

Welcome to the A27 East of Lewes public consultation

Thank you for coming.

We would like to hear your views about our proposals for the A27 East of Lewes.

Today we are showing you the early designs for a series of possible improvement measures for the A27 between Lewes and Polegate. Please tell us what you think by filling in a questionnaire.

Staff from Highways England are here to answer your questions.



Introduction

This section of the A27 has long-standing issues around safety and road capacity, impacting the community and local businesses.

A number of studies have been carried out over the years and, although we understand that many people would like to see a major new bypass to the north of the A27, the studies indicate that a range of smaller scale improvements will provide short to medium term improvements and will achieve the scheme objectives while providing the best value for money and the least environmental impact. Future studies will look at longer term investment on the route.

Scheme objectives are:

- Improving journey time and reliability
- Supporting walking, cycling and other non-car travel
- Improving safety
- Reducing community severance
- Minimising environmental impact
- Respecting the South Downs National Park's special qualities

Constraints

Two significant features limit what can be done:

- The A27 runs through and alongside the boundary of the South Downs National Park, which is an area protected for its landscape value.
- The proximity of the Coastway railway, which runs parallel with the A27 to the north.

Environmental constraints also need to be taken into account, including:

- Sites of Special Scientific Interest; a Special Area of Conservation and Ramsar site near Polegate (wetlands of international importance designated under the Ramsar Convention) and national and local nature reserves.
- Listed buildings and scheduled monuments.
- Flooding issues along the route, particularly at the eastern and western ends.
- 12 'noise important areas' on the A27 and surrounding roads, where existing noise levels are already an issue.

Benefits for the area

Benefits for the area are:

■ Reduce delays

■ Enhance sustainable transport links

■ Increase road capacity

■ Improve safety

■ Post-decision

■ Encourage tourism

Have your say

Your feedback will help shape our proposals.



Please tell us what you think about the designs you have seen today by filling in a questionnaire.

You can also complete a consultation questionnaire online at:

www.highways.gov.uk/A27EastofLewes

The consultation runs between:
27 October and 8 December 2016

Please respond to the consultation by:
11:59pm on 8 December 2016

Thank you for giving us your views.

We aim to announce the preferred options in summer 2017 when there will be another opportunity to have your say before final decisions are made.