

Government announces plans to reduce A27 traffic congestion

West Sussex County Council has welcomed the Government's commitment to improving the A27.

It comes after The Treasury announced plans for £100bn pounds to be spent on the UK's infrastructure.

The Treasury has promised to fund – subject to value for money and availability – upgrades to six junctions along the A27 Chichester by-pass between 2015 and 2019.

The Treasury will also fund feasibility studies to solve the A27 traffic bottlenecks affecting Arundel and the Worthing to Lancing corridor.

County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, Pieter Montyn, said: "This is excellent news - it is what we have been pushing for for a long time.

"We have not seen the detail yet of course, but for the first time we have official recognition from the Government about the problems on the A27.

"The Chichester by-pass is mentioned by name and there is a commitment to take forward schemes to improve the six junctions in the 2015 to 2019 spending period, and to investigate the need to do something about Arundel and the Worthing to Lancing corridor."

Pieter added: "We need to work closely with the Highways Agency – it is their road – but we have been working on ideas with them to bring this about."

For full details of plans for the A27 Chichester by-pass improvements click on the Highways Agency link attached:

<http://www.highways.gov.uk/roads/road-projects/a27-chichester-improvement/>