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A27 CHICHESTER IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

We have discussed how best to take forward the A27 Chichester improvement scheme. Highways England has quite rightly been taking forward the scheme, as set out in the Road Investment Strategy, to upgrade four junctions along the existing route south of Chichester and undertook a consultation last summer.

I have considered all the representations and understand that this is a controversial scheme. The support and funding contribution by the local authorities are both vital to its successful delivery. After the withdrawal of support by the local councils for the shortlisted options and significant local campaigns, I am cancelling this scheme.

The delivery of the A27 Arundel Bypass should proceed as planned.

For transparency, I suggest that Highways England publish the findings of the consultation and an Executive Summary of the Scheme Assessment Report for the work undertaken.

I am copying this to the local Members of Parliament and leaders of the local authorities.

With best wishes

Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP

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