

USE OF MUD ON ROAD SIGNAGE by FARMERS AND FARM CONTRACTORS

GUIDANCE NOTES

These guidance notes provide information for the appropriate use of signage by farmers and farm contractors who are planning activities which may result in the temporary deposit of mud on the highway causing a hazard to the travelling public.

1. Temporary 'road safety message posters' that conform to the design outlined below may be used subject to these guidance notes.
2. These "Road Safety Message Posters" are informative and are to be considered as a last resort / special case and used where mud has been deposited on the road despite all preventative measures undertaken.
3. The use of these posters must be registered with Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP) herefordshire.workinfo@bblivingplaces.com or 07816 064164 immediately that they have been placed on the highway giving their precise location. This will be recorded and the location will be inspected within 24 hours during the working week and 48 hours over weekends.
4. When erecting the signage, please wear high visibility clothing for your own safety.
5. The signs must only be erected for the duration of the incident of mud on the road. It is expected that for the duration of the incident, every reasonable step is taken to prevent further deposits of and cleaning of deposited mud.
6. The signage must not be left in place where there are no Hazards as this will cause drivers to become complacent about the signage, lessening its influence over time.
7. Sign locations must be thought about, must be placed with suitable forward visibility for the speed of the road (ideally all signs should be visible from at least 75m), away from the highway edge to prevent damage, must not obstruct access or any visibility requirements and maintained for the duration of the placement of the sign by the user.
8. Contact BBLP if assistance is required in cleaning the site. This will incur rechargeable costs but highway safety is paramount.
9. Confirm to BBLP that the incident is now resolved and the signs are removed.

NOTE: The provision of signage at sites where there are hazards on the highway network do not absolve the responsibility of the person depositing the mud or the land owner.

- Highways Act 1980 - S137 "If a person, without lawful authority or excuse, in any way wilfully obstructs the free passage along a highway he is guilty of an offence."
- Highways Act 1980 – S148 "If without lawful authority or excuse a person deposits anything what so ever on a highway to the interruption of any user of the highway he is guilty of an offence"
- Highways Act 1980 S161 "If a person, without lawful authority or excuse, deposits anything what so ever on a highway in consequence of which a user of the highway is injured or endangered, that person is guilty of an offence"
- Road traffic Act 1988 covers situations where a mechanically propelled vehicle is driven dangerously on the road. Driving dangerously can include driving a vehicle in a state that could cause danger to others

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Scale 1: 10
Dimensions (in mm):
Width: 864, Height: 950
x-Heights: 100, 50
Area: 0.82 sq m
Colours:
 black on yellow

Mud On Road - Slow Down

Herefordshire Council

SignPlot v1.20

