Highways Improvement Request Form

Contact Details

Date: 06/11/2024

Issue Details

Location of Issue:	Rampart Road
Community Area:	Salisbury
Parish or Town Council:	Salisbury City Council

Nature of Issue:

I have received several complaints from Rampart Road residents whose cars have been damaged by passing traffic. Rampart Road is a well-known rat-run in Milford due to the severe congestion on the A36 Churchill Way East/Southampton Road at peak times (rush hour Monday-Friday and weekend daytimes). While it is recognised that on-street parking is not a legal right of residents, for many houses along Rampart Road the parking bays are the only convenient location to park. Parking Zone E extends far into the city centre, meaning that — while residents could park on-street elsewhere — they may have to walk c15 minutes or more to return to their homes. For many, this wouldn't be practical or convenient.

National Highways' announcement in summer 2024 that funding for the construction of congestion reduction measures on the A36 would not be released until the end of the RIS4 funding period (i.e. early 2030s) suggests Rampart Road will remain a rat-run for years to come, with the potential for many more incidents of parked cars being scratched/damaged.

How long has it been an issue? 10+ years

What would you like done to resolve this issue?

I propose that Wiltshire Council amend the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Salisbury Parking Zone E to allow residents of Rampart Road to park their vehicles in Culver Street Car Park (ideally at no additional cost beyond the current cost of their permit). Culver Street Car Park has ample capacity for additional vehicles (in fact, the car park has a history of under-usage) and is a short distance from Rampart Road (approx. 5 minutes walking time). This will give residents the option to park their vehicles off-road, avoiding damage, and should in turn create organic passing places along Rampart Road heading out of Salisbury to enable oncoming traffic to pass – preventing kerb-mounting and potential collisions.

Additionally, considering the stretch of Rampart Road most affected by these issues provides parking for c10 cars, there would be negligible impact on visitors' car parking in Culver Street. Therefore, this shouldn't be seen as a barrier to changing the existing TRO.

Have you been in touch with your local Wiltshire Councillor?

Yes

This form needs to be completed and e-mailed or sent to your local Town or Parish Council.

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https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/mgParishCouncilDetails.aspx

Town or Parish Council Comments: (To be completed by Town or Parish Council only)



