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The access to our future campus needs to be considered in a more practical way.

With present plans, entrance to the campus from the Market Place for vehicles will not only create traffic problems, but incur a large expense to widen the currently proposed entrance for two-way, plus foot and cycle, traffic.

A much easier access can be gained by bringing vehicular traffic into the campus off the A350, as being the main entrance onto a carpark at the rear. The entrance off the Market Place would be limited to cycle and pedestrian access only. Entering off the A350 would be much easier for any coach traffic, rather than bringing these large vehicles into town centre and trying to manoeuvre the newly renovated Market Place. Also, precious trees in the front will not have to be sacrificed to make a widened entrance and adequate car park at the front.

There is scope to making this entrance not only wide enough for two-way traffic, adding separate cycle and foot paths, but also to share/vastly improve the entrance to Melksham cemetery, making the road safer.

There is also another benefit to this location as it links to a proposal of future canal parking directly across from the existing entrance. A roundabout could be added here, which would also help to slow traffic on this dangerous stretch of road. (Bear in mind the plans for the Eastern bypass will remove the trunk-road status of the A350 and therefore dispel any delay objections to through traffic that have been expressed in the past.)

Thank you for your consideration.