

Local Authorities

Section 39 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 states that each local authority:

- a) Must carry out studies into accidents arising out of the use of vehicles on roads or parts of roads, other than trunk roads, within their area;
- b) Must, in the light of those studies, take such measures as appear to the authority to be appropriate to prevent such accidents, including the dissemination of information and advice relating to the use of roads, the giving of practical training to road users or any class or description of road users, the construction, improvement, maintenance or repair of roads for which they are the highway authority and other measures taken in the exercise of their powers for controlling, protecting or assessing the movement of traffic on roads; and
- c) In constructing new roads, must take such measures as appear to the authority to be appropriate to reduce the possibilities of such accidents when the roads come into use

The London Road Safety Council feels that local authorities have a key part to play in reducing road casualties through the implementation of data led road safety engineering measures and by developing evidence led, education, training and publicity programmes.