

# Highway planning in the New Forest National Park



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# Outline

- Reminder of who does what with regards highways
- Overview of some the key pieces of highway planning taking place which the National Park Authority is involved in.
- Feedback on strategic highway issues





National Park Boundary



Perambulation Boundary



District Boundaries



New Forest National Park Authority  
Headquarters



# Highway Authorities



- Hampshire County Council
- [www.hants.gov.uk/roads](http://www.hants.gov.uk/roads)
- 01329 225393
  
- Wiltshire Council
- <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/>
  
- Highways Agency (responsible for A31 / M27)
- <http://www.highways.gov.uk/>

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# Strategic Highways issues

- Safety of free ranging livestock
- sharing road space, cars, livestock, cycles, pedestrians
- aesthetics of road markings/concrete kerbs etc
- Aesthetics of signage alongside highways. All signs, not just highway signs.
- Aesthetic impacts of road noise
- Management of verges, as safe places to ride horses together with the regulation of parking on verges.
- Roadside lighting, the aesthetic and wildlife impacts
- Management of trees ( particularly veteran trees with high wildlife value) alongside the highway
- Management of invasive non-native species alongside highways ( particularly Giant hogweed and Japanese knotweed.
- Road widening 'by stealth'
- Maintenance of culverts and highway drains

