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Cyclists and Pedestrian Areas

- The creation of pedestrianised streets seeks to improve the general environment for pedestrians through the removal of general vehicular traffic (access for loading vehicles, disabled drivers and public transport vehicles can be maintained)
- The retention of cycle access should be considered at all stages of the design process, in order to maintain cycle penetration to town centres.

Photo 10.1 Cycling in a pedestrian area
Courtesy CTC



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Maintaining Provision for Cyclists

- Consider retaining/establishing *two-way* cycle access through the pedestrianised /traffic reduced area
- Remember: it is difficult to enforce a ban on cycling

- Consider **peak time operation** for cyclists (see 10.2)

- Provide alternative **parallel routes** for cyclists to avoid the pedestrianised area for their through routes.
- If the alternative routes are too lengthy or force cyclists onto busier/more dangerous roads then consider allowing cyclists to use the pedestrianised area

- Provide well signed **cycle parking** on the edges of the pedestrian area (e.g. Newark market place, Retford Carolgate)

10.1.1 Evidence from DfT:

- TRL observations on behalf of DfT 'revealed no real factors to justify excluding cyclists from pedestrianised areas, suggesting that cycling could be more widely permitted without detriment to pedestrians' (TAL 9/93)
- Evidence suggests that accidents between pedestrians and cyclists are rare in pedestrian areas (TAL 9/93)
- Their research found that 'pedestrians change their behaviour in the presence of motor vehicles, but not in response to cyclists' (TAL 9/93)
- Pedestrian and disability groups argue against cycling in pedestrianised areas, particularly as those with visual impairments feel vulnerable to potential collisions with cyclists.

TAL 9/93 'Cycling in Pedestrian Areas' can be found at:

http://www.dft.gov.uk/stellent/groups/dft_roads/documents/page/dft_roads_504728.hcsp

L TN 2/04 'Adjacent and Shared Use Facilities for Pedestrians and Cyclists' also has some useful information on pedestrian areas