

## Yew Tree Drive Consultation Update

Since the article in the recent copy of the Whiteley Voice, Hampshire County Council (HCC) has produced the results of the Yew Tree Drive consultation which asked residents and businesses whether the road should be opened before Whiteley Way is completed. The consultation which took place earlier this year included Burrridge, areas of Park Gate and Lower Swanwick in addition to Whiteley.

Despite confusing and negative statements and misleading predictions of traffic volumes in the consultation document, the majority of residents 65%, and businesses 87%, want to see the road opened on a trial basis. See the detailed report at [www.whiteleypc.info](http://www.whiteleypc.info).

Although the majority of Whiteley residents are in favour of a trial opening, HCC has decided that the road will remain closed, but will review the situation when the planning application for North Whiteley is submitted. Winchester City Council (WCC) has already issued a statement supporting a trial and criticising the HCC decision making process.

This is most disappointing and one reason stated by HCC for not proceeding is that the transport consultants acting for the North Whiteley consortium are in favour of retaining the bus gate in the short term. This is untrue and the consortium has issued a statement (copy on Parish Council website) stating that they are not opposed to a trial opening of Yew Tree Drive and were not consulted by HCC on this matter. HCC has also suggested that the opening of the road will have a detrimental affect on public transport at a time when the Parish Council is aware that HCC is considering further cuts to our already minimal bus services.

Yew Tree Drive and Rookery Avenue were originally planned as distributor roads, forming an integral part of the access infrastructure for Whiteley, and yet again the views of its residents are being ignored by HCC. Disappointingly, a full and meaningful analysis of the implications of not opening Yew Tree Drive has not been undertaken by the County Council. For example the continuing closure of the road presents very real difficulties for patients who use the Locks Road and Whiteley surgeries, and the practice doctors who have to respond in cases of emergency.

In light of these developments the Parish Council will continue to support the wishes of residents and campaign to our MP and others for the completion of Yew Tree Drive and Rookery Avenue links to Botley Road.

Hampshire County Council's consultation analysis is available to view on the Parish Council's website [www.whiteleypc.info](http://www.whiteleypc.info).

The Parish Council has prepared a simplified analysis of all responses combined overleaf.

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Review of HCC Yew Tree Drive Consultation Results

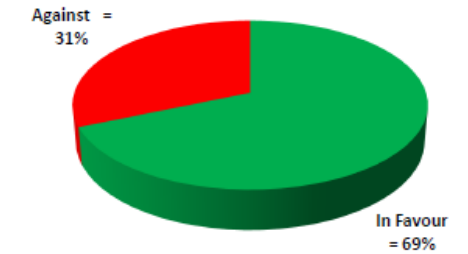
(All figures as extracted from HCC Access to Whiteley Consultation Analysis Document as received by Whiteley Parish Council on 21st July 2010)

Question 1 - Do you think that road links from Whiteley onto the Botley Road should be reconsidered before Whiteley Way is completed?

	In Favour						Against					
	Hard Copy From Fareham Residents	Hard Copy From Winchester Residents	Total Hard Copy From Residents	Hard Copy From Businesses	By E-mail	All responses	Hard Copy From Fareham Residents	Hard Copy From Winchester Residents	Total Hard Copy From Residents	Hard Copy From Businesses	By E-mail	All responses
Total number of responses	1152	373	1477	76	277	1830	1152	373	1477	76	277	1830
Responses	654	298	952	62	241	1255	463	62	525	14	36	575
%	57%	80%	64%	82%	87%	69%	40%	17%	36%	18%	13%	31%

Disclaimer: Total of Fareham residents responses and Winchester residents responses = 1152+373=1525 but HCC analysis shows only 1477. Data not available to WPC to interrogate further.

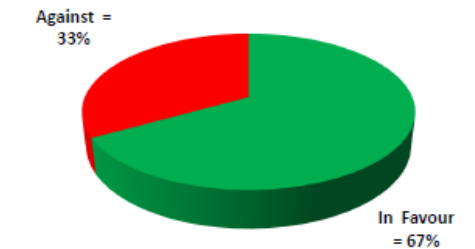
Qn 1.- Open links before Whiteley Way Completed



Question 2 - In the longer term do you think Rookery Avenue, once completed should be the main southern access road link?

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Total number of responses	1061	335	1396	72	270	1738	1061	335	1396	72	270	1738
Responses	657	263	920	51	190	1161	404	72	476	21	80	577
%	62%	79%	66%	71%	70%	67%	38%	21%	34%	29%	30%	33%

Qn.2 - Rookery as main link?



Question 3 - In the short term do you think Yew Tree Drive should be trialed as an alternative link for all traffic? If a trial is undertaken traffic data, site observations and public feedback would be recorded and used to inform any future decisions on a permanent arrangement.

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Responses	653	309	962	62	251	1275	464	54	518	9	23	550
%	58%	85%	65%	87%	92%	70%	42%	15%	35%	13%	8%	30%

Qn.3 - Open Yew Tree Drive as Trial?

