

Email to D/Cllr. Moss from National Highways, 8 March 2024

Dear Adrian

Thank you for your email of 12 February, regarding an update in relation to the A27 Chichester bypass project.

I've spoken to our project team about your question. They've advised me that we submitted our early analysis to identify potential scheme options to the Department for Transport (DfT) last year. This is the first stage of work we do when developing a project. Since submitting the results of our early work to the DfT, they haven't asked us to carry out any further work on the project.

Our early analysis involved us looking at several potential options for improving the existing bypass, such as upgrading the carriageway, building a new road or a combination of both options. We also engaged with a wide range of stakeholders over a period of around 18 months, through forums such as stakeholder reference groups.

You may be aware that in March 2023 the government announced that the schemes planned for the Road Investment Strategy 3 (RIS) period of 2025-30 will continue to be developed, but instead considered for delivery as part of RIS4 beyond 2030. This means that any projects within the pipeline, if committed, will not enter the construction phase until 2030 at the earliest. This includes the A27 Chichester bypass project.

It's important to reiterate that we're awaiting the DfT's guidance on next steps. A decision on the future of the A27 Chichester bypass project has not been made.

Thank you for taking the time to contact us. If you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch on 0300 123 5000 or email A27Chichester@nationalhighways.co.uk.

Kind regards

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