



## Walberton Parish Council questions to Highways England Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### Glossary

HE – Highways England

DCO – Development Consent Order

WSCC – West Sussex County Council

SDNP – South Downs National Park

1. Do the Environmental Assessments take into account the Community Play Centre at Walberton and Walberton playing field with its cricket nets and football pitch, and Walberton and Binsted School? All of these are within 200 metres.
  - a. With childcare facilities being within the construction dust zone, will there be compensation or mitigation for temporary relocation?
2. Our land is open air community space for exercise, games and recreation. Considering the detrimental impact the proposed Grey route will have on the continued enjoyment of this land has HE considered compensation for us?
3. Can HE confirm that they have carried out noise and pollution studies on the specific impacts the proposed Grey route will have on our land, business, amenities and users?

As far as we are aware, we can only find two receptors on Yapton Lane, neither of which are within 200 metres of any of the locations we are talking about.

- a. Do they include night-time noise assessments?
  - b. Air quality and noise measurement - monitoring equipment permanent – we would like installations near the School and childcare facilities and Binsted Church. Will this be possible?
  - c. Are HE planning a per property mitigation for air quality and noise protection?
  - d. Will you be providing acoustic road surfacing for the A27 not only in our parish, but preferably for the whole route?
  - e. Will you be complying with the Parish and SDNP Dark Skies policies as standard?
  - f. HGVs: Will you agree to access-only restrictions for The Street, our conservation areas, Arundel Road, and West Walberton and Eastergate Lanes?
4. Is there a backup plan should Grey fail to get consent?
5. Did HE take in to account the consented and under way developments now to be blighted and some purchased by HE of 175 houses at Avisford Grange and an additional 8 at Fontwell?
  - a. And that includes Fontwell where I understand you sent the landowner letter to a previous owner?

6. What communication has HE had with WSCC regarding the proximity of the primary school to the proposed route?
7. Before the statutory enquiry, will HE be giving the public new, accurate data from traffic models, environmental surveys and costings?
8. Does the published budget, well in excess of that initially stated, include sufficient allowances for mitigation and compensation, particularly relating to the new housing
9. One of the most popular events of the year is Bonfire Night with a big firework display on our playing field. This is the biggest annual fundraiser for the Village Hall. Will this still be permitted near to the A27?
10. For Grey, the cost of £425 million potentially, the higher figure is unlikely to be the final cost. How far is value for money (and accountability for public money) a key factor in HE's decision-making?
11. We have had questions from our residents about the treatment of them. We wonder if you can please clarify the point about them being provided with temporary accommodation?
12. Can you confirm that the SDNPA are objecting to Grey on the grounds the area around the park is just as important as the park?
13. In 2017 HE had an earlier version of 5B which is in effect what Grey is, which was far less intrusive to half of our parish. The road was in a cutting between Tortington Rife before approaching St Mary's Church, Binsted (still in a cutting) before crossing Binsted Rife on an embankment. What we now have is a 5BV1 traversing Binsted at existing ground level, creating more noise, light pollution, being more visually intrusive and shooting past St Mary's at eye level on a viaduct. Why did HE ditch 5B from 2017?
14. Should Grey go ahead our opinion is that we would want to see as much as possible underground, out of sight and out of hearing. There is also an opportunity for carbon harvesting. Will this be considered by HE?
15. Will the route adhere to the standards of Full National quality for Air and Noise in respect to Schools, Church and homes?
16. Timeline. We know that the DCO is planned to be submitted I think in 2022. We looked at the announcement and on p11 you give some basic information. Are you able to give us an idea of some approximate timelines as in when you expect to be consulting with Arun and West Sussex on a Local Impact Report?
  - a. Would the same thing apply to the next consultation stage?
  - b. So the Local Impact Report will need to be done prior to that?
17. Can you confirm, that in any design tweaks, there will be no slip roads on or off the A27 into Walberton or Binsted as these will mean an increase in rat running and speeding through our villages?
  - a. At the moment from what we can see there is only an overbridge in Binsted; there's one coming south on Tye Lane that joins?

18. We don't want Grey. However, in the design of the route, are there any possibilities for us to feed back comments to you? If so, how?
19. After the previous 5A announcement, two people from HE did come and meet PCs and discussed our concerns and when Magenta being the replacement was put forward you had actually taken notice of some of our requests. And we would like, despite the fact that we don't want Grey, we would like to ensure that if we are, if you pardon me, lumbered with it that we can actually try and influence the design?
20. When will we know who the point of contact is? Can you give us an idea when you will be able to give us our Key Contact's name?
21. In terms of Q4, which was is there a backup plan if Grey should fail to consent, can you just reconfirm I think what your answer was?
22. Are you able to confirm when we will get our written answers?
  - a. Do you think we might get those before Christmas?
23. Your standard response time is within 30 days, isn't it?

Sent by email following call - 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020