

2.6 Policy Number HW6 - New Infrastructure

2.6.1 Introduction

In order to comply with its obligations Highway Authorities must ensure that appropriate standards are applied to the design and construction of new infrastructure. These standards will support future maintenance operations, ensure that the expected life of any new construction is achieved and that all aspects concerning safety are properly considered.

2.6.2 Policy Statement

Hampshire County Council as the Highway Authority shall provide guidance on and access to all its standards, specifications and requirements related to the design and construction of highways in Hampshire and ensure that these standards are applied appropriately.

2.6.3 Scope of the Policy

The policy covers all new infrastructure on the highway, including renewals, replacements and new additions to the network.

Hampshire County Council's standards should be used for:

- Routine, reactive and structural maintenance works.
- All new highway related improvement schemes.
- All externally funded works on, or affecting the network
- All new developments which will be adopted as Public Highway

This policy does not apply to utility reinstatements, these are covered in national guidance and legislation for street works.

2.6.4 Additional Information

Hampshire County Council manages and maintains a set of documents that provide advice, guidance and requirements for new infrastructure, these include:

- Highway construction standard details, with specifications and technical notes for guidance on their application
- Carriageway and footway surfacing guidance
- Commuted sum guidance and calculator regarding the calculation and application of commuted sums

These can be found using the link below:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/developers/constructionstandards>

In addition to this all third parties that are considering highway works as described above should be aware of current Department for Transport guidance (Technical notes, Design Guides and Highway Specifications)

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3.7.1 Supporting Information

All new infrastructure on the highway including replacements of existing assets and those assets to be adopted as highway must be constructed to an approved set of standards. These standards include:

- National designs standards and technical guidance notes. For further information go to the DfT website <http://www.dft.gov.uk/>
- National specifications for materials and workmanship. For further information go to the DfT website <http://www.dft.gov.uk/>
- Hampshire's own Standard Details and Technical Guidance Notes

To maximise the value of new infrastructure in terms of performance, long life and maintaining safety, it is essential that the Highway Authority apply these standards. To achieve this Hampshire refers developers and internal providers to these standards, manages processes for approving the design of new infrastructure and controls handover, document exchange and commuted sums processes. When these tasks have been completed appropriately new assets such as, new housing estates or sections of road can be adopted as highway maintainable at public expense. See also [Policy HW3 - Highway Status](#)

All new infrastructure shall comply with the current Commuted Sums guidance. Developers shall pay Hampshire County Council the sum of money calculated in the commuted sum process for the future maintenance of the asset. The commuted sums received will be utilised to support highway maintenance budgets and maintain the highway network in perpetuity.

3.7.2 Service Standards

When adopting new infrastructure or controlling developer funded improvements to the existing highway the Highway Authority will ensure that design standards, specifications and commuted sums for maintenance have been applied appropriately. The cost of overseeing these design checks, any commuted sums that are applicable and the administration of the process will be charged to the applicant/developer. The details of any agreements including; payments, commuted sums and timescales will be dealt with a on an individual project basis.