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You may recently have received a leaflet regarding a meeting in Selmeston on 12th June concerning the A27. Firstly I was not invited to this meeting until last week after I found out about it through a resident and had to ask why I had not been invited previously. Sadly the event has been organised on a Tuesday, when Parliament is sitting and we will be voting on the EU Withdrawal Bill. As you can appreciate this makes it almost impossible for me to attend the public meeting.

This leaflet claims to show possible routes of a new offline dual carriageway A27 through local villages, also claiming that 'experts' on the plans will be there to discuss the 'real impact' on residents. To my knowledge no one from the A27 Reference Group or Highways England, those who know the facts, are attending this meeting. The organisers of the meeting are in no way affiliated to the A27 Reference Group or Highways England and therefore cannot be in possession of all of the facts, as much of it is not public at this stage.

As the Chairman of the A27 Reference Group I am pushing for the best option for all constituents, which I believe is the widening of the existing A27, making it safer and reducing journey times. The group is united, with all MPs from all political parties and Councils, pushing for this same outcome. We are now closer than we have ever been to making this a reality.

Please do not believe such scare stories from those who are outside of the A27 Reference Group and who are against any improvements to this road, who are unfamiliar of the facts on what the group is doing, and who have an agenda to not upgrade the road. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns over this or any other issue. I will always do my best to help and will give you accurate information.

Local residents are my absolute priority and so once the outcome of our funding bid is known in the summer I will be holding public meetings to keep local residents informed of the facts. Please do email me or write, using the details below if you would be interested in attending such a meeting and let me know your views.

Best wishes

Maria Caulfield MP  
Member of Parliament for Lewes  
Chairman of the A27 Reference Group

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