

25: Widened footways and restricted vehicle access achieved significant improvements in this early scheme. (Photo: Devon County Council)

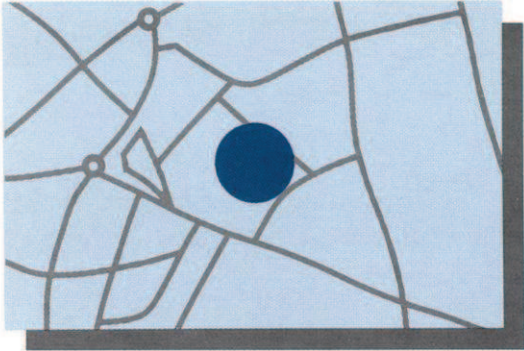
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CONTEXT

Newtown is an old residential district of Exeter, flanked by a major radial road to the south and by the Inner Bypass. The main roads serving the area are almost parallel and closely spaced. On-street parking was prevalent and the general environment of the area needed upgrading.

OBJECTIVES

The original aim of the scheme was to enhance the environment of the area under the then current General Improvement Area Schemes initiative. The scheme eventually implemented in 1973 had rather wider objectives of resolving conflict at the closely



spaced junctions at the ends of residential roads and reducing the amount of through traffic.

DESCRIPTION

- The following measures were taken:
- Stopping up sections of residential roads and creating additional footway areas
- Provision of off-street parking for residents

COST

Not known.

ASSESSMENT

The stopping up of sections of roads and giving these areas over to pedestrians has helped solve some of the traffic problems and, by “calming traffic”, contributed to the environmental improvement of the area.



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