



WHAT IS TRAFFIC CALMING?

Traffic Calming describes the ways which can be used to slow traffic down. The Traffic Calming features shown in the picture are described below. Read them carefully and match each feature on the picture to its correct description. Number 1 has been done for you.

- 1 Mini-roundabouts**
Drivers slow down to drive around them and have to watch out for other cars entering the roundabout.
- 2 Pedestrian island**
These can stop overtaking and help pedestrians cross the road.
- 3 Pinch points**
These narrow the road on both sides at the same place. Drivers slow down to drive through them.
- 4 Speed cameras**
These simply take photographs of speeding motorists who are then prosecuted by the police. They are usually found on main roads where there is a particular problem with speed.
- 5 Pedestrian crossings**
There are several types including pelican crossing, zebra crossing, footbridge and subway.
- 6 Chicanes**
A chicane is where the road is narrowed on one side and then the other. This makes drivers slow down to get through them.
- 7 Speed humps**
These force cars to slow down as driving over them too fast is very uncomfortable.
- 8 Speed limits**
Every road has a speed limit. Some roads that have a lot of pedestrians or a school have lower speed limits.

