

## A27 Working Group Minutes 14/09/2017

### **Attendees:**

Martin Hinchcliffe (OPRA)  
John Hughes (A27 Cote)  
David Clark (Worthing Society)  
Chris Coopey (Worthing & Adur Chamber of Commerce)  
Tina Tilley (Worthing & Adur Chamber of Commerce)  
Bryan Turner (WSCC)  
Tony Nicklen (Sompting PC)  
Sue Jelliss (UKIP)  
Sir Peter Bottomley (MP)  
Adrian Greaney (Ricardo)  
Tom Wye (Chair)  
Dan Humphries (WBC)  
Ann Swain (Small Business)  
Doris Martin (Sub Lib Dem)  
Maggie Winter (FVRA)  
Christopher Normand (HSRA Sub)  
David Stevenson (NLCA)  
Mike Tristram (SARG)  
Stephen Cranford (Resident)  
Mark Milling (Lancing College)  
Jim Deen (Labour)

### **Apologies:**

Tim Loughton, Peter Webb, Mandy Bridson, James Humphries, Andrew Swayne, David Carter, Geoff Edwards and Brian Boggis - SMS received from Peter Bottomley that he would be arriving late due to traffic.

Minutes from July accepted

### **Response to HE**

- Tim Laughton- Happy with analysis and to reject outright will worsen situation. Work out grade separation options. Agreed with Steven Cranford & Peter Bottomley to sit down with HE to work out how to increase Worthing rating to qualify for more investment.
- Steven Cranford has had no response from HE yet on his technical questions.
- Andrew Swayne- use objective approach. Fund option 2 if possible.
- Response to be agreed tonight as submission required tomorrow lunchtime.
- Draft sent out last week. Consensus to edit draft from Tom Wye.
- Dan Humphries- we should be firm & emotive
- David Clark- Worthing Soc takes different view, to be constructive in criticism. Room for improvement in scope but it is a starting point. Basis for going forward. Given budget and conditions, position is reasonable and we should try to influence rather than reject outright.
- David Stevenson- 3 minute assertion irrelevant. Style and character of response is good
- Mark Milling- Objective response is best
- WSCC response not yet sent

### **Editing of Draft:**

- John Hughes- HE figures include A24 & A27 at overlap point. Phone data not included
- Amendments to first, second paragraphs agreed.
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- Christopher Normand- add comment that Durrington/High Salvington small road is used as rat run. Inclusion of traffic lights will make rat run worse. Peter Bottomley emphasized this point.
- Mike Tristram- Lack of evidence from HE and local investigation needs to be challenged- add in sentence.
- Mark Milling- shame that stretch between Manor & Sussex Pad is excluded
- Dan Humphries- Have not considered holistic approach to A27
- John Hughes- Southampton HGV traffic could potentially be routed via M27/M23 to avoid M25 congestion
- 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph Worthing & Adur- Stephen Cranford clarified that 11 hour period of delays is between 7am-6pm
- Tony Nicklen- concern about Hill Barn footpath crossings
- Offington Corner Roundabout- additional lanes would just increase parking spaces. Little consideration for pedestrian crossing- 2 stage becomes 6 stage!

#### **Grove Lodge Section:**

- Tony Nicklen- proposals try to solve a problem which doesn't exist
- Martin Hinchcliffe- will there be a new rat run to avoid Grove Lodge. Steven Cranford response- benefit to A27 will far outweigh local impact (holistic approach)
- Maggie Winter- pedestrian access to Worthing College. West Sussex Highways (and many others) would support a pedestrianised footbridge
- Compare to Polegate lights which were added then removed less than a year later at the cost of £600k.

#### **Lyons Farm Section:**

- Maggie Winter- HE have not discussed with Lyons Farm estate to explore possibility of improving flow between estate & A27
- Effect of prohibiting right turn into Sompting would direct HGVs from industrial estates around surrounding local roads
- Martin Hinchcliffe- Some residents & their associations would be against grade separation due to construction time and local impact
- John Hughes- locals fed up with current noise, disruption & associated stress

#### **Hill Barn Section:**

- Proposal creates more problems than it causes
- Tony Nicklen – traffic improved from a parish perspective
- Speed limit reduction of Sompting bypass from 70 to 40mph should be considered to reduce queueing at each end, and improve pedestrian safety at crossing points

#### **Manor Roundabout Section:**

- Stephen Cranford – disproportionate delays caused by Sussex Pad. This junction should be included as well. Timing is not proportionate given east-west/north-south traffic.
- Mark Milling redrafted “It’s a real shame...” paragraph to go in introduction
- David Stevenson- encroachment into cricket pitch. HE have agreed to replace any land lost
- Potential extension of HE deadline to 19<sup>th</sup> September
- Mike Tristram- U-turn capacity not clear in proposals, which is very important in both directions to avoid long detours

#### **Delays & Cost to Business Section:**

- Emphasise that Grove Lodge is a case study and could be replicated at the other junctions

#### **Conclusions:**

- Happy with paragraphs 1, 2 & 3.
- Strategic proposal must include traffic estimates for future retail (IKEA) & residential developments and growth.
- Pollution impact will worsen with additional traffic lights & idling/start-stop

#### **Recommendations:**

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**AOB**

- Martin Hinchcliffe response from HE on north bypass via A280/A24/A283- construction, land, supervision costs estimated between £341m-£511m and all benefits £129m. CBR of 0.3, needs to be much higher to be worthwhile. Stephen Cranford to query the methods and figures used at the upcoming HE meeting
- Thanks given to everyone & Ricardo

No date set for future meeting yet, but one fortnight's notice will be given