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Dear Mr Delbridge,

Thank you for your email and apologies for the delay in replying. We have answered your questions below. We don't have all the information at this stage due to the early nature of the project but further information will be available by the time we get to public consultation in summer 2017.

Kind regards,

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Dear Cllr Wye,

QUESTIONS AFTER THE 28 OCTOPBER PUBLIC MEETING

You kindly offered to arrange to obtain answers to questions which could not be answered during the public meeting about changes to the A27 held at the Worthing Pavilion Theatre on Friday 28 October. Please find below the questions which I would like responses for. In the interests of wider communication and transparency, my intention is to share the answers publicly through the www.bypassnota27throughpass.org website.

Timing

- What is the date that Highways England will make available the options that they will start their public consultation upon? **We don't have a date confirmed yet but it will be in the summer of 2017**

Funding / Costs

- What is the cost of the relief route we have proposed (leaving the existing A27 to go via Long Furlong – A24 Washington- Steyning route to Shoreham Flyover to rejoin the existing A27)? **The relief route is not within the scope of the project and therefore the costs are not known.**
- Why do our MPs keep saying there isn't enough money for dualling in Worthing and then say they can obtain further funding if required? Surely this means we can only trust that dualling is off when Highways England formally remove it from the list of options?
- Why or how was funding made available for a bypass on the two previous attempts to resolve the A27 in Worthing, but not this time around? **The A27 Corridor Feasibility study provided evidence for the scheme and associated funding.**

- How is it that funding for a bypass was made available for Shoreham & Brighton, and yet not being made available for Worthing? **The A27 Corridor Feasibility study provided evidence for the scheme and associated funding.**
- As there are reports the chancellor will release more money for transport infrastructure in the Autumn Statement, do you think the A27 will see any of it?

Construction

- Before anyone plans ANY works on the current A27, where will the displaced traffic go and how will it not totally gridlock Worthing? **Construction plans will be developed once we have a finalised scheme options. The plans will be designed to minimise disruption during construction.**
- When Offington Corner has work done on it, where will the North / South and East / West traffic be diverted via since that junction is between the A24 and the A27? **Construction plans will be developed once we have a finalised scheme options. The plans will be designed to minimise disruption during construction.**

General

- When are Highways England going to take Dualling OFF their list and website? **The website has been recently updated: <http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/a27-worthing-and-lancing-improvement/#roadworks> the Road Investment Strategy (RIS) required us to look at the option of full dualling which is why it appears on the website as a direct quote from the RIS.**
- It is clear that the relief route (Long Furlong – A24 Washington- Steyning route to Shoreham Flyover) proposed could be created easily and deliver better strategic benefits, better emergency routes when required and solve current problems, why are our MPs not getting that investigated?
- The A27 through Worthing has been dismissed for improvements 3 times. Nothing about Worthing has changed, so why are we seeing our taxes wasted looking at it again? Why isn't a bypass or relief route being costed, it's probably cheaper and better strategically? **The A27 Corridor Feasibility study provided evidence for the scheme.**
- Why don't our MPs support the needs of people in North Worthing, we need a bypass not losing our homes. We will lose our homes as we know them if the speed limit is raised?
- Why haven't our MPs got the Department of Transport Road Investment Strategy revised to include a bypass? At least one of you listed for the election that they would carry on working for a bypass, as it is Highways England are held off the obvious best option by red tape that is not from Brussels. **A bypass option is not being considered as this is outside the scope outlined by the Department for Transport's Road Investment Strategy. Highways England extract.**
- If the speed limit is raised to 50mph or more, what rules for joining and leaving the road will be imposed and how many drives will be excluded access? **Design work is still underway and it isn't possible to answer this question at this time.**
- If the speed limit is raised to 50mph or more, how much land will be needed either side of the road for trees to achieve noise attenuation or will Worthing be subject to miles of

3metre high fencing? Design work is still underway and it isn't possible to answer this question at this time.

- Have any of the options as defined within the Parsons Brinkerhoff stage 3 report been removed from being presented to residents in 2017 and if so what are they? The Feasibility Study reports informed the RIS. Only options within our budget range of £50-100m will be presented during the public consultation.
- Have any new options been considered since the publication of the Parsons Brinkerhoff stage 3 report and if so what are they? Design work is still underway and it isn't possible to answer this question at this time.
- Has a feasibility study been carried out on the bypass option using existing roads A280, A24 and A283? No this is outside the scope of the current work.
- Have the Highways England published increase in traffic figures from the improvements to the A27 at Chichester and Arundel been taken into account when considering the improvements to pinch points in Worthing and if so how long is it estimated until the traffic figures exceed the numbers that the roads are designed for? The traffic modelling takes into account the improvements at Arundel and Chichester.
- What time frame has been used when considering all options to 'improve' the A27 through Worthing until the traffic numbers get back to a level that requires further 'improvements'? The design and modelling work is still underway and it isn't possible to answer this question at this time.
- Worthing's main Northern Road out of town is the A24 which happens to share a section of the A27 between the Offington roundabout and Grove Lodge and then heads north up Findon Valley. What plans are there for this important road alongside the A27? Brighton's A23 is dual carriageway from its junction with the A27. The A24 is not within the scope of the scheme. Options to improve the A27 between Offington and Grove Lodge will be presented at the public consultation.
- If there are no flyovers or tunnels at any of the junctions and the idea is to remove congestion at those pinch points, then priority has to be given to through traffic. What do people do at Grinstead Lane, Busticle Lane, Sompting Road, Broadwater Street West and Offington Lane / Findon Road? The design work is still underway. The designs will take account of traffic from the roads listed above.

Environment

- Do you have the present air pollution levels along the A27 route and if so can you confirm them? Air quality levels will be detailed in the environmental report that is currently being produced and will be available during the public consultation.
- Has the increase in air pollution been taken into account when considering the improvements to the pinch points through Worthing, after having added the increase in the volumes of traffic expected from the improvements at Chichester and Arundel and Worthing when cars and lorries presently using Long Furlong change to use the A27? The environmental work takes into account Arundel and Chichester.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely

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