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A27 Arundel Bypass Scheme

Title:	Walberton Parish Council Meeting with Highways England		
Date:	28 April 2021	Time:	14:30-16:00
		Location:	MS Teams Meeting
Attendees:	<p>Suzanne Clark (SC) – Chair, Walberton Parish Council Andrew Ratcliffe (AR) – Vice Chair, Walberton Parish Council Andrew Vawer (AV) - Walberton Parish Council Andrew Jackson (AJ) – Highways England (HE) ██████████ – Highways England ██████████ – Highways England ██████████ – Highways England ██████████ – Linkconnex (LCX) ██████████ – Linkconnex ██████████ – Linkconnex ██████████ – Linkconnex ██████████ – Linkconnex ██████████ - Linkconnex</p>		
Apologies:	██████████ – Linkconnex		
Circulation list:	Walberton attendees - via Suzanne Clark		
Meeting Organiser:	Highways England		

DISCUSSION POINTS		
No.	Item	Action <i>(By whom, by when)</i>
1.	Welcome and introductions	No actions
	SC introduced those on the call from WPC. AJ introduced those from HE & ██████ introduced those from LCX.	
2.	Key actions	
	<p>The following topics were discussed:</p> <p>1. Avisford Grange entrance:</p> <p>WPC are concerned that A27 Grey route cuts across the entrance to the Avisford Grange development. WPC expressed a preference for the road to be relocated further north or tunnelled in this location. LCX are exploring alignments to identify the best solution. However, for each and every change, the full implications needed to be considered including environmental factors and the impact on other landowners. A tunnel or cut-and-cover would not be value for money on the scheme. HE / LCX agreed to inform WPC of the outcome of this work in advance of the statutory consultation (Sep/Oct 21) - probably July 21.</p>	HE/LCX

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	<p>2. Western tie-in: WPC are concerned that the western tie-in will have a significant impact on Copse Lane and the old Arundel Road plus the properties that use these for access. HE / LCX agreed to review the western tie-in to see if it is possible to provide the tie-in further east than the PRA current design.</p> <p>3. Pedestrians and cyclists: WPC concerned about the loss of easy cycle and pedestrian access northwards along Tye Lane and noted that the proposed footway follows the slip-road and bridge. HE / LCX agreed to consider opportunities for cycle and pedestrian provision along the Tye Lane slip road as well as looking at pedestrian and equestrian connectivity to the villages. HE and LCX explained that opportunities to improve connectivity to the National Park will be explored and implemented where practicable.</p> <p>HE / LCX stated that surveys will be undertaken to understand the usage of footpaths for pedestrians and cyclists. WPC agreed to identify and share with HE / LCX the most suitable locations from which to conduct the surveys in order to fully understand current walking, cycling and horse-riding use and future needs. WPC also agreed to inform HE / LCX of horse-riding stables in the local area who would be able to advise on optimal locations for any surveys.</p> <p>4. St Mary's Church, Binsted: AJ confirmed that optioneering to determine the optimum alignment was ongoing. HE / LCX agreed to inform WPC of the outcome of this work in advance of the statutory consultation - probably July 21.</p> <p>5. Yapton Lane overpass: As part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), HE / LCX will provide visualisations from a number of viewpoints in order to accurately represent the new highway and structures within views. Vertical and horizontal alignment will be updated. This will also be made available to WPC as soon as it is available and prior to the Statutory Consultation.</p> <p>6. Yapton to Tye Lane – noise and pollution: AJ stated that they are aware of the school and community play area. Identifying the possible impacts from noise and pollution is an important part of the EIA. Findings from the previous analysis have been published in the Scheme Assessment Report (on the Scheme website) but more work is to take place as the design of</p>	<p>HE/LCX</p> <p>HE/LCX</p> <p>WPC</p> <p>HE/LCX</p> <p>HE/ LCX</p>
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	<p>the scheme progresses. The design of any mitigation measures will be informed by the EIA and therefore it is too early at this stage to state the nature of any noise barriers/ fences or environmental measures. HE recognises this causes a degree of frustration from the local community and gave assurance that the measures will be discussed as they are being developed in advance of the statutory consultation.</p> <p>7. Tye Lane closure:</p> <p>The current scheme design will prevent direct access from Walberton to the existing A27. The design process is still considering options for Tye Lane within the overall constraints of the scheme. HE / LCX agreed to inform WPC of the outcome of this work in advance of the statutory consultation - probably July 21.</p> <p>8. Connectivity along Binsted Lane:</p> <p>Connectivity within the village of Binsted is recognised as an important issue. LCX are exploring options to improve and rationalise the new crossings that will connect Binsted Lane across the new by-pass and more information will be provided at a later stage once the design has progressed. HE / LCX agreed to inform WPC of the outcome of this work in advance of the statutory consultation - probably July 21.</p> <p>9. Fontwell:</p> <p>The existing Fontwell roundabouts are on the HE network and the A27 Bypass project team recognise they are of interest both to the scheme and the local communities. However, they are outside the scheme boundary and therefore the existing congestion issues cannot be addressed by the A27 by-pass scheme. The HE operational team is however exploring potential improvements to these roundabouts.</p> <p>10. Light pollution</p> <p>WPC, HE and LCX all confirmed and agreed the objective was to minimise lighting along the scheme. The only possible exception would be where there was a safety requirement but this was only likely to affect junctions.</p> <p>11. Ford Road</p> <p>WPC were concerned about possible rat-running along Yapton Lane if works aren't undertaken at Ford Road junction. The Elected Representatives' Forum had also reflected a desire for a junction on Ford Road. AJ confirmed that the need for a junction was being investigated and a further update will be provided by the next Elected Representatives' Forum.</p>	<p>HE/LCX</p> <p>HE/LCX</p> <p>HE/LCX</p> <p>HE/LCX</p>
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3.	AOB	
	HE / LCX will update the base mapping to ensure it is up to date (including the location of the school).	HE / LCX
	HE / LCX will ensure Walberton is described as a village (not a settlement) in future publications.	HE / LCX
	HE / LCX to advise WPC of an appropriate date for a full response to the mitigation proposals. [Post-meeting note: this will likely be August 2021 when the design is sufficiently refined.]	HE / LCX