

**Late Sheet – Borough, Economy and Infrastructure – 20 February 2017**

This page is intentionally left blank



*Please reply to:*

Keith Chesterton  
for Guildford Society Transport Group  
Firle, Chestnut Ave  
Guildford GU2 4HD

01483 563392  
strider100@ntlworld.com

To: Cllr Jenny Wicks, Chair EAB  
cc Cllr Matt Furniss, Rob Curtis

20 February 2017

### **Sustainable Movement Corridor – Report for EAB 20 February 2017**

We wish to comment on one of the draft schemes in this report - the proposals for the Cathedral and Tesco roundabouts.

1. We welcome the suggested provision of a Toucan crossing for the Tesco roundabout at the point where traffic leaves/exits the roundabout to Tesco. This has long been a dangerous place to cross for pedestrians and cyclists making their way to the hospital and other destinations. However, when this has been proposed before at the Local Committee, it has been rejected on the grounds that the Highway Agency would object because this crossing would adversely affect the flow of traffic off the A3. We are pleased if this objection has now been overcome, as a crossing at this position is needed badly.
2. Conversely, we have doubts on the suggested pedestrian/cycle route around the cathedral roundabout. This has 3 Toucan crossings on a short stretch of the route. Our experience is that on roads such as these, the crossings will have long waiting times for users, of a minute or more for each. This succession of waits will discourage pedestrians & cyclists from using this route. It is not just the delays but the irritation they engender by the succession of interruptions to movement.

The existing route on the University side of the roundabout, apart from the Tesco crossing is a safe one, without these delays, but is unduly narrow, especially by the bus stop near the entrance Alresford Road.

The road leading to the Cathedral has little traffic on it and is crossed easily. The entrance to the University has more traffic, but when traffic is heavy, there is a crossing nearby.

We recognize that this will still be available on these proposals, but could not improvement of this route be looked at as an alternative solution, avoiding this succession of Toucan crossings?

Keith Chesterton, on behalf of the Guildford Society Transport Group.

This page is intentionally left blank