





"Traffic inside a historic town or urban area must be controlled and parking areas must be planned so that they do not damage the historic fabric or its environment.

When urban or regional planning provides for the construction of major motorways, they must not penetrate a historic town or urban area, but they should improve access to them."

**Washington Charter, 1987**

"With each advance in transportation, human life has been altered; the effects of pedestrian, horse, railway, car, bus and merchandise transport, can be seen superimposed in today's cities.

The implications and importance of such mobility are many. Choices can be made about the environment in which one would wish to live and work, with whom one wishes to interact. However, since its appearance in 1884, the car has often dominated transport policies, bringing in its train the degradation of public transport systems.

The car versus the town - perhaps an over-simplistic view, but very nearly the case. **Slowly but surely, cars are killing towns.** By the year 2000, a choice will have to be made; **it will be one or the other: both cannot be kept.**"

**Council of Europe, European Urban Charter, 1992**











