

*BARNSTAPLE
BOUTPORT STREET*

CONTEXT

Boutport Street is one of the major town centre shopping and commercial streets in Barnstaple. It was also a primary county route carrying a heavy volume of through traffic in addition to substantial local traffic flows. There was an urgent need for environmental and safety improvements for pedestrians particularly at the crossing points along this street.

OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the scheme were to reduce traffic flows to access only, to widen the footways and to provide crossing points at footway level for pedestrians.

DESCRIPTION

The completion of a relief road provided the opportunity for the introduction of traffic calming measures which included:

- Traffic Orders and carriageway alterations restricting access to buses and loading only on sections of the street
- Road narrowing by means of walled planters with crossing points at footway level
- Widening of the footways

COST

The cost was £65,000.



57: Carriageway constriction with pedestrian crossing at footway level. The layout is defined by the use of raised planter beds and street furniture. (Photo: Devon County Council)

ASSESSMENT

By routing traffic along the Relief Road, traffic flow in Boutport Street has been reduced considerably. In certain sections of the street traffic is restricted to access only. This, together with the widening of the footways, has improved the environment for shoppers and enhanced the street scene generally.



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