WHAT WE CLAIM IS:

1. An energy absorbing apparatus comprising:

- an outer shell having opposed ends and a left and right side wall and a hollow core; and

wherein the shell has been adapted to have a plurality of longitudinally spaced apart fold points positioned on the left and right side wall only at a height which substantially corresponds to the centre of gravity of a road vehicle; and

wherein the fold points facilitate a controlled folding up of the sides and at least part of shell, at or around, the fold points, during an end on impact.

2. An energy absorbing apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein the apparatus is in the form of an elongate barrier section.

3. An energy absorbing apparatus as claimed above wherein the apparatus has left and right side walls which are corrugated when viewed in transverse cross section.

4. An energy absorbing apparatus as claimed in claim 3 wherein at least one ridge of the corrugated walls include the fold points.

5. A temporary barrier wherein the barrier includes a number of elongate barrier sections connected to one another and wherein at least one terminal end of the barrier includes an energy absorbing apparatus as claimed in claim 1 or 2.

~~6. An energy absorbing apparatus substantially as described herein with reference to any example and/or drawing thereof.~~

~~7. A temporary plastic barrier substantially as described herein with reference to any example and/or drawing thereof.~~