Westgate/Orchard St junction planning updates

Following continued opposition by ourselves and West Walls Residents Association to the signalised junction we are pleased to report that the developers' consultants, Jubb, have finally produced a number of alternative proposals. These were considered at the September meeting of the Infrastructure Steering Group.

The options under discussion comprised the following (see plans below):

1. A fully signalised junction.

Apart from aesthetic and environmental objections there are also traffic problems with this proposal including the inability for traffic from Tollhouse Close to turn south along Avenue de Chartres if the existing roundabout were to be removed. Shared pedestrian/cyclist areas have also been introduced around the junction. We strongly opposed this option.



2. A worked-up version of the West Walls proposal.

This retains the current roundabout but with cyclist/pedestrian on demand traffic controls on each of the roads leading off it and cycle paths across it.

This was an innovative proposal but was found to be unworkable. It would potentially be confusing to cyclists, pedestrians and motorists. Also motor traffic would need to be significantly delayed to enable cyclists to cross the roundabout.