

What a busy month this is turning out to be.....

Planning applications, new developers putting their land forward to Arun, sites for sale and the A 27 Arundel bypass.

Both the **Barnfield House, Fontwell** and **Tuppers Field, Walberton** applications are on the Development Control agenda for **Wednesday 20th September**. The meeting is at **2 30 pm** in Arun DCs offices in Littlehampton.

Your council and neighbourhood plan team have reserved speaking slots - there isn't an opportunity for anyone else to speak, **but if you would like to attend your support is always welcome.**

The Parish Council has asked the Secretary of State to "Call In" both should Arun approve them, but we may not know till mid October if he will. We do however have the support of our MP Nick Herbert and our Arun District Councillor Norman Dingemans in opposing them.

A 27 Arundel bypass

Many of you on social media will be aware of a frenzy of posts, tweets and messages for and against the various options. So far we are aware of these declarations - Yapton PC option 3, the One Arundel organisation 5A, the South Downs National Park none of them and Arun DC officers report includes "The Council would urge Highways England to consider a revision to produce a modified solution between Options 3 & 5a route corridors, which reduces the impact upon residents and the environment"

We have found numerous flaws in the Consultation document which we are questioning with Highways England, and the council is unable, without answers, fully to respond other than to ask them to **reject option 5A** which goes right through Binsted to the top of Yapton Lane and will **adversely affect all our villages.**

The new two-level dual carriageway junction there will enable A27 traffic into and out of Yapton Lane in both directions. **Yapton Lane traffic** might increase fourfold or more so we are seeking confirmation of the figures in the consultation document. It will be a **huge increase**, we do know that.

Following a meeting of all councillors, the Neighbourhood Plan team, our 3 Arun District Councillors and our MP Nick Herbert we are working on possible amendments to route 3 and lowering the cost implications. We are also continuing dialogue with other bodies.

Please be patient whilst we explore the best responses to Highways England

There is no hurry to complete the questionnaire – once we have further information we will let you know so that you can complete it with more meaningful comments. The deadline is not until Monday 16th October. This is the link to the questionnaire if you don't have a copy or you can pick one up from Walberton Post Office or the Parish Council Office.

<https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/a27-arundel-bypass/consultation/intro/>

There are more exhibitions in Littlehampton on 9th and 27th September and locally at Fontwell racecourse on 5th and in the Pavilion (not manned by Highways England) on Monday 9th October.

Thank you for your continued support

We will not give up!