

Disability Audit

Making Salisbury Accessible

Everyday Dangers

Do you watch where your feet are going?



Should we really be dealing with broken and dangerous slabs?



- ▶ Not only do these cause issues for wheelchair users, they're also dangerous for those with mobility issues, vision impairment and many others also
- ▶ Do you spend time watching where you are stepping?

Not a very big gap, so little danger

This little gap that is very small, is also a trip hazard for those with walking aids, wheelchairs, visually impaired need I go on?

When walking around remember that these little guys are VERY dangerous.



Dropped Kerbs

Dropped kerbs are very rarely smoothly on the road and often cause a trip hazard



Repairs around dropped kerbs make them dangerous for those with mobility or sight issues



Tree Roots

Many older parts of Salisbury have trees that are planted near to or on pavements meaning roots are often causing trip hazard to those who do not have any health issues.

I do not want these trees to be cut down but something sensible needs to be done. Maybe extending the pavement and relaying the tarmac



A Boards

Many of our pavements are narrow and both A boards and bins are a big issue around the city centre.

The owners rarely think about where they are being put so they get in the way (Picture for use of a good way to display an A board without causing any issues).



Loose & Missing slabs

Loose slab that will cause a trip hazard



Loose slabs also concern me as they cause my wheelchair to have a mind of it's own

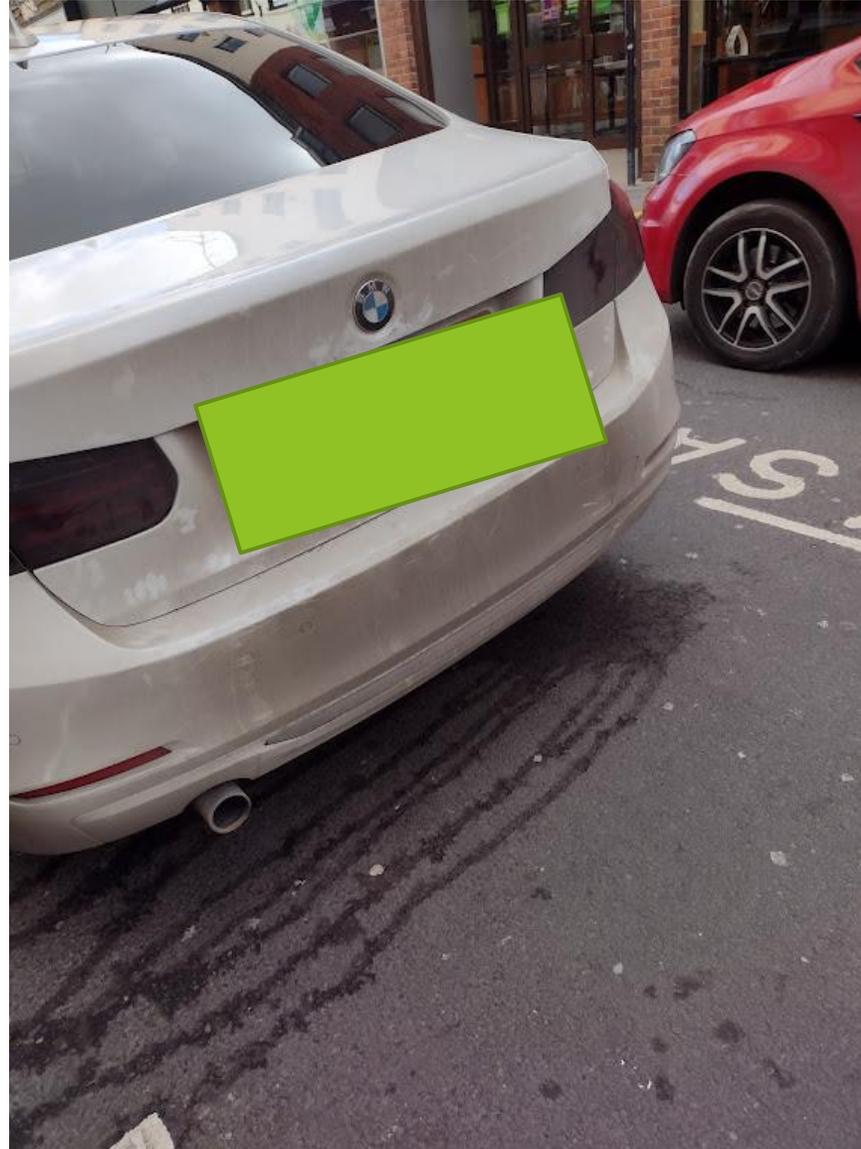


Disabled Parking

Drivers who do not have a Blue Badge, often risk parking in Disabled Parking as you rarely see Parking Enforcers around and especially not when you want them.

We do not have a sensible amount of disabled parking bays for our own residents let alone the tourism industry we are able to start attracting now.

Some of our parking bays are based on the road, meaning that disabled drivers are forced to exit their cars into traffic, taking their lives in their hands.



Charging for Blue Badge Parking

Not only are these decisions made by people who have nothing or very little to do with the disabled community but they are also decisions that impact the community's lives, they are also decisions that impact our local town/city centres.

I do agree that we should pay for parking but why are we not given a concessions rate, after all it takes some of the disabled community longer to do what they need to do than it would an abled bodied person





Sat in my wheelchair outside the Guild Hall and my eyeline to the directions that tells you where the accessible entrance is, is hidden by a very big plant pot

Recreational Areas

Do you enjoy going to the park with the kids or grandkids?

Have you ever struggled to enter the play area with the children?

If it rains many of the parks are damp and boggy, which make them inaccessible for those in wheelchairs and those unsteady on their feet, grass is not the best walking surface for people.

Should we not have a solid path (not concrete) that allows me and many others to take their children/ grandchildren to the park, safely?



What is missing from this photo?

For many of you, you will be able to make last minute plans, jump on a bus, jump in a taxi, get a friend to give you a lift. It's not that hard.

Imagine buses not being that accessible and that's if they have room for you!

Many friend's may have smaller cars, therefore unable to take a wheelchair in their car.

And then, the most reliable form of transport, TAXIS, after 6pm in this tourist city that could be amazing, there are NO accessible taxi's unless, you plan your life 24 hours ahead. How is this allowed to be the case?



From Salisbury Reds Website

Do you know how it feels to be told that you are unable to travel on the bus because there's a buggy on board, I have known this to happen on a number of occasions, leaving a wheelchair/scooter user, left out in all weathers, being vulnerable and refused entry on your only viable transport.

Why are we never the priority group that we are spoke of?

We would kindly ask all of our customers, where necessary, to keep the wheelchair dedicated space free and, if you board with a buggy or pram and to the extent that it is possible for you to do so, to fold and store them in the luggage space. We wish to ensure our services are as inclusive as possible and we do therefore appreciate your assistance in permitting those with wheelchairs, mobility scooters, prams and buggies to use our buses. Where it is reasonable to do so in the circumstances, the driver will require non-wheelchair users to vacate the spaces and require, for example, that such non-wheelchair users move to a different part of the bus.

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‘Disabled people are a minority group, that we are unable to concentrate on currently’
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Statement by a Salisbury City Councillor

This one statement was made at the very beginning of my journey of fighting for what the disabled community needs.

I can truly say, this statement gave me fire in my belly that I have never felt before, so Thank you to this Salisbury City Councillor as I wouldn't be doing this without your statement

Why are dropped kerbs like this allowed?

One member of the council that did an audit, used this dropped kerb as it is supposed to be used, and by complete accident managed to tip me out of my chair.

Dropped kerbs that do not run flush with the road are a danger for many people, whether that be wheelchair users, those who use mobility equipment and even able bodied people



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‘You don’t have PTSD!’

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Statement made by a City Councillor during an audit

Misconceptions made by ANYONE is wrong? Why does anyone have the right to disagree with someone’s answer to a simple question?

What very few members of the councillors saw was the aftermath of this ONE statement. What followed was 3 weeks of a spiral of my PTSD controlling me. Curled up in my front room, under a blanket again, feeling like the world was against me, someone else judging MY life, which no one has the right to do

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