

# DMRB Standards Update

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# Highways England Objectives

Significant recent drivers for change include:

**Department for Transport Road Investment Strategy (RIS)**

**Highways England Strategic Business Plan 2015-2020 (SBP)**

**Highways England Delivery Plan**

**Manual for the Development of Documents, introducing Requirement and Advice Documents (RADs)**

**Other recent DMRB Documents**

- IAN 195/16 Cycle Traffic on the Trunk Road Network
- HD 19/15 – Road Safety Audit

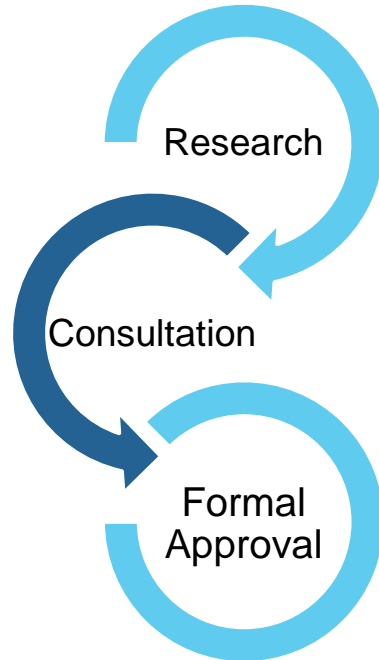
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## Approach and Process

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## Approach taken to develop the new RAD



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## Process for formal approval of new HD 42 RAD

**Peer Review** –  
Highways  
England Safer  
Roads-Design  
Team

Three  
submissions to  
the **Road  
Layout  
Technical  
Project Board  
(TPB)**

**Final TPB  
Approval**

**Chief Highway  
Engineer  
(CHE) approval**

Final approval  
by Highways  
England and  
Devolved  
Administrations  
through **formal  
publications  
process**

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## Key changes made

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## Summary of key changes

### RAD Title

- NMU and Audit terms changed
- User-specific focus

### Scheme Applicability

- Clarification on applicable schemes
- Exemption file note introduced

### Process

- What is needed and when within the design process
- Removal of post-completion stage

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## Summary of key changes

### Scheme size

- Differing levels of effort required depending on highway scheme size

### Practitioner requirements

- Competencies expected of Lead Assessors and Assessors

### Roles and responsibilities

- Changes to Project Sponsor and design team leader roles



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## Intended Outcomes

- Improved provision for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians on and near the strategic road network
- Improved awareness and skills of highway design teams
- Increased key stakeholder liaison
- A clearer process for practitioners and scheme promoters/highway authorities

# What's next?

Highways England is currently investigating ways of improving DMRB design tools for the benefit of walking, cycling and horse-riding

- Research will help inform how Highways England will cater for the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians
- Highways England is aiming for a step change in the provision of walking, cycling and horse-riding facilities on the strategic road network

# What's next?

Highways England is in the process of replacing the DMRB  
– the first stage of this should be complete by 2020

The structure and content of the DMRB is changing:

- Volumes and structure of RADs (Standards)
- Naming of RADs
- The way RADs are written
- A move towards performance-related requirements
- Interim Advice Notes (IANs) will be phased out
- Introduction of National Application Annexes (NAAs)
- Reducing the opportunities for Departures from Standard

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## Questions