

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This Manual complements previous advice issued viz:

- *Traffic Management Guidelines* (2003).
- *Smarter Travel* (2009).
- *Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas (Cities, Towns and Villages)* (2009)
- *National Cycle Manual* (2011).
- *Planning Guidelines: Local Area Plans* (2013).

DMURS provides guidance relating to the design of urban roads and streets. The Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) shall not henceforth apply to urban roads and streets other than in exceptional circumstances. Where those circumstances arise, written approval shall be obtained from the relevant sanctioning authority (as set out in Section 1.3 Application of this Manual).

This document is designed to be universally accessible to all professionals associated with street design. It presents a series of principles, approaches and standards that are necessary to achieve balanced, best practice design outcomes with regard to street networks and individual streets. It does so by presenting these in a structured format, ranging from macro level to micro level considerations.

This document is also designed to respond to the principles of universal design, as outlined in documents such as *'Building for Everyone, A Universal Design Approach'*, published by the Centre for Excellence in Universal Design.

The principles, approaches and standards set out in this Manual are intended for use by suitably qualified and experienced designers who work within the built environment professions. Designers must exercise a duty of care when applying the Manual.

This Manual does not purport to account for every scenario that a designer will encounter, particularly when retrofitting existing streets. Nor can this Manual cover every technical detail. Many matters are left to the professional expertise and judgement of users, while others are covered elsewhere in relevant Irish, British or European standards, in codes of practice and guidelines, many of which are cross-referenced throughout this Manual.

