways England put up plans for yet another major road cutting the countryside



<<< The River Arun looking towards Arundel

Over the past few years Highways England has proposed a number of optional routes to connect the existing dual carriageway East of Arundel with the dual carriageway leading west. Each one of these options would have to a greater or lesser degree had major effect on the beautiful Arun valley, Binstead ancient woodland and the small village hamlets to the south of Arundel.

SCATE worked with local groups to support the Arundel Alternative which will be the least damaging to the environment and the landscape of the valley. The proposal was to tightly hug the existing bypass after crossing the railway self of Arundel Station.

Today Thursday, 15 October we find that highways England has ignored this low-cost option and proposed a major high-level bridge crossing the river and tracking through the villages of Binstead & Tortington Whose only claim to fame is that they are a haven to wildlife and have been left untouched for hundreds of years. Now in the name of progress highways England is proposing to destroy the tranquil setting and natural wildlife of these villages in to cut a few minutes off car journey. Not only will the ancient Binstead woodland echo to the sound of heavy trucks and vehicles speeding through instead of to the call of the bird life in the area but the view south of Ireland all across the Arun river plain will be destroyed for ever

xxxx of SCATE said in reaction to this announcement "....."

SCATE will oppose this new route in the hope that the Government and Highways England will see sense and take heed of environmental leaders like Sir David Attenborough when recently in introducing his new TV programme: A Life on Our Planet when he gave a stark climate emergency warning about the continued use of fossil fuels. Chris Todd, a member of the SCATE team and director of Transport

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Action Network said "building more roads is just going to encourage more traffic and increase our CO2 emissions. The £27 billion allocated by the government for building roads should be reallocated to sustainable transport solutions....."

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About SCATE

The [South Coast Alliance for Transport & the environment \(SCATE\)](https://scate.org.uk/) network is an organisation formed of both members of the public and independent organisations who have come together with a common purpose as set out in the objectives below:

- Promote sustainable transport solutions (for personal travel and freight)
- Seek better land use, infrastructure and transport planning to reduce the need to travel and dependence on the private car
- Oppose damaging road-building schemes along the south coast corridor
- Ensure that the environment is properly valued (for its contribution to the economy and human health) and that full consideration in particular is given to impacts on landscape, biodiversity and climate change in all decision making.

The SCATE network includes following independent organisations South Downs Society, Sussex Wildlife Trust, Transport Futures East Sussex, Brighton & Hove Friends of the Earth, CPRE Hampshire, CPRE Sussex, Sussex Wildlife Trust and many more. For a detailed list go to: <https://scate.org.uk/about-us/member-groups/>

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