

Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire
County Council

Use of Non-Prescribed Signs on Public Highways

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Description of current service/policy

Traffic signs are provided on the public highway by a number of different bodies. To be lawful, these signs must comply with relevant legislation and statutory instruments. Traffic management policies are in place to reflect this requirement.

Geographical impact: All Hampshire

Description of proposed change

There is no change to policy. The proposal is in response to a letter from the Secretary of State for Transport regarding the use of non-prescribed traffic signs on local authority roads. The specific proposal is to remove reported non-prescribed traffic signs or amend to correct non-permitted variants.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? No

The Secretary of State for Transport, Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP, has written to all local authorities regarding the use of non-prescribed traffic signs on local authority roads. In his letter, the Secretary of State reminds local authorities of the need to comply with the legislation. As this is a legal requirement for the authority there is no identified consultation or stakeholder engagement. Removing unlawful signs is an existing duty.

Statutory considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Age: Neutral		
Disability: Neutral		
Sexual orientation: Neutral		
Race: Neutral		
Religion and belief: Neutral		
Gender reassignment: Neutral		
Gender: Neutral		
Marriage and civil partnership: Neutral		

Pregnancy and maternity: Neutral		
Other policy considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Poverty: Neutral		
Rurality: Neutral		

Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)

There is no change to policy and it is not anticipated that this decision will have a disproportionate impact on groups with protected characteristics.

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Any other information

The proposal to remove reported non-prescribed signs is an existing duty, but specific Executive Member authority for this action is appropriate as non-prescribed signs can be erected by other bodies at their cost without correct approval and removing these may potentially lead to disputes. A policy decision also supports the management of requests for signs that are outside of the permitted use.