

Public Spaces

You might think of public areas as places like parks and playgrounds but in fact it is the public highways and footpaths that form a far greater part of the public space.



The places we live can be enhanced by improving and maintaining the streetscape. There are improvements that could be made to the streets. These may include the maintenance of street furniture like bins, benches, lamp columns and fences. It could include the removal of graffiti and litter or more attractive pavement surfaces or flowers and trees.

Security in public places and for the adjacent properties is also a concern for many residents. Street lighting is one way of improving security and reducing the fear of crime although many people now worry about intrusive lighting and the effect of light pollution on enjoyment of the night sky.

Although Devon County Council can only light publicly-maintained highways and footpaths, there may be public areas in your community that would benefit from lighting improvements.

173 people made suggestions about lighting. 13 were concerned about light pollution and thought there was already sufficient lighting in Braunton.

These places were mentioned by several people:

- ➔ Boode Road
- ➔ Tarka Trail
- ➔ Saunton Road zebra crossing
- ➔ Car parks
- ➔ Unadopted roads and Chicken Lane

ACTIONS

- ➔ **28** To prioritise street lighting requests working with local communities, the police and the Parish Council.
- ➔ **29** Boode Road - to set in place a programme of street improvements including lighting, verges and passing places in partnership with the Parish Council and residents.
- ➔ **30** To improve the quality of public signing and reduce sign clutter by working with the community to identify key locations for signing, by better maintenance and by identifying and removing unnecessary signs.

