

Arun District Council

REPORT TO:	Economy Committee – 5 October 2023
SUBJECT:	Pier Road, Littlehampton – Proposed Road Closure
LEAD OFFICER:	Miriam Nicholls, Business Development Manager
LEAD MEMBER:	Councillor Roger Nash, Chair of Economy Committee
WARDS:	River Ward
CORPORATE PRIORITY / POLICY CONTEXT / CORPORATE VISION: Fulfilling Arun’s economic potential - working closely with our towns and other organisations on strategies which support vibrant and attractive town centres. Positive and focused promotion of Arun’s tourist destinations as more than a ‘day trip’.	
DIRECTORATE POLICY CONTEXT: Improving the social, economic, and environmental wellbeing of the district, along with those who live, work and play within it.	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY: There are no costs arising from this report.	

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 At the June meeting the Economy Committee instructed Officers to submit the preferred scheme for the permanent closure of Pier Road to West Sussex County Council (WSSC) as a Community Highway Scheme. The application was put forward and this report advises the outcome of that bid.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1. It is recommended that the Economy Committee note the content of this report and that Officers will not be taking any further actions regarding this report.

3. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 3.1 Following periods of closure under Covid emergency powers, Members agreed that a scheme should be agreed and submitted to West Sussex County Council (WSSC), as Highway Authority, for the permanent closure of Pier Road. The scheme was agreed in June 2023 and submitted to WSSC as a Community Highway Scheme.

4. BID OUTCOME

- 4.1 In order for the Bid to be successful it was required to have the support of the relevant West Sussex County Councillor. Prior to submission officers met with the County Councillor who expressed some reservations regarding the scheme which officers sought to address.

On 23 August officers were advised that the bid had not been successful.

“Many thanks for your application for a Community Highways Scheme, which was considered as part of the 24/25 programme for proposed highways improvements works.

This process is a ‘prioritised approach’ where community requests are considered by assessment against a pre-determined scoring matrix and the resulting scores are prioritised to establish a forward programme for this work stream.

In this instance I regret to inform you that your application was not successful. I appreciate that this is not the response you would wish to hear. In this case your application did not have the support of your WSCC Councillor which is a mandatory requirement for all CHS applications.”

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Not applicable

6. OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

- 6.1 No other options have been considered.

7. COMMENTS BY THE GROUP HEAD OF CORPORATE SUPPORT/SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 7.1 Not applicable

8. RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 Not applicable

9. COMMENTS OF THE GROUP HEAD OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE & MONITORING OFFICER

- 9.1 Not applicable

10. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

- 10.1 There is no Human Resources impact.

11. HEALTH & SAFETY IMPACT

11.1 There is no Health and Safety impact arising from this report.

12. PROPERTY & ESTATES IMPACT

12.1 There is no Property & Estates impact arising from this report.

13. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) / SOCIAL VALUE

13.1 The recommendations in this report do not affect disproportionately one or more of the nine characteristics outlined in the Equality Act 2010

14. CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT/SOCIAL VALUE

14.1 The support and promotion of good local businesses and local destinations encourages less travel contributing towards less carbon emissions on a local level.

15. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT

15.1 There are no direct impacts on the above areas arising from this report.

16. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT

16.1 There are no relevant implications arising from this proposal that will affect or potentially affect any individual.

17. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION / DATA PROTECTION CONSIDERATIONS

17.1 There are no specific FOI or data protection issues arising from the proposals in the report.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None