

Response to Request for Information

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Signage for Public Rights of Way – (PROW)

Request:

I have chosen to contact your Council to try and gain an insight into how Public Rights of Way (PROW) are signed across in the United Kingdom.

Your Highways Department or your Countryside and Rights of Way Department is required to maintain the signage that shows your PROWs. Please send me details (by post or by email) telling of any standards your local authority uses to sign the following:

In response to your request, The Highway Authority has a legal duty to sign public paths **only** where they leave a metalled surface. Additional signage can be used to help assist persons unfamiliar with the route. Signage will be as per The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

- Greenway Roads or Routes (for vehicles up to say 0.5T) – Not applicable
- Green Lanes for heavier vehicles – Not applicable
- Mountain Bike Routes - Not applicable
- Cycle Routes – Any designated cycle route on the pedestrian highway network requires blue roundels either showing shared use (white bike over white pedestrian) or segregated (bike and pedestrian side by side, line down the middle). Where a route is on the vehicle carriageway or reserved for cyclists only a blue roundel with a white bike only is used. Any route where cycling is permitted may be supported by white on blue direction signs but these are not a requirement.
- Public Footpaths (pedestrians only) – As per the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.
- Mountain Paths – Not applicable
- Public Roads — such as Byways, tracks, Roads used as a Public Path and others – As per The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016
- Bridleways – As above
- Long Distance Footpaths – Not applicable
- Permissive Paths – Advisory sign. Usually the responsibility of the landowner, unless a formal agreement in place
- Paths across Open Ramblage – Not applicable
- What happens where a sign refers to more than one of the above routes – All necessary signage can be placed on one post
- The PROW number or description- it is not a duty to place the path reference number on a sign. A description can be added if it is felt to be of benefit to users
- The start point – as above

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

- The end point – as above
- The distance between points on the PROW – as above