Manual for Streets

- Supersedes DB32
- Focus on
 - Lightly trafficked residential streets –
 new res developments
 - Key principle may be applicable
 - High streets
 - Lightly trafficked lanes



Principles

- Too much dominated by motor vehicles
- Consider good design
- Higher priority to peds and cyclists
- Places that work for all members of Community
- Link to planning and design principles of ...inclusive design
- Collaborative working



Functions of Streets

- Place
- Movement
- Access
- Parking
- Utilities

Balance between place and movement

Place status – consult community



Stages in Life of Scheme

- 1. Policy review
- 2. Objective setting
- 3. Design
- 4. Quality audit
 - 1. Safety one of 9 possible criteria
- 5. Planning approval
- 6. Implementation
- 7. Monitoring



User Hierarchy

- Pedestrians
- Cyclists
- Public transport users
- Specialist vehicles, e.g. emergency
- Other motor traffic



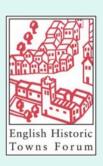
Layout and Connectivity

- Support permeability and connectivity
- Walkability
- Design for crime prevention
- •Road hierarchies based of street character rather than traffic capacity



Good Design

- Vital role
- Street dimensions
- Building at junctions
- Backs and fronts allow direct access
- Streets as social spaces
- Where streets and buildings meet
- Reducing clutter
- Local distinctiveness
- •Planting limit forward visibility and reduce speeds
- Standing the test of time



Street Users Needs

- Peds
 - Obstructions
 - Small radius corners
- Cyclists
 - Direct barrier free routes
- Public transport
 - Considerations in res areas



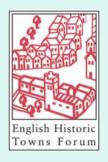
Street Geometry

- Drawing in 3D for consultation
- Impact on reducing speed
- Front access and active frontages



Parking

- Shared cycle parking
- Cars
 - Car clubs
 - •Efficiency: on street high, in curtilage low



Signs and Markings

'Designers should start from a position of having no signs, and introduce them only where they serve a clear function'

Prompts:

- •Users
- Place
- Safety
- Regulation
- •speed



Street Furniture

'Guard railing should not be provided unless a clear need for it has been identified'

- •Use other measures to introduce barriers to movement planting, textured surfaces
- Attach street lighting to buildings



Materials, Adoption etc

- •Easy to maintain, safe, durable, local character
- 'The use of SUDS is seen as a primary objective by the government and should be applied wherever practical and technically feasible.'



So:

- A working manifesto
- A tool box, not rules
- A step from standards to innovation and judgement
- CABE call for manual for non res streets
- Challenge for LAs
 - Application
 - Interpretation of design and access statements
 - •SPD

