

Traffic Signs Policy

1. Oxfordshire County Council, as the Highway Authority, is responsible for the provision of signing on the road network throughout Oxfordshire excluding motorways and trunk roads.
2. This policy includes; directional, warning, tourism, illuminated, special event signage and traffic mirrors.
3. This policy excludes: street name signs (District Councils) and bus shelters (Parish Councils)
4. To support users to move around the transport network safely, regulatory signs and lines are used. Essentially to put into effect traffic regulation orders that may impose restrictions on speed, width, weight, height, movement (turning or access for specific modes of travel) or waiting and loading.

Policy: TSP1

Oxfordshire County Council will provide or ensure provision of adequate and appropriate signage to ensure safe passage to users of the highway network by giving clear direction and warning.

Policy: TSP2

Oxfordshire County Council will allow the implementation of tourism signage to provide supplementary directional information on a case by case basis, subject to the signage being fully funded by the requestor.

5. Tourism signing is used to guide visitors to a tourist destination along the most appropriate route during the latter stage of their journey, particularly where a destination may be difficult to find. This will only be provided from the nearest available 'A' or 'B' class road.

Policy: TSP3

Oxfordshire County Council will allow temporary event signage on the network, subject to prior written approval, except for local signage for small parish events which have no wider impact.

6. Temporary signage may be required for events or other short-term activity. Those advertising businesses or commercial activity will not be tolerated.

Policy: TSP4

Oxfordshire County Council will remove any unauthorised signs which pose an obstruction or safety risk to the highway user.

Policy: TSP5

Oxfordshire County Council shall not permit, other than in exceptional circumstances, the erection of traffic mirrors on any part of the public highway.

7. Implementation of equipment on the highway other than that approved is not permitted, this includes traffic mirrors. Any existing mirrors that exist on the public highway shall be maintained by Oxfordshire County Council.

Service Aims

1. Oxfordshire County Council will take a risk-based approach to maintain and inspect existing signing on the network so that information remains clear, visible and legible, in accordance with our Highway Safety Inspection Policy
2. Oxfordshire County Council will reduce the number of signs to reduce street clutter.

Reference & Supporting Documents

- [Highway Safety Inspection Policy](#)
- BS EN 12899-1:2007 - Fixed, vertical road traffic signs. Fixed signs
- [Traffic Signs and General Directions 2016](#)
- Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
 - Section 64 General placement of traffic signs
 - Section 65 Powers and duties of highway authorities as to the placing of traffic signs
 - Section 68 Placing of signs in connection with the exercise of other powers
 - Section 85 Placing of speed limit signs