



Landscaping of car parks should screen vehicles and establish direct footways connecting with nearby buildings

4.5.3 CAR PARKS

Divide up the commercial car park

In commercial developments the best way to alleviate the effect of large parking areas is to ensure that they are designed as an integral part of the landscape treatment and managed communally. This also ensures that pedestrian movement is not determined and restricted by vehicular movement requirements. Parking layouts should be obvious and logical and avoid the creation of leftover space.

Make car 'parks' just that

Shared surface treatments can be effective although it is important to ensure that pedestrian routes are clearly defined - particularly in teaching children about road safety and maintenance of the pavement as a 'safe' area. Adequate space should be allowed for tree planting to all parking areas. This can be one of the most successful devices for integrating parking in to the urban landscape.

Parking can enliven the street

On the street, a certain amount of parking has a beneficial traffic calming effect, but the layout should be designed to accommodate it. Parking can be incorporated within a widened carriageway that also allows room for street trees and gives pedestrians greater freedom of movement.



The Waitrose car park in Witney, Oxon, has been well-designed around existing mature trees