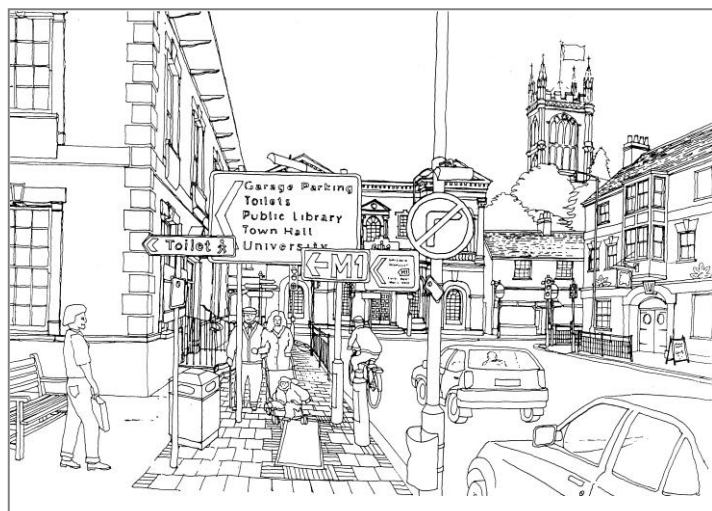


REDUCING CLUTTER.

Ugly equipment hides local character while there are many tried and tested methods to eliminate clutter



Street clutter increases as new equipment is put on our streets



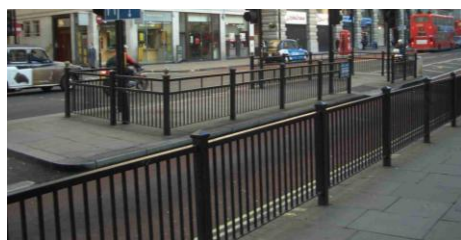
But most can be removed or replaced with tidier, or elegant alternatives



Removing clutter makes a place feel safer.



Posts, bollards and cameras can be relocated



Guard railings have little or no effect on road safety and so are very seldom necessary



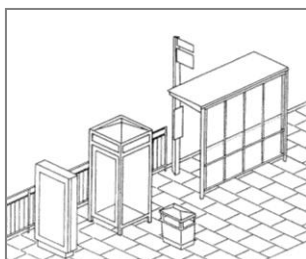
ERRODING EFFECT OF CLUTTER

The appearance of streets and public spaces is fundamental to the economic wellbeing of a place, be it a city, town or village.

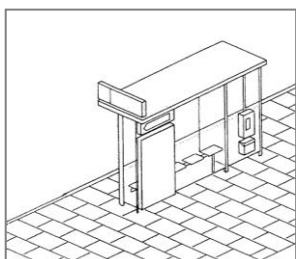
Clutter acts like a mist that hides the unique character of a street. Buildings that people cherish and which make one place different from another are hidden behind ugly signs and street equipment.

For too long we have assumed that they are an inevitable requirement of modern life. Fortunately there has now been considerable success in many places to remove virtually all clutter.

This experience should and can be applied everywhere.



Bus shelters can be combined with seats, bins and phones



Street lights on buildings



Pavements can be set out tidily with neat edges to man-holes, and signs can be put on railings



CONSIDER EACH CATEGORY

Each category of equipment that makes up street clutter has to be considered separately. Guard railings serve little or no road safety function. Street lights can be put on buildings. Bus shelters can be combined with seats and bins. Traffic signs and white lines can be reduced to the lawful minimum. Some signs can be put on adjacent walls and railings.

Pavements can be neat and tidy and designed so that they do not crack, without resorting to rows of unsightly bollards.