

Highways England Road Layout Technical Board – seeking a new ADEPT member

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- **Standing Road Layout Technical Project Board** – chair Sandra Brown
 - **UK wide board** – purpose is to advise, steer and influence the technical content of DMRB and MCHW related to Road Layout in the UK
 - **Discipline Areas covered** – geometry, traffic signs, gantry locations, tourist signing, road safety audit, walking/cycling/horseriding, designing for cyclists, pedestrians and equestrians
 - **Membership** – Highway England specialists in various fields including: Road Layout, Health and Safety, Commercial, Procurement, Major Projects, Operations, European Legislation, Devolved Administrations of Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales, ADEPT.
 - **Membership numbers** – currently circa 20 subject matter experts

- **Current ADEPT rep**
 - is David Devenish formally of Hampshire CC – David has now moved to WSP so will be stepping down from role due to potential conflict of interest. David is continuing with the ADEPT role through to September 2019 as he has been influencing the current DMRB updates for the last three years – he is best placed to complete this round of updates.
 - **Seeking a new ADEPT member from October 2019.**

- **How much time do you need to commit?**
 - Bi annual meetings, in person ideally – but can be corresponding if preferred
 - Documents to review in advance of meetings – sent via email - usually given four weeks to review and provide comments in advance of TPB meetings – plus discussions on the day.
 - Also discussions on emerging research findings in road layout
 - Usually day 1 - 12 midday to 1800
 - Usually day 2 - 0900 to 1500
 - Locations around the UK – typically Manchester/Birmingham/Leeds
 - Dates confirmed – locations yet to be confirmed but usually every other meeting is England at a Highways England venue, then either alternate between Scotland (Glasgow or Edinburgh) /Wales/Northern Ireland (Belfast). Dates confirmed as:
 - 27th and 28 November 2019
 - 11th and 12th March 2020
 - 25th and 26th November 2020
 - 10th and 11th March 2021
 - 24th and 25th November 2021

What skills are needed of a TPB member?

- Knowledge and practical experience of highway design and traffic sign design and access to colleagues who can support in reviewing documents that may be generated from technical research or be the actual proposed updates of DMRB documents

Why have ADEPT involved when DMRB is not mandated to LHA's?

- Many LHA's do use DMRB
- Make sure DMRB meets our combined **published aims** as Highway Authorities
- Make sure DMRB does not negatively impact on LHA **technical and business needs**

What does a TPB member need to do?

- Hit the **timescales** asked of you – usually given 4 weeks to review documents and provide comments
- Consider relevant **legislation** – EU, UK, National
- Consider **industry good practice**
- Consider **innovation** where appropriate
- Consider **impacts on**
 - **Costs**
 - **Benefits**
 - **Affordability**
 - **Risks**
- Make sure **requirements are clear** for design and specification
- **Health and Safety** considerations
For Highways England – we review the **safety risk report** – the GG 104 report
- Make sure content with effects the document being reviewed /research being considered may have on **environments and sustainability**
- Think about the **financial and operations risks**
- Bring to the table ongoing research that may be relevant – in the UK, in the EU and the world

How formal is it?

- **Open and honest** environment
- But **confidentiality of what is discussed/reviewed is key**
- Informal – voting only where really, really necessary – under my watch only used this once for a very tricky situation
- Don't feel timid but remember
- no monologues in the room!

Cost commitments

- Travel to the venues
- Accommodation costs
- Evening meal costs – food and drink is provided throughout the actual TPB meetings