

Council call for extended A27 consultation

A CALL for longer public consultation over the A27 improvements around Chichester has been made by West Sussex County Council today (Wednesday, January 13).

Highways England plans to consult on a range of options during a six-week period in the spring.

The county council has written to the agency, urging it to double the length of the process.

A letter written by leader Louise Goldsmith read: “We feel, along with a number of concerned local residents, this is an insufficient period of time to enable the completion of an effective consultation, necessary to substantiate any future decision on the A27 Chichester Improvement scheme.

“We recognise that consideration must be given to the impact on the overall programme of extending the consultation.

“However, to enable the options contained in the consultation to be presented with coherence and clarity, we consider it will be necessary to extend the consultation period beyond the six weeks that are currently planned, particularly as the consultation is likely

“This will help to ensure that the options in the consultation are fully understood and that all local stakeholders have sufficient time to provide a comprehensive response to the consultation.”

Read more: <http://www.chichester.co.uk/news/local/council-call-for-extended-a27-consultation-1-7159229#ixzz3xWG2fgEw>