



CIHT/ Enterprise Mouchel Streets Award

Judging Criteria

This award recognises outstanding street designs. Completed schemes, or larger schemes with completed phases are eligible.

- The judges were looking for evidence of
- Demonstration of fulfilling a clearly articulated vision
 - Encouragement of environmentally sustainable travel choices
 - Well executed planning and implementation (consultation and collaboration)
 - Achieving a good balance between movement and place functions
 - Excellence in accessibility and inclusiveness
 - Quality, functionality and maintainability of design
 - Good connectivity to the surrounding community
 - Evidence that scheme objectives are being achieved

Judges' Comments

Winner



Cheapside City of London

The City of London Cheapside scheme has delivered substantial transport infrastructure and public realm improvements. This street is now far better equipped to accommodate the increase in pedestrian traffic while offering a safer, more vibrant retail destination.

Located between Bank and St Paul's the environment in Cheapside was generally poor. An overly generous carriageway meant vehicular traffic dominated the street. Improvements to the transport infrastructure and public realm were required to improve safety, function and quality of the environment.

To address these issues the footways have been significantly widened and de-cluttered, with raised courtesy crossings now located at all streets adjoining Cheapside and pedestrian refuges provided at key desire lines. The changes have significantly reduced speeds and improved safety at Cheapside.

A junction near St Paul's has been completely redesigned and a large cycle hire site and cycle racks have been incorporated into it, complementing improvements to cycle safety such as positioning loading bays off running lanes.

Trees have been introduced along Cheapside and the lighting substantially improved. A rejuvenated sunken garden and seating provide places for rest.

These improvements have not impeded the operation of Cheapside. Off street loading bays and improvements at Bread Street fully accommodate the needs of retail and the operation of the street.

Strong communication – which included close liaison with local traders and working partnerships – ensured construction time and disruption to local occupiers were minimised and access was maintained to all businesses throughout the build.

The Cheapside scheme was delivered on time and to budget. The design exhibits the very best in urban design simplicity and has delivered bold changes while carefully balancing the needs of all street users. Cheapside is now well placed to meet the current and future demands that will be placed upon it.

"The judges considered this to be an outstanding scheme which successfully addressed the balance between movement and place. It was seen to be a key component of a strategy to raise the standard of streetscape within a wide area. This was emphasised by adopting an unfussy approach as well as by the use of high quality materials.

The judges were particularly impressed with the partnership approach adopted throughout the delivery of the scheme and also by the very high standards of workmanship."