Going Dutch at Waterbeach

As part of a development-wide approach to sustainable transport, Waterbeach will be one of the UK's first large-scale developments to incorporate the principles of Dutch junction design.

Learning from best practice examples used throughout the Netherlands, which has a more pedestrian and cyclist dominant infrastructure, Waterbeach will be prioritising pedestrians and cyclists at each junction within the development.

This approach keeps footpaths and cycleways at a constant level, giving walkers and cyclists priority, and clearly indicated by a continuous and contrasting surface material to the roads. As cars come to a junction, they have to reduce their speed to make the relatively sharp turn into the junction and negotiate the change in level (essentially going up a small ramp) before crossing the junction. The approach will be part of creating a culture which gives priority and improved safety for pedestrian and cyclists over cars.







