



If drivers aren't able to see a clear path ahead of them, they will usually slow down in case a vehicle is approaching from the other direction.

**This street in the Netherlands** uses perpendicular parking (at right angles to the way they normally travel) to shorten sightlines dramatically. Although not all roads in the UK are wide enough to allow for this, many could use echelon parking (where cars park on an angle).

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 street (also in the Netherlands)** shows that the same effect can be achieved in relatively narrow streets by alternating the side on which parking is allowed. Again, this might not be possible in streets with very high levels of car ownership, but it's worth exploring in detail – the cars parked on your street may not belong to your neighbours.

**The use of a combination of street furniture and landscaping** in this street can not only reduce the sightlines of the road which slow drivers down but will also create areas for social interaction and enjoyment in a safe environment.



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](http://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](mailto:liveableneighbourhoods@sustrans.org.uk)**

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