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Dear Ms Plouvies,

Re: A27 Arundel Bypass Scheme

Thank you for your recent correspondence dated 26 October 2017 regarding our proposed improvements to the A27 at Arundel, and for your concerns about ancient woodland. I sincerely apologise for the delay in our response to your letter.

Highways England cares about protecting the environment and, when one of our road upgrades unavoidably requires a loss of ancient woodland, we make sure that we include real, substantial measures to reduce its impact. We always invite views from groups like the Woodland Trust, and agree our plans with the relevant statutory bodies and planning authorities before we start work.

Highways England is aware of the designation requirements and irreplaceable nature of ancient woodland and our Environmental Study Report which is available for your perusal at the link below reflects this (particularly section 8.6.3 – 8.6.5).

<https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/a27-arundel-bypass/>

Your comments and concerns will be reflected upon and taken into account when we make our decision on the preferred route. The preferred route will be announced in winter 2017/18; at this time we will also publish a report on the public consultation and our responses to the feedback received.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact us, I hope that we have been of help but if we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at A27ArundelBypass@highwaysengland.co.uk

Yours sincerely,



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