# 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



#### **Highway Authorities**

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

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- HCV limit awareness and enforcement (HCC / WC / NFNPA)
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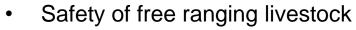




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### Strategic Highways issues



- 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