



Well-designed and constructed speed humps, cushions and tables may be an effective way of slowing traffic, particularly if other measures aren't physically possible in the street (e.g. car parking levels are very high or the road is already very narrow). They will slow traffic in a similar way to existing humps (sleeping-policemen) but they are positioned less frequently than traditional humps and will also provide crossings for pedestrians.

This table is combined with road narrowing to provide a flat, safe crossing for residents and pupils of the nearby school. Although it meets its purpose, the quality of the design is uninspiring and unimaginative.

There are many design approaches which aim to slow traffic and help with parking problems while making your street look better. These design pages are intended to complement the DIY Streets Pocket Guide and to give you ideas and inspiration about solutions which might work in your street. Some of these features can be created by local residents within your street though some will need the support of your local highways authority.



This hump in the Netherlands reduces speed of vehicles along a narrow street. Although narrower than those usually found in the UK, it still allows people who are mobility impaired and those with pushchairs to cross the street easily and safely.



This extended table is combined with road narrowing to create a safe community space between a primary school and a church in a residential neighbourhood, while still managing to incorporate car traffic and some parking.

It is important that new street designs are robust so they last and continue to look good. Part of the design process should include thought about how any new features will be maintained. Many of these features could be “adopted” by you and your neighbours, particularly any containers of plants (planters) or greenery, as it is difficult for councils to find money for this type of maintenance. More permanent features will almost certainly be the responsibility of the council due to technical and legal implications. It is essential that they are involved with the development of proposed designs, and the DIY Streets pocket guide gives some advice on how to gain council support.

Deciding on a design can take some time. You may wish to try out designs for an afternoon, by organising residents of the street to try them out using cardboard/wood/paint etc. to stand in the place of your proposed final features.

Additional pages showing more design ideas are also available. You can obtain them from our web site www.sustrans.org.uk/diystreets or by contacting Sustrans Liveable Neighbourhoods team by phone on 0117 915 0244 or by email at liveableneighbourhoods@sustrans.org.uk

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