

## Worthing and Lancing A27 Working Group

### Summary notes of Meeting 3 held at Ricardo on 4 Feb 2016

#### Present

| Name                   | Representing                    |  | Name               | Representing            |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Cllr Tom Wye           | Chair                           |  | Peter Phillips     | Highways England        |
| Sir Peter Bottomley MP | Worthing West                   |  | Abi Oluwande       | Highways England        |
| Tim Loughton MP        | Shoreham and East Worthing      |  | Cllr Dan Humphries | Worthing Borough        |
| Tina Tilley            | A&W Chamber of Commerce         |  | Andrew Swayne      | Ricardo                 |
| Geoff Edwards          | B&W                             |  | Trevor Constable   | FSB                     |
| David Stevenson        | North Lancing Town              |  | Helen Silman       | High Salvington RA      |
| David Carter           | ETI                             |  | David Sumner       | Worthing Society        |
| Jim Deen               | Labour Party                    |  | Maggie Winter      | Findon Valley RA        |
| Chris Spratt           | Worthing Town Centre Initiative |  | Chris Servants     | Sompting Parish Council |
| Lance Allen            | Equinity                        |  | Martin Hinchcliffe | NTL                     |
| Mike Tristram          | SARG                            |  | John Hughes        |                         |
| Mandy Bridson          | Lancing Business Park           |  | John Hollington    | Lancing Parish Council  |

#### Apologies (or substituted)

| Name               | Representing          |  | Name              | Representing    |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------|-----------------|
| Cllr Norah Fisher  | Lib Dem Party         |  | Cllr Bryan Turner | WSSC            |
| Cllr Charles James | UKIP                  |  | Graham Hayward +  | B&W             |
| Damian Pulford +   | Lancing Business Park |  | Peter Bennett     | Bennett Griffin |
| Peter Webb +       | ETI                   |  |                   |                 |

+ Substitute attended

#### Also invited (no apologies)

| Name               | Representing |  | Name           | Representing |
|--------------------|--------------|--|----------------|--------------|
| James Doyle        | Green Party  |  | Iain Flitcroft | Manhattan    |
| Mike Punter        | Parafix      |  | Stephen Gee    | PB world     |
| John Haffenden     | AWBP         |  | Peter Rogers   |              |
| Cllr Pat Beresford | Adur Council |  |                |              |

It should be noted there was a clash with a Council meeting

#### Minutes of previous meeting – 8 October 2015

Agreed with no amendments

## **Actions from previous meetings**

Non-attendance – reminder about names list on time and no late substitutes (security and catering issues for hosts)

No other open issues that were not covered in main agenda items

## **Highways England (HE) presentation – discussion points**

### Change from HA to HE

- No practical change on the ground – change is internal re governance
- Now have indicative 5 year maintenance plans – helps with large schemes (capital and maintenance) supports continuity in government changes.

### A27 background

- Feasibility study led to:
- 2013 spending review decision led to:
- Road Investment Strategy part 2 (Peter Phillips will lead on this locally) – 2021-2026
- HE Project Objectives:
  - Reducing travel time and improving journey time reliability in the key hotspot areas;
  - Reducing severance and pollution impacts
  - Enabling local planning authorities to manage the impact of planned growth and in doing so support the wider economy
  - Providing safer roads which are resilient to delay and which are able to adequately cater for the impacts of adverse weather
  - Minimising impacts on the natural environment and optimising environmental opportunities and mitigation
  - Providing opportunities for improved accessibility for all users
- Note traffic flow exceeds current capacity – the road is already over loaded

### HE Process

- Dates are on HE slides – 7 phases
- We are early in phase 1 – options identification – Nov 15 for 12 months
  - Discounted - £3bn – tunnel (expensive and not good on benefits)
  - Discounted - On track to north – monument and environmental issues
  - On line – indicative budget £100m – focus for options phase (may need extra for CPO)
  - High level design at this stage
  - Slides show detailed phasing of steps
- Current time is for generics (specifics are for phase 2)
- Phase 2 – options selection (measurement of local users and though traffic are key inputs) Nov 16 – July 17, with consultations spring 2017, ending in preferred route late summer 2017
- Road will not be an “Express Way” (as defined by HE and DfT)
- Speed limit – ideal would be 70mph – very unrealistic – best might be 50mph (will need careful design) Noise level consideration.

- Dual carriageway is an objective – form is not yet known, but would need widening, even on some parts currently dualled
- Side road access and SDNP – objective is less severance – junctions and design to avoid road interaction whilst crossing
- Non-motorised users – parallel cycle ways – work with SDNP
- Reduce diversion through SDNP and to A259
- CPO – concerns noted
  - Cannot be clear until preferred option stage – general guidance only
  - Specific short term cases – special cases to Peter Phillips
  - Where do Blight Notices fit (re special cases)?

#### Q&A – rough notes

- A280/A283 – not in the plan (WSCC roads) – partial by-pass route, less junctions, less blight? – it has not come up via route strategy, not in HE remit, maybe needs to be covered in Development Consent Order (DCO) – why not include Storrington and Whiteways Lodge – please include in review
- Sir Peter - Need to have wider set of residents groups to give wider set of inputs and get whole community review
- Get 1990 Inspector report on line (ruled out Downs) – **Action Cllr Wye**
- What is impact of housing loss and how will these be replaced? (is it an addition to local plan’s objectively assess housing need?)
- Most traffic wants to get into/ out of Worthing (more of this than through traffic) – very important design input
- Must avoid a bad compromise which causes more severance
- What about original cut and cover design
- Lower speed considered now, road should be narrower than 1990 solution (express way specification implied in 1990 approach) – HE to update
- Traffic flow data to be shared (destinations not at this stage – analysis yet to be done)
- DfT Road Investment Strategy 1 – [link to document](#) – gives a view on aspiration – on track is clearly the focus
- General view is that all A27 (in Sussex) needs to be same standard for smooth flow (not express way) – we believe long distance is a small element compared with in and out of towns and between towns – data needed **Action HE**
- Reminder - Chichester is in an earlier funding round
- 3 parts in West Sussex are not linked for funding
- Please can relevant best practice in other areas across UK be shared (as well as what does not work), but most things are unique – **Action HE**
- Mobile phone data can be used for journey analysis (its anonymised), few on road surveys needed
- What happened to A27 air crash traffic data? – numbers stayed away due to wide publicity (not valid) – the one day on ground survey was in some ways much more realistic
- What is the congestion mitigation plan during construction – allowed longer construction period as part of management plan – detail comes later
- Note air crash is an air accident (not a road accident, so will not be in road accident data)
- Not including key stakeholders – e.g. hospital, local businesses – more engagement needed **Action HE**

- How do we deal with scepticism and lack of events when engaging people – need to do more dissemination – round the table to action **Action MPs + Leaders to coordinate**
- How feasible is dualling approach – there is a solution (80% confident) – not yet sure if it will fit budget (Lyons Farm and Grove Lodge are challenges). Tim Loughton – if more budget is needed – apply political pressure (with business case) **Action HE to brief MPs**
- When is it beyond being stopped? – phase 6 start? Probability of it happening goes up after preferred route (phase 3) – note DCO is in phase 4
- Why is stage 4 so long? (Tim Loughton) - need to apply pressure to shorten **Action MPs, Leaders, A Swayne**
- Air quality – smooth traffic flow is key, also noise and its impact on speed limit are important
- Chichester – what if there is an impact from northern route express way in traffic volume – HE believe it will not increase – its about journey time
- Have junction improvements been considered (without full dualling) – some flyovers or underpasses can be considered
- Action points – **HE will send packet of information** – around a week, **Cllr Wye** to share with minutes

#### **Resident's association points**

- Terms of reference – make recommendations etc – when do they apply – Nov 16 onwards (not yet) – point now clarified
- County council – councillors should be engaging with residents groups (Cllr Bryan Turner was double booked this evening) – should Leaders lead this?
- Most other points were covered by HE in their presentation and discussion
- Need membership list including who they represent, with minutes **Action A Swayne** (complete - see above)

#### **AOB**

- Minutes secretary needed – **MPs**
- Members not attending – suggest individuals who no show or don't delegate for 3 meetings are no longer invited (organisations to find an alternative) - agreed

#### **Next meeting**

- 19 May 2016 - 1900 at Ricardo
- Apologies and substitutes to Cllr Wye by noon 16 May

#### **Append**

- Updated HE presentation + any other available data (**HE**)
- Link to RIS1 - included above
- GBEB devolution A3 sheet (**A Swayne**)