

Terms of Reference

A27 Bypass Consultation Working Group

The **AGREED** Members are the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cllrs Ashton-Konig & Kenney and the Communications Officer.

Membership	 The Working Group will comprise Councillors, Officers and other members of the community. A minimum of one Town Councillor shall be present at each meeting.
Roles	 At the first meeting, the Working Group will elect a Chairperson. The Communications Officer (as part of the Working Group) will provide support as required.
Policy	 It is expected that all Working Group members abide by the principles and practice of the Town Council Code of Conduct including declarations of interest. A copy of the Code of Conduct will be shared with all members. Town Council insurance will cover the agreed activities of the Working Group, but Working Group members, in liaison with the Town Clerk, need to ensure that terms of the insurance are not breached. Working Group have no delegated powers and need Council approval for expenditure.
Purpose	 The purpose of the Working Group shall be to: Draw attention to several features in the current A27 Arundel Bypass proposal to National Highways, asking them to reconsider in preparing the application for a Development Consent Order. Develop a communication plan to communicate with all residents, whatever their views, and encourage them to participate in the consultation process. Monitor progress and maintain visible community support for the bypass throughout the process.
Meetings	 The working group will arrange to meet with the frequency required to deliver the 2022/23 strategic objectives. Meetings may take place physically or by Teams, Zoom or telephone as members agree. The Working Group shall keep a record of meetings and decisions and circulate notes to the Working Group members in a timely fashion.
Finance	Grants and funding can be applied for by the Working Group and held by the Town Council, who will ring-fence the funds for A27 Bypass Consultation purposes only.



	 All financial transactions will be conducted through the Town Clerk, to ensure that the Town Council Financial Regulations are observed.
Reporting	 Any recommendations that require Town Council approval shall be prepared in the normal format and included on the Full Council meeting Agenda in agreement with the Town Clerk. The Working Group shall provide quarterly reports to the Full Council.
Dissolving the	If the Working Group wishes to dissolve it must notify the Town
Working Group	Council.