

**BOX 5.1 BRITAIN'S WORST STREET (OF 2002)**



**Streatham High Road, London** – Concrete and metal barriers, 'wasting away in places, supposedly designed to protect pedestrians from the full force of the dual carriageway traffic, are

used as an assault course by those determined to get from one side to the other



**Cornmarket Street, Oxford** – 'An example of small mindedness, inefficiency and ineptitude', 'filthy dirty', 'smelly' and 'an embarrassment'



**Drakes Circus, Plymouth** – 'The lack of diversity and the out dated office spaces mean it is unattractive to commercial and retail tenants and the threatening feel at night,

with lack of activity and poor lighting, make this a no go area'



**Maid Marion Way, Nottingham** – 'Dubbed the ugliest street in Europe since its construction in the 1960s, municipal engineers are doing their best to maintain its

position at the top of the premier league'



**Leatherhead High Street, Surrey** – 'An example of cheap and thoughtless pedestrianisation taking the heart out of a whole town'

**BOX 5.2 BRITAIN'S BEST STREET (OF 2002)**



**Grey Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne** – 'The shop fronts may not be original but they are in keeping with the spirit of the original design and fit in very well with the scale of the buildings.'

'A street on a human scale with a grand vision'



**High Pavement, Nottingham** – 'Well maintained' and 'offers respite in what can become a busy street at weekends'



**Buchanan Street, Glasgow** – 'Well lit', 'clean', 'good public seating', 'attractive tree planting' area



**New Street, Birmingham** – 'The fact that people can now walk from Brindleyplace to the Rotunda without having to worry about fumes and traffic, with opportunities to sit in

well designed seats and see an eclectic mixture of art and sculpture is a great achievement'



**Water/Castle Street, Liverpool** – 'The scale is human, there is light and life and a feeling of safety 24 hours a day'