

Highways Improvement Request Form

Contact Details

Date:	27/12/2024
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Issue Details

Location of Issue:	Coldharbour Lane & Meadow Road
Community Area:	Salisbury
Parish or Town Council:	Salisbury City Council
Nature of Issue:	
Implement a cycle contraflow along Coldharbour Lane & Meadow Road.	
<p>Previously requested by Margaret Willmot 29/04/2020. Gained SCC approval – but lighting survey required. Project lacked support from some County Councillors and stumbled at Salisbury Area Board 10/11/21 despite receiving the support of four Councillors.</p> <p>We should be promoting safe cycling. We should be encouraging cycling to Sarum St Paul's School – reached via the northern part of Coldharbour Lane.</p> <p>The legal cycle route from all of the roads that connect with Coldharbour lane and Meadow Road is to route south to York Road, then west to Devizes Road. Access from York Road to Devizes road northbound is prevented by road design and barriers. Either St Paul's Roundabout has to be cycled around in its entirety swapping lanes frequently..... or the shared pedestrian underpass is used with gradients and bends that require dismounting. Having reached Devizes Road the cyclist is faced with an increasing gradient, very heavy traffic and a road width of just over 5m meaning buses and heavy good vehicles are, for the most part, unable to overtake. On reaching the junction with Ashley Road a right turn is required against heavy and fast moving traffic. The distance from Clifton Rd to Ashley Rd is 80m directly – or approx. 1km for the legal route. Having cycled this 'legal route' personally I can testify to it be extremely dangerous and I would not lightly do it again.</p> <p>I have canvassed all the houses in the local area. It is evident that all the cyclists I spoke with already cycle routinely 'against the flow' accepting it is far safer than using Devizes Road. Nearly all the traffic using Coldharbour Lane is local and drivers are fully acquainted with local hazards and would quickly become aware of the need to look in both directions at junctions. The most hazardous aspect of a contraflow might be the junction with Ashley Road itself. The part of Coldharbour Lane butting onto Ashley Road could be made safer by removing one or two car parking spaces and transferring the spaces to the current double yellow lines outside 27/29/31 Ashley Road.</p> <p>Apparently Councillors were persuaded to turn this scheme down previously due to perceived safety issues. However it has now been comprehensively recorded that SCC & WCC are aware of the dangers of cycling on Devizes Road and they are aware that cyclists routinely and frequently cycle against the flow on Coldharbour Lane. Doing nothing should no longer be perceived as the safest option.</p>	
How long has it been an issue?	Many years, since current one-way system implemented
What would you like done to resolve this issue?	

Implement a cycle contraflow along Coldharbour Lane and Meadow Road in a northerly direction.

An updated traffic survey will be required, and the request form has been submitted.

Have you been in touch with your local Wiltshire Councillor? (Yes/No)

Yes

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

Town and Parish contact details are available via the link below:

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

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