

*TRAFFIC CALMING GUIDELINES*



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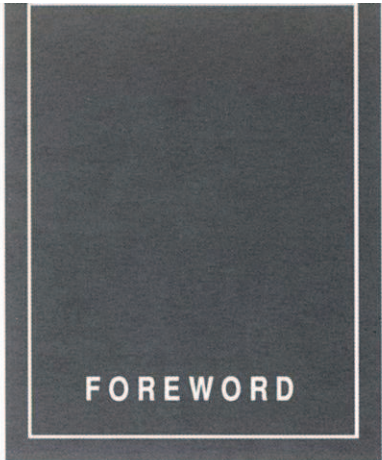
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## FOREWORD

Traffic calming is going to play a major role in our planning for the future.

Motor transport has revolutionised our lives but has brought with it many disadvantages. Traffic calming seeks to put some of these right, particularly in shopping and residential areas. Vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists, including children, need to be protected and our environment defended.

I am delighted to be part of Devon County Council's initiative and my Committee are sure that this will lead to a

better deal for all of us. The information provided will be useful not only for professionals but to the community at large, without whose involvement the initiative cannot succeed.



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PREFACE

Devon was one of the pioneering counties in the field of traffic calming, gaining early experience in the mid 1980s with a scheme at Burnthouse Lane in Exeter. Since then techniques have been developed and experience has grown.

As with all new techniques it is important to share experience and learn from results. This book has been designed to help people, both within and outside Devon, benefit from both Devon and European traffic calming techniques.

The book illustrates ways in which traffic calming can be achieved and is designed to stimulate thought leading to action rather than to set out a series of rules. All situations vary and it is the design that both improves safety and enhances the appearance of the environment, whilst allowing essential use by vehicles, that will ultimately determine the success of the scheme.

Ideas are presented to help all those involved in the design process to work together to produce schemes that will truly enhance and perhaps in many cases restore the quality of Devon's urban environment.

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