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.