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Andrew Griffith MP **By Email**

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Dear Andrew,

Re: Ford Road Non-Motorised User Facilities

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the community initiative to request cycle facilities on Ford Road to connect Arundel with Ford. I welcome your ongoing involvement and active support for this scheme.

This scheme supports the aim of the West Sussex Transport Plan 2011-26 to increase use of sustainable modes of transport. The County Council is actively working with other partners, including Arun District Council, to coordinate ambitions and deliver new walking and cycling infrastructure in this area.

The County Council supports this principle of new cycle facilities between Arundel and Ford and in 2019/20 worked with Highways England on a feasibility study for such a scheme. The County Council has also requested that Highways England include these cycle facilities, along with several others in the area, within the scope of the A27 Arundel Bypass project. As the preferred route for the Bypass does not yet include any of these facilities, I have recently written to Highways England to make the case for this again and a copy of my letter is attached.

The scheme would be a significant undertaking and would require stakeholder support and funding. Therefore, I welcome your further involvement to secure the necessary funding and work with local community to build wider support for the scheme to realise these ambitions.

Yours sincerely

Paul Marshall

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