



## Wairakei Road

The intersection at Wairakei Road needs to be changed as it is too close to the Russley / Memorial Interchange slip lanes to be safe.

The safety concerns arise from southbound vehicles on Russley Road slowing down to make a left turn onto Memorial Avenue conflicting with vehicles from Wairakei Road speeding up to enter Russley Road (see *Why can't Avonhead and Wairakei Roads remain open*).

At the last open day the plan for Wairakei Road was to remove the roundabout and only allow a left turn from SH1 onto the

eastern (city) side of Wairakei Road.

We received a lot of feedback asking for access at Wairakei Road to be increased.

Now we are also providing a left turn from the eastern (city) side of Wairakei Road onto the SH1 slip lane.

Access to and from Russley Road (SH1) from the west (airport) side of Wairakei Road will need to remain closed.



Proposed new layout at Wairakei Road

These changes make access to and from the airport possible using the Russley/Memorial Interchange or Harewood roundabout. We considered a number of intersection options for Wairakei Road including Wairakei Road going over Russley

Road (SH1) via a bridge. All these options required large amounts of land from local businesses and/or provided less direct access to Russley Rd (SH1) than the chosen option.

**This panel shows the changes to the Russley Road (SH1) / Wairakei Road Intersection since the last open day**