

Presentation for Historic Environment Group

Environmental Guidelines for the management of Roads in the Chilterns

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Transportation



Historic Environment Group

- Chilterns Conservation Board
- A precious Landscape of significant importance
- 41AONB's in England and Wales
- 11 National Parks



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- 324sq.miles
- 833 sq.kms
- 10 district councils
- 4 county councils
- 1 unitary council
- 100,000 residents
- 500,000 within 3 miles



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Chilterns Transport

- Local Transport Plans 2006-2011
- Environmental Guidelines for the Management Of Roads in The Chilterns
- AONB Management Plan Section 13 Traffic and Transportation



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Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

- Produced in 1997/8
- Partnership between four highway authorities
- Adopted by County Council for use across all rural areas.
- Revision underway by Chilterns Conservation Board and Partners



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Environmental Guidelines

- Boundaries (verges hedges)
- Roadside Features
- The Carriageway and Footway
- Traffic Management



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Strategic Environmental Assessment

- SEA Environmental Report
- Statutory
- Plan that has the POTENTIAL for significant environmental effects
- Integral Part of Local Transport Plan



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ROADSCAPE

- Fantastic network of rural lanes often low traffic flow compared to strategic highway network
- Need to protect and enhance with care
- Balance
- Important Sense of Place/ Rural Character



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ROADSCAPE

- Signing
- Clutter
- Maintenance



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- Need for access
- Safety
- Environment
- Working landscape
- Conflict and Balance



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- Department for Transport
- The Traffic Signs and General Directions 2002
- Authorisation
- Safety



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Quiet Lanes ?

- Countryside Agency
- National Trials
- Rural Roads with low traffic flows and speeds
- Shared use by all users



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Quiet Lanes

- Transport Act 2000
- Signage issues
- 5 years but no statutory guidance !



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WILDLIFE

- Wildlife
- Deer Collisions
- Acoustic
- Visual



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ROADSCAPE

- Revision of Environmental Guidelines
- Appropriate and safe design
- Overview and Scrutiny (Bucks environment)



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- Questions ?



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