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INTRODUCTION

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- These Planning and Policy Features are grouped together as a collection of data on statutory, local and land use designations that may influence the highway designer, manager or operator.
- Users of this Advice Note shall consult with the overseeing organisation on current planning and other policy features, procedures and guidance.
- They are most commonly off-site features, but not always. Statutory designations require prior consultation with the appropriate body before undertaking works adjacent, and so are 'core' elements. Other codes are for the inclusion of data as-and-when it is required for improvements, design and management.
- The codes may be further sub-divided for site-specific purposes.

Ref	Dataset	Core Data	As-and-When
P1.1	Statutory Nature Conservation Designation	●	
P1.2	"Local" Nature Conservation Designation	●	

P2.1	Statutory Landscape Designation	●	
P2.2	Local Landscape Designation		●

P3.1	Cultural Heritage Feature	●	
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1.1 STATUTORY NATURE CONSERVATION DESIGNATION (P1.1)

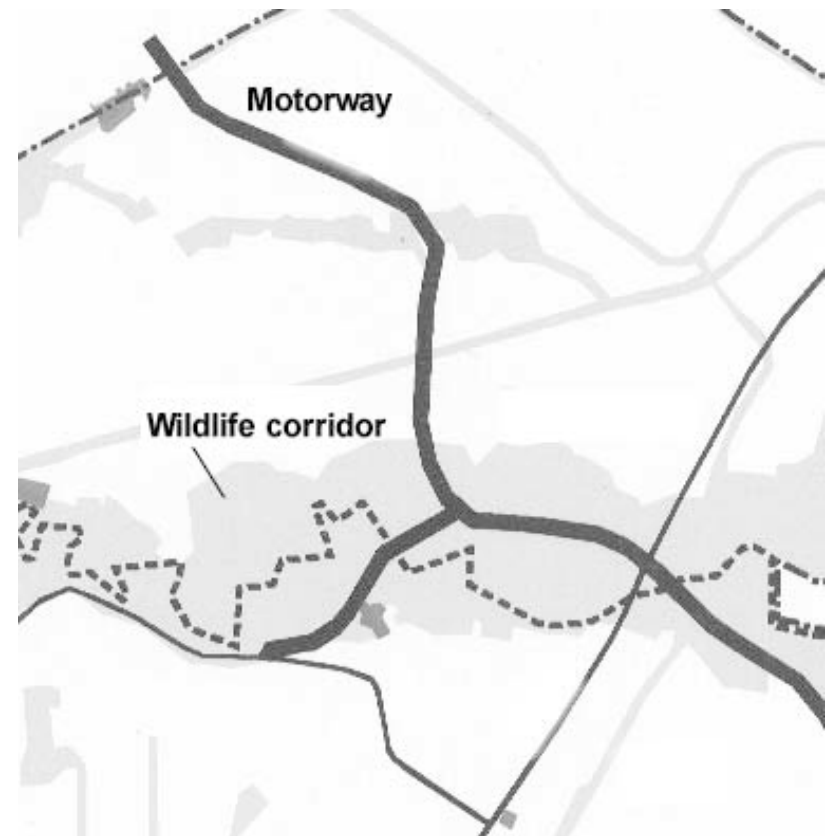
- Includes Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Protection Areas (SPA), Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), National Parks, Ramsar Sites etc.
- Information available from English Nature/CCW/ Scottish Natural Heritage/ Environment and Heritage Service, as well as Local Authorities.



M62 South Pennines SPA *The South Pennines Special Protection Area includes the highway land of the M62 Motorway*

1.2 LOCAL NATURE CONSERVATION DESIGNATIONS (P1.2)

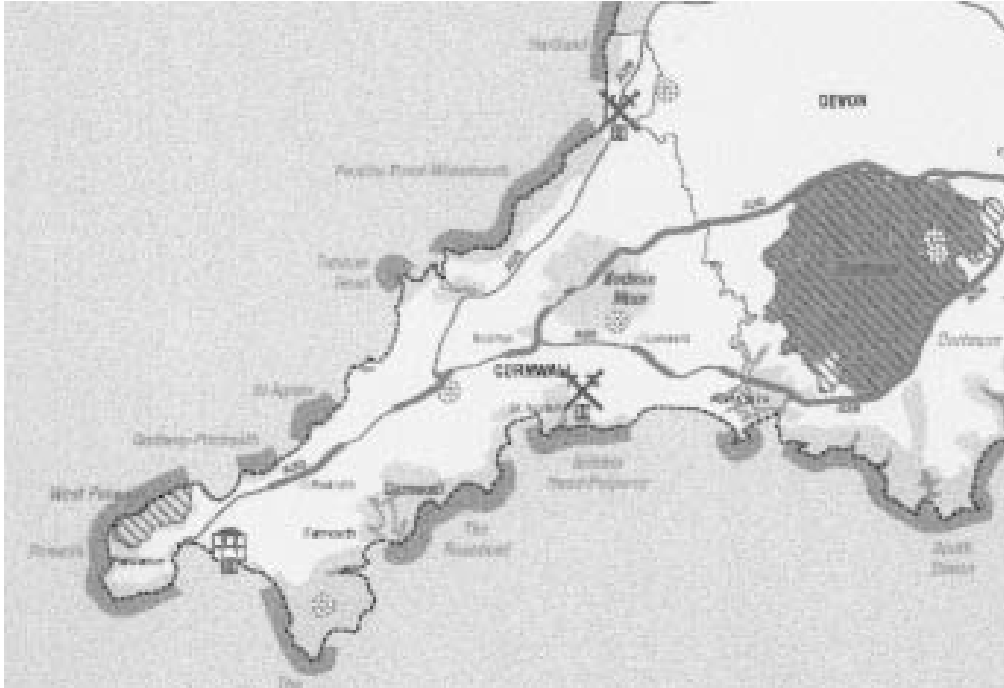
- Includes Local Nature Reserves and other sites of local nature conservation interest designated by the Local Authorities.
- Information available from Local Planning Authorities and/or Wildlife Trusts.



Wildlife corridor *Wildlife Corridors and other local conservation designations may be described in the Local Development Plan*

2.1 STATUTORY LANDSCAPE DESIGNATIONS (P2.1)

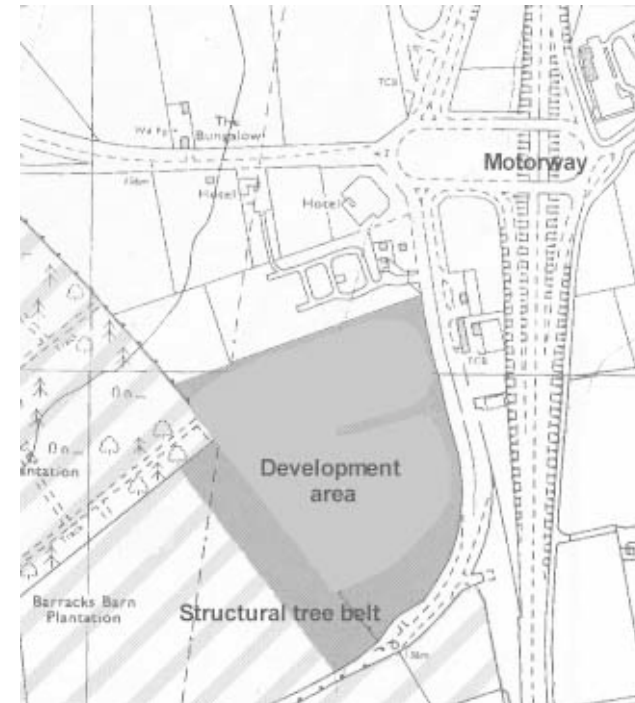
- Includes, for example, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), Special Landscape Areas (SLA), National Scenic Areas, Natural Heritage Zones, National Parks (see DMRB Volume 11 Section 3 Part 5 for full list).
- Information available from the Countryside Agency, National Parks, Scottish Natural Heritage, CCW.



National Parks

2.2 LOCAL LANDSCAPE DESIGNATIONS (P2.2)

- Includes, for example, Great Landscape Value (AGLV), Landscape Zones, Riverside Protection Areas, Structural Tree Belts, Tree Preservation Orders and Green Belts.
- Information available from Local Planning Authorities.



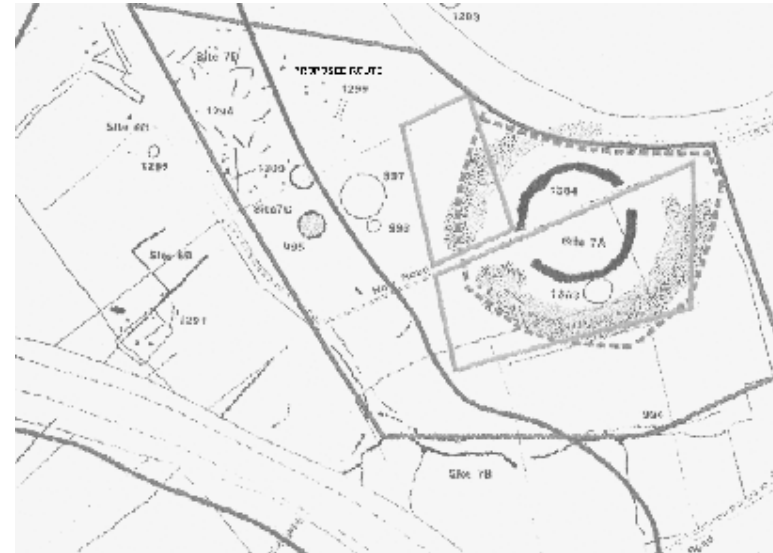
Local Landscape Designation *In order to protect the rural nature of the surrounding landscape, the Local Planning Authority has proposed that the designated industrial area be surrounded by a structural tree belt*

3.1 CULTURAL HERITAGE FEATURE (P3.1)

- Includes World Heritage Sites, Scheduled Monument, Listed Buildings Grade I or II and Areas of Archaeological Importance (see DMRB Volume 11 Section 3 Part 2 Chapter 4). Other designations will be considered of regional or local significance.
- The criteria for assessing importance of a historic features are set out in Annex 4 of PPG16 (England) and in the National Planning Policy Guideline 5 and Planning Advice Note 42 (Scotland). It should be noted that different examples of the same sort of site or monument may have different levels of significance depending upon their local and regional context. An assessment of these aspects will usually be required to establish the degree of importance of many historic features.
- Information can be obtained from County Sites and Monuments Records, English Heritage's Scheduled Monuments lists, Listed Buildings catalogues, registers of Historic Parks and Gardens and Historic Battlefields (England), CADW (Wales), Historic Scotland, the Environment and Heritage Service, National Monuments Records for Scotland, the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments and the Inventory of Gardens and Designated Landscapes (Scotland).



National Monument



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Listed Buildings

3.2 CONSERVATION AREA (P3.2)

- Includes parks and gardens of special historical interest or areas of architectural significance.
- Information available from Local Planning Authorities, Register of Landscapes, Parks and Gardens of Special Interest.



Conservation Area

4.1 AGRICULTURAL LAND (P4.1)

- Government policy seeks to protect the best and most versatile 'agricultural land' (Grades 1, 2 and 3A) from development. It may therefore be relevant to gather such data when assessing options for improvements regarding land take.
- It may also be relevant to record areas of derelict or contaminated land where remediation may be required.
- Information at broad-scale is available from MAFF (England) and the maps of agricultural land capability prepared by Macaulay Land Use Research Institute (MLURI) England. Updated surveys may be required in specific locations.



ALC Extract *Extract from MAFF's Agricultural Land Classification maps (1:50 000)*

4.2 LAND MANAGEMENT (P4.2)

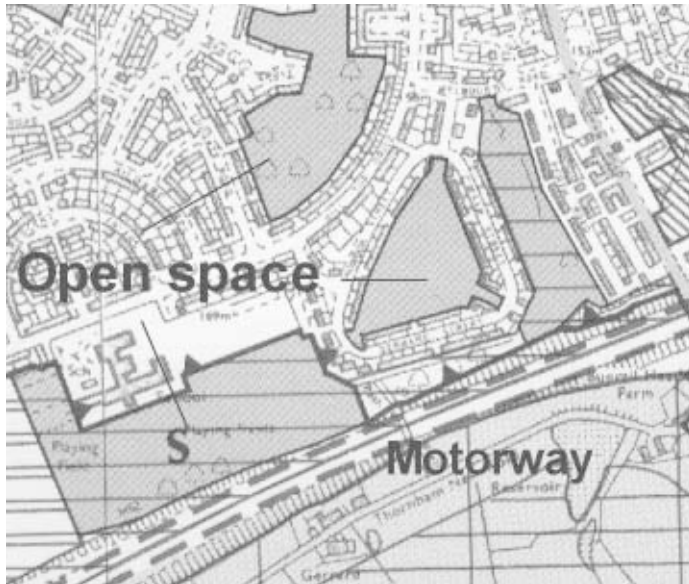
- Sustainable agricultural land management practices are encouraged through various designations and initiatives such as, Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs), Nitrate Sensitive Areas (NSAs), Habitat Scheme Water Fringe Areas, the Tir Gofal scheme and the Country Stewardship Scheme.
- These initiatives may provide, through liaison, opportunities for collaborative management of highway land adjacent to such areas.
- Information available from MAFF, the Countryside Agency, FRCA, ADAS (England), the National Assembly for Wales, Agriculture Department and the Rural Affairs Department, Scottish Executive.



Tintwistle Moor *The A628 proposed improvement traverses land within the North Peak Environmentally Sensitive Area where farmers are encouraged through agent-aid to revert to traditional husbandry. This may influence the mitigation and accommodation works*

4.3 PUBLIC OPEN SPACE (P4.3)

- May include public parks, playing fields, public gardens, village greens, Metropolitan Open Land.
- Information may be obtained from Local Planning Authorities.



Open Space

4.4 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (P4.4)

- May include footpaths, cycleways, bridleways etc.
- Information available from local highway authorities and Ordnance Survey maps and offices.
- Core data when there is an interface with the highway boundary.



Public Rights of Way

5.1 SENSITIVE LOCATION/COMPLAINT/THIRD PARTY CLAIM (P5.1)

- This element code, which may be sub-divided by the user, is included to enable the overseeing organisation to keep records/plans of areas of public sensitivity or claims relating to noise, subsidence etc which may be utilised in the future.



Horse Chestnuts *In certain locations, trees may result in regular complaints (whether valid or not) relating to safety, shading, leaf nuisance, and subsidence. Previous records of inspections and incidents are invaluable*

6.1 WATERCOURSE QUALITY (P6.1)

- All watercourses should be recorded where they interface with, or could be affected by, scheme proposals or existing highway maintenance.
- Watercourse quality should be recorded by its River Ecosystem (RE) classification where this is available. If not, the General Quality Assessment (GQA) grade should be given. Data sets should identify which classification is used.
- Watercourses supporting salmonid fisheries downstream and within the area of influence of scheme proposals or existing roads should be noted.
- Information on watercourse quality and fisheries can be obtained from the Regulatory Authorities for water.
- Water course quality is recorded by a River Classification Scheme in Scotland.



River Severn

6.2 AREAS OF GROUNDWATER SENSITIVITY (P6.2)

- Groundwater resources must be protected from pollution from highway run-off. These resources should therefore be noted.
- Information regarding groundwater resources can be obtained from the appropriate Regulatory Authority for water.
- Appropriate Classification and Source Protection Zones to be shown on plans, and/or included in a subdivision eg P6.21.

7. ENQUIRIES

All technical enquiries or comments on this Advice Note should be sent in writing as appropriate to:

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