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CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Supported by a large audience the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting was given details of the progress on the A27 developments. Such a meeting was called to gauge the parish's reaction and level of support to certain suggestions, not options, forwarded by Styra, a traffic management organisation sponsored by the County Council. Chris Page our District Councillor explained the background at this stage laying emphasis on the numerous meetings of stakeholders who having signed a 'loyalty board' were prepared to discuss, examine and explore suggestions in a civilised non confrontational manner. Tim Russell then explained the quality of the suggestions forwarded from Styra and printed out by the Observer newspaper.

Examining each route in turn

1. A link road to the Manhood peninsula - was a rerun of Option 2 rejected as providing encouragement for rat runs along narrow roads especially from the east.
2. A multi purpose route south of the city—no segregation of through and local traffic, would cause considerable disruption to existing communities.
3. A strategic route north of the city—would provide a good cost benefit ratio, separation of local and through traffic, thus providing uninterrupted flow which would minimise a variety of pollution forms.
4. A multi-purpose northern route—the additional junctions might attract local use with safety concerns
5. 5& 6 two local routes to the north with adjustments to local roads without helping southern traffic and possibly passing through an area already earmarked for a large housing development. Other aspects of improvement in the field of cycling, walking and public transport were welcomed and indeed desirable but finding a northern route which offered a long term solution was firmly endorsed by this audience. The following meeting of the Council strengthened this attitude with greater detail in their submission on March 29th, now posted on the web site.

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