

## Draft Scheme Objectives: A27 Worthing-Lancing Improvements

- To enhance the capacity, connectivity (including all modes of transport) and the resilience provided by the A27 route within the West Sussex Coastal Area and the wider coastal region in order to contribute positively to the economy of Worthing and strengthen the local and regional economic base and facilitate housing allocations within Local Plans. Also to minimise disruption to traffic and to business during the implementation of any scheme.
- To improve the safety and personal security of travellers along the Worthing-Lancing section of the A27 route for all road users including vulnerable road users.
- To improve road safety and reduce dis-benefits to communities and vulnerable road users on the wider local road network caused by longer distance traffic avoiding congestion on the A27.
- To reduce the community severance caused by the A27 through Worthing and Lancing and to improve links between local communities, including for vulnerable road users; to provide better access to local services and facilities and to the South Downs National Park, particularly for more sustainable modes of transport.
- To deliver a high standard of design for any A27 improvement that reflects the character of the route, minimise the adverse environmental impact of new construction, improves air quality within the AQMA, and supports the following:
  - planning for climate change;
  - working in harmony with the environment to conserve natural resources and encourage bio-diversity;
  - protecting and enhancing countryside and historic and archaeological environments; and
  - reducing air and noise pollution.
- Recognising that any improvement would have a significant impact on the SDNP, and have regard to the purposes and special qualities of the National Park that the SDNP authority is seeking to preserve in designing and evaluating improvement options.