

At risk: a green space in the city



You might be aware of the plans to make significant changes to the Harnham gyratory and the Exeter Street roundabouts, costing some £15 million and funded by the Department for Transport.

On the other hand, you might **not** know about them, since Wiltshire Council's consultation has been limited.

If the plans go ahead unchanged,

- We will lose green spaces, including the the green, the rosebed, and trees at the end of St Nicholas Road. Instead, traffic will run alongside the pavement. (Option 2 in the proposals.)
- There will be more, faster traffic, including via Harnham Road, creating more hazardous crossings, noise and pollution.

With these changes could come other unintended consequences. These include:

- Potential loss of residents' parking on Harnham Road and St Nicholas Road as it becomes apparent that more width is needed for greater traffic flow.
- Risk of gridlock extending back from St Nicholas Road into De Vaux Place and the Cathedral Close.
- Harm to the Grade 1 listed Cathedral Close wall, from the fumes and vibrations associated with the new spur linking St. Nicholas Road and Exeter Street (identified as Option 2 on the Exeter Street roundabout proposals).

There **is** a need to ease traffic congestion in Salisbury, but this is not the answer without amendments that take account of local knowledge and input.

Wiltshire has set a deadline of 18 July for public comment, even though the Council does not have to send in its submission to the Department for Transport until the end of August. This has meant no public meetings to ask questions and express views.

Salisbury City Council has already expressed its doubts about the scheme. But so far, their request for an extension to the consultation and changes to the scheme have had no effect.

Option 2 should be removed and measures to limit the potential rat-run on the Harnham Road improved.

What can you do? Ensure Wiltshire councillors in a position to stop this know your views.

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You can find out more about the scheme (from the Council's point of view) on

 [Salisbury junction improvements consultation booklet \[1.7MB\]](#)

You can complete Wiltshire Council's questionnaire by clicking on:

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways/salisbury-junctions>

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