



Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 27

PART V

TRAFFIC SIGNS

General provisions

72 Powers exercisable by parish or community councils.

- (1) A parish or community council may, with the permission of the highway authority and subject to any conditions imposed by that authority, provide on or near any road, other than a footpath or bridleway, or may contribute, either wholly or in part, towards the cost of providing on or near any such road, traffic signs indicating—
 - (a) a stopping place for public service vehicles;
 - (b) a warning of the existence of any danger; or
 - (c) the name of the parish or community or of any place in it.
- (2) A parish or community council may provide, or may contribute, either wholly or in part, towards the cost of providing, on or near any footpath or bridleway, any object or device (not being a traffic sign) for conveying to users of that footpath or bridleway a warning of the existence of danger.
- (3) No traffic sign, object or device provided by a parish or community council in pursuance of this section shall be placed on any land (not being a road or part of a road) without the consent of the owner and occupier of the land.
- (4) Nothing in this section shall prejudice the exercise by the highway authority [^{F1}, the Welsh Ministers] or the Secretary of State of their powers under section 69 of this Act; but where any such object or device as is mentioned in subsection (1) of that section is an object or device—
 - (a) provided by a parish or community council in pursuance of this section, and
 - (b) so provided on land which the council neither own nor occupy,

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the powers conferred on the highway authority by that subsection shall be exercisable in relation to the council and not in relation to the owner or occupier of the land.

- (5) For the purpose of complying with a notice under section 69(1) of this Act which, by virtue of subsection (4) above, requires a parish or community council to remove an object or device, the council may enter any land and exercise such other powers as may be necessary for that purpose.
- (6) A parish or community council may warn the public of any danger in or apprehended in their area, subject, however, in the case of a warning given by providing any traffic sign, object or device, to the provisions of subsections (1) and (3) above.
- (7) This section does not extend to Scotland.

Annotations:

Amendments (Textual)

- F1** Words in
[s. 72\(4\)](#)
 inserted (1.4.2018) by
[Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\)](#)
 ›
[s. 71\(4\)](#)
 ›
[Sch. 6 para. 38](#)
 (with
[Sch. 7 paras. 1](#)
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[6](#)
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[9](#)
);
[S.I. 2017/1179](#)
 ›
[reg. 3\(r\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 72: certain functions of the Secretary of State made exercisable (25.7.1995) by
[S.I. 1995/1986](#)
 ›
[art. 2](#)
 ›
[Sch. 3 para. 7](#)
- C2** S. 72(1): functions of the local highway authority made exercisable by, or by employees of, such person as may be authorised in that behalf by the local highway authority whose function it is (23.7.1999) by
[S.I. 1999/2106](#)
 ›
[art. 2 Sch. 3 para. 7](#)
- C3** S. 72(1): certain functions made exercisable (24.3.2009) by
[The Contracting Out \(Highway Functions\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/721\)](#)
 ›
[art. 3](#)

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- Sch. 3 para. 7**
- C4** S. 72(1) functions made exercisable as specified (E.) (1.4.2015) by
The Delegation of Functions (Strategic Highways Companies) (England) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/378)
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- regs. 1(1)
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- Sch. 3 para. 5**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act modified by
[S.S.I. 2018/279](#)
[art. 5](#)
[sch. 3](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 87(1)(a) words omitted by
[2015 c. 20](#)
[s. 50\(2\)\(a\)](#)
(This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. This amendment is to be applied to the version of s. 87 that is prospectively substituted by 2006 c. 49, s. 19)
- s. 87(1)(a) words substituted by
[2013 c. 22](#)
[Sch. 8](#)
[para. 29\(3\)](#)
- s. 87(1)(b) words substituted by
[2017 c. 4](#)
[s. 26\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 87(1)(c) word inserted by
[2015 c. 20](#)
[s. 50\(2\)\(c\)](#)
(This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. This amendment is to be applied to the version of s. 87 that is prospectively substituted by 2006 c. 49, s. 19)
- s. 87(1)(aa) inserted by
[2015 c. 20](#)
[s. 50\(2\)\(b\)](#)
(This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. This amendment is to be applied to the version of s. 87 that is prospectively substituted by 2006 c. 49, s. 19)
- s. 87(7) inserted by
[2017 c. 4](#)
[s. 26\(6\)\(b\)](#)