

1. Stopping up (or part) under S116 of the Highways Act.

This could be considered for a road where it duplicates another, has no accesses and little recreational purpose. The Parish and District Councils have to be consulted first and the stopping up cannot proceed if either objects. Has to be reported to HATTOC and can only be granted via the Magistrates Court.

2. Permanent Traffic Regulation Order.

This could be used to prohibit certain classes of vehicles. The Parish Council and adjacent landowners have to be consulted and it has to be processed via HATTOC.

This could be useful in downgrading a maintenance category and say restoring a very bad metalled surface to a green lane (not to be used if the maintenance category is just incorrect – we have a separate process for that).

3. Temporary Traffic Order

Can be for all traffic and should be used whilst 1 or 2 above are considered. This can be arranged via a letter to the Secretary of State but Dft may be changing this so that highway authorities can do this direct. Can be for 18 months, and then for a further 18 months if the Secretary of State is again informed.

4. Unsuitable for motor vehicles sign dia 820

This is an advisory sign and has no legal implications. Use should be limited to maintenance category 12 non - metalled roads.