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PRESS RELEASE: Arundel bypass decision is a win for Sussex

Countryside charity welcomes decision to cancel A27 scheme and calls for lower-impact, congestion-smoothing measures as part of a co-ordinated transport plan.

A Sussex charity has welcomed the decision to cancel the controversial A27 Arundel bypass scheme.

CPRE Sussex described yesterday's announcement by Chancellor of the Exchequer Rachel Reeves as a "win for Sussex".

Director Paul Steedman said: "This is a huge win for Sussex and all those who have fought so hard to fight this inappropriate scheme. Huge congratulations to the Arundel Bypass Neighbourhood Committee, Transport Action Network and so many others on this victory.

"Now, Arundel should get the investment in transport it deserves – lower-impact, congestionsmoothing measures. These measures must be part of a low-emission, co-ordinated transport plan, including public transport, walking and cycling."

CPRE Sussex has long opposed the A27 Arundel bypass because of its impact on the surrounding landscapes and villages.

The charity also argued construction of the bypass would have a huge carbon footprint and, when completed, the road would encourage more car journeys which was incompatible with net zero objectives.

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About CPRE Sussex

CPRE Sussex is shaping a greener future for Sussex. Our priorities are:

- Beautiful landscapes, rich in nature and greener towns and cities
- Countryside and green spaces which are accessible to all, enriching lives and health
- Sustainable development for thriving communities
- Effective responses to the climate emergency

We engage with decision makers, influencing them and challenging them to protect the Sussex countryside and green spaces. We inform on environmental issues and empower individuals and communities with robust evidence to defend and enhance the green spaces they love. We



believe in collaborating with others to ensure a greener future for our county. We research and provide advice on planning issues. Together we can shape a greener future for Sussex.