

A27 Arundel Bypass

Arundel Chamber of Commerce meeting

6 February 2019

Need for the scheme

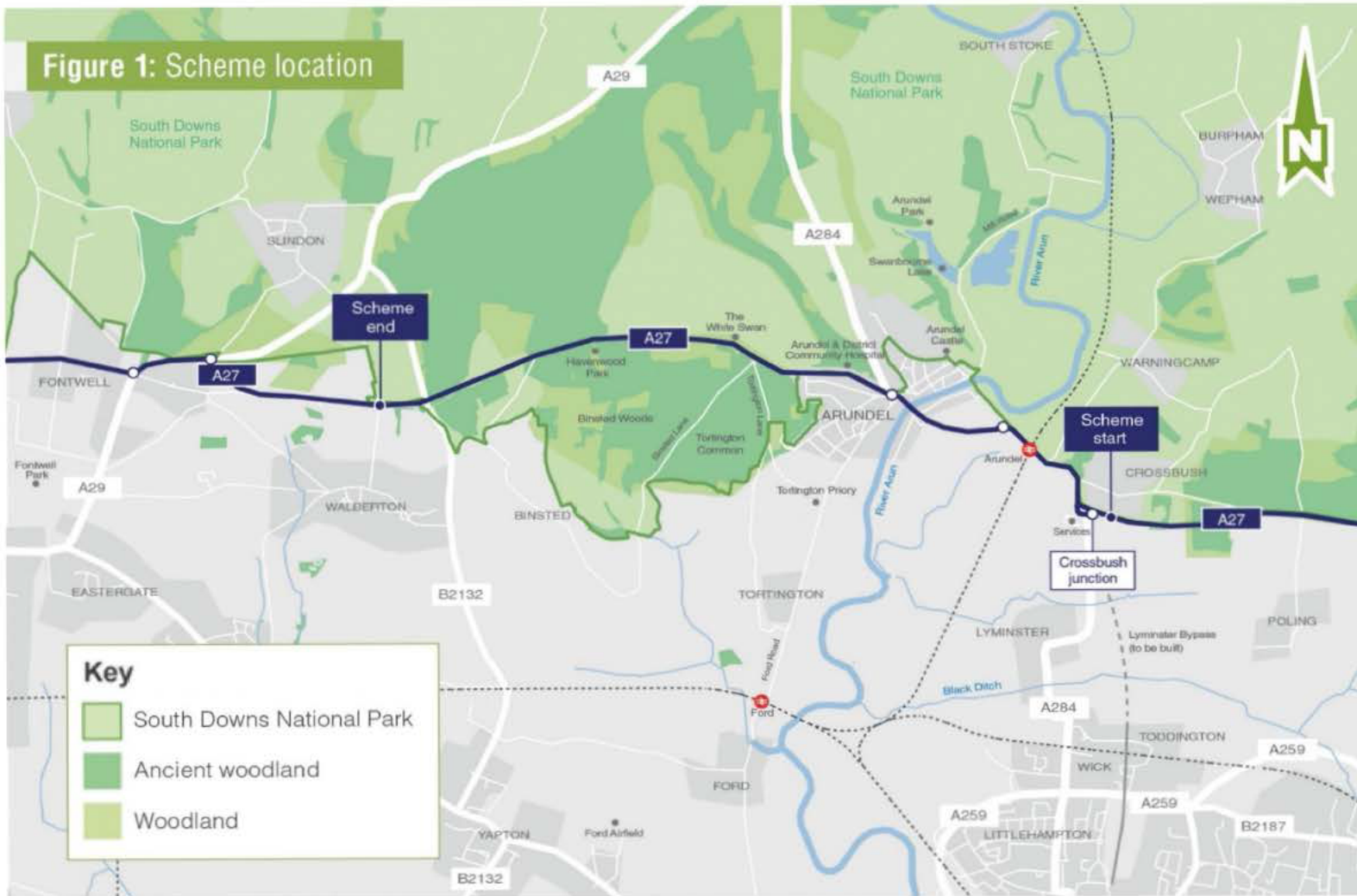
- 750,000 residents rely on the current road – growth plans mean this number is only set to increase
- The A27 is the only major road serving east and westbound traffic south of the M25 so it is crucial to the South East's success.
- The single carriageway stretch, running through Arundel, is an obstacle to this, causing regular disruption, congestion and safety hazards.
- Congestion encourages rat-running through local villages and South Downs National Park



Progress so far

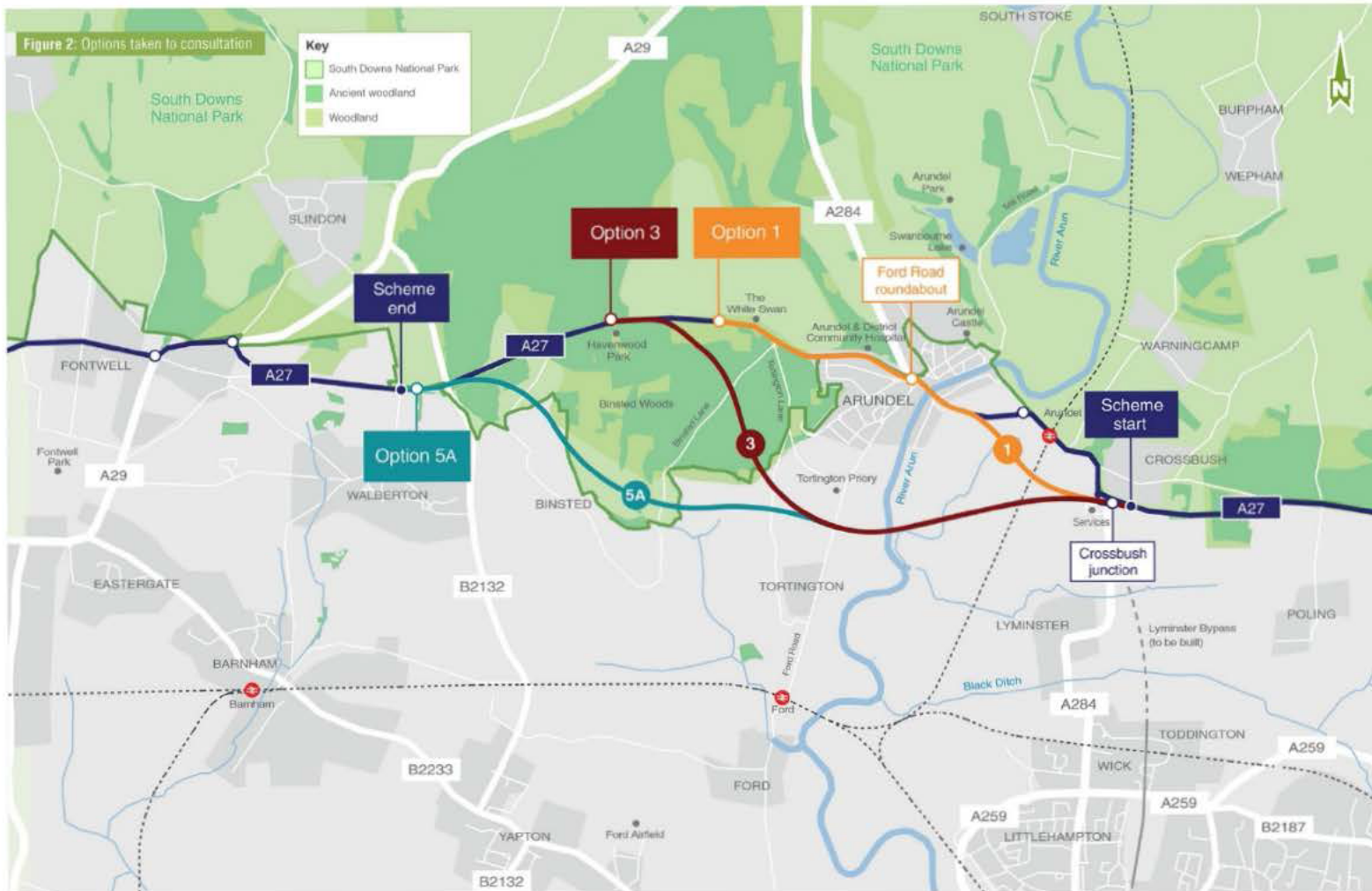
- The stretch was identified as a **strategic priority for improvement** as part of the first Road Investment Strategy.
- A public consultation on route options was held in 2017, taking feedback and key objectives into account.
- A preferred route - Option 5A - was announced May 2018.
- Option 5A detailed work developed additional information which will be made available in a further consultation on all options later in 2019.

A27 route map



Source: A27 Arundel Bypass, PRA (2018)

Options 1, 3 and 5A – previous options consulted on in 2017



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Objectives for the scheme

**Improving
safety**



**Protecting the natural
environment**



**Supporting
economic growth**



**Connecting the
community**



Improving safety

- Improve the safety of travellers along the A27 and consequently the wider local road network
- Reducing recovery times after incidents
- Make roads safer by adapting them to changing weather conditions
- Provide a resilient and efficient road network for everyone



Protecting the natural environment

We will:

- minimise environmental impact, and protect and enhance the quality of the surrounding environment through high quality design
- respect the South Downs National Park and its special qualities in the decision-making process
- consider local wildlife, ensuring appropriate crossings and wide range of habitats
- implement mitigation techniques on our scheme improvements, including:
 - Low -noise surfacing
 - Tree planting
 - Bunds
 - Road cuttings
 - Timber screening



Supporting economic growth

- The A27 contributes £207 billion to the national economy every year
- However, for every minute spent in traffic jams, the region loses an annual £4.5m (TfSE 2018)
- We aim to improve the capacity of the A27 whilst supporting local planning authorities to manage the impact of planned economic growth
- Improvements on this road will bring a boost to the economy in three ways:
 - Increasing the region's investment potential
 - Opening up more employment opportunities
 - Boosting tourism



Increasing community connectivity and access

- Reduce rat-running through local roads and villages not designed for high traffic volumes
- We aim to reduce congestion, reduce travel time and establish improved, and more reliable journey times along the A27. To provide better access to local services and facilities for all users
- Provide a faster and safer link between local communities
- Contribute to a positive transformation of the local area and rural community living

Want to get involved?

- We want to know your priorities and aspirations for the region.
- We are holding a collaborative workshop with Arun Business Partnership on 29th May, where you have a chance to help shape the scheme from a business perspective.

If you'd like to attend the workshop or have any other questions, please contact us on:

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Thank you!

Questions?