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Time to tell

National Highways



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**B - Be clear**

**C - Challenge**





## Dear friend and supporter

National Highways are only consulting you up till 8th March. Please help stop them getting away with spending around £500M of our money on their climate-, ecology-, heritage- and communities-busting 8km new road.

### IF YOU CAN SPARE 2 MINUTES

Please tell them NO!, and show the politicians that this is a vote-loser! All it takes is emailing [A27ArundelBypass@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A27ArundelBypass@highwaysengland.co.uk) , to say you object to the scheme and some reasons why, and your name and address or at least your postcode, is a really important contribution.

### IF YOU CAN SPARE 10 MINUTES

National Highways have to analyse and respond to any reasons given for objecting. The more reasons you can give, and the more challenging questions you can ask, the better. We have made this easy for you with a bespoke webpage, [How to Respond: a Step by Step Guide, on www.arundelbypass.co.uk/consultation-2022](http://www.arundelbypass.co.uk/consultation-2022) .

THANK YOU!

- *From the Stop the Arundel Bypass Campaign:*
  - Arundel Bypass Neighbourhood Committee
    - Arundel SCATE
  - Walberton Friends & Neighbours
  - Walberton Highways Working Group
  - Tortington Local Community

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**Please also keep promoting our Petition in your networks:**

[www.arundelbypass.co.uk/petition](http://www.arundelbypass.co.uk/petition)

Thanks to you we are heading rapidly towards our next signatures target of 6000! Let's see if we can make it 10,000. The petition asks decision-makers to:

1. **REJECT** the Grey route for the Arundel bypass which severs the Arun valley watermeadows, Tortington and Binsted and Walberton villages, our beautiful countryside and rural heritage.
2. **RECOMMEND** that another option, less damaging to countryside and villages, should be preferred by the Department for Transport: the Arundel Alternative, a short, wide-single carriageway bypass. The Arundel Alternative provides all we need to keep traffic sufficiently moving - and it doesn't cost the earth.

**Whether you are in favour of the modest, lower-impact Arundel Alternative solution, as most concerned environmental organizations are, or whether you would prefer to see no road-building at all at this time: to prevent the Grey Route being approved by default it is may well in the end be necessary to show that there is an Alternative. More about the Arundel Alternative, twhich would ease the congestion without causing more traffic and hence more carbon emissions, and without ruining our beautiful countryside, is on**

[www.arundelalternative.org](http://www.arundelalternative.org).

## More about Grey

All on our website [www.arundelbypass.co.uk](http://www.arundelbypass.co.uk)

### Here are some Grey Route facts in brief:

**What it is:** 8km of new four-lane dual carriageway through watermeadows, wetland valley and village landscapes.

**How many people said they wanted it, in the 2019 consultation?** Only 7% of the public, and no local authorities, no statutory consultees, no environmental organisations.

**What's the benefit?** Theoretically 6-11 mins saving for vehicles on this stretch but will make congestion worse at Worthing, Fontwell and Chichester.

**What's the cost?** Over budget at £320-455M, so likely to cost half a billion plus

**What about the environment and wildlife?** Grey destroys and separates habitats and corridors. Woodlands where bats roost are separated from wetlands where they feed - there are 14 species of bats criss-crossing the route. Dormice nest and feed in ancient hedgerows and other habitats across the route; severed populations are at risk of local extinction. Wild species from badgers to water voles are threatened by Grey

**What about climate change and air pollution?** Grey makes climate change worse for the climate in construction, as the longest route, and worse for the climate in use, as it encourages people to journey more and faster. In a few



localities Highways England claim relief of air pollution, but this would add more to air pollution elsewhere.

**What about impacts on local people?** The new road brings noise and pollution within 150m of Walberton's primary school. Rat-running traffic through Walberton village will increase enormously, with peak times coinciding with when children are walking to and from school. Residents in the ancient villages of Tortington, Binsted and Walberton and surrounding villages will suffer, with homes lost or blighted, and their landscape beloved of walkers and cyclists ruined by noise and pollution.

**What happens next?** After this Statutory Consultation, National Highways want to apply to the Planning Inspectorate for a Development Consent Order. They are hoping to start the 3-year construction works in the first half of 2024. We have time to stop them. We will push for a permanent end to this threat with a much more moderate solution to the congestion at Arundel - [the Arundel Alternative](#).

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**Together we can prevent the environmental, community and climate disaster of the new major road-building program, including the proposed dual carriageway A27 Arundel bypass through precious ancient countryside.**

**THANK YOU.**

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Details of the Arundel Alternative are on  
**[www.ArundelAlternative.org](http://www.ArundelAlternative.org)**



## The Grey Route & the Arundel Alternative



**Above: the routes.**

**Below: View from the Tortington Oak to Arundel.**

**The Grey Route would wreck this area, and the lovely Arundel watermeadows south of the castle.**



**Below: View across the Rife Valley to Binsted's 12th-century church, whose peace and life the Grey Route would destroy.**



# Arundel Bypass Grey Route



## Thank you

**Your support means a lot to us. We will keep you informed about facts, developments, actions, demonstrations.**

**We are fighting to protect Arundel's amazing countryside, and to improve Arundel's traffic flow sustainably, so we can pass a better world to future generations.**

**ABNC has been campaigning since the 1980s to protect our important landscapes in Binsted and more widely in Arun District.**

[Click here to view information and videos on our website.](#)

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Please share the link [www.ipetitions.com/petition/a27-arundel-bypass](http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/a27-arundel-bypass) to help save our villages and countryside.



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