

Environment Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 5 March 2015

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

Review of Future of Countryside Sites

The Committee met on 19 February 2015 for the final time to consider and agree the final report (executive summary attached).

Review of Boundary Signs

In 2014, the Department for Transport (DfT) carried out consultation on the proposed revisions to the Traffic Signs Regulation and General Directions (TSRGD). The revised TSRGD will prescribe new boundary signs for historic counties and designated geographical areas and will permit the use of photographic images.

The Government consultation response was expected in mid-September but was delayed,

An officer review of current and proposals for Boundary signing has been undertaken following advice given in the draft consultation of TSRGD. This has recommended that:

- The outcome of the Government's review is awaited including details of when changes go before Parliament in order to ensure changes are not made to the current proposals.
- Once this has been determined it is proposed to consult with Middlesbrough Council on cross boundary arrangements and with the Highways Agency on whether it is feasible to introduce signs on the Strategic Road Network.
- Sign designs will need to be agreed and then wider consultation as appropriate can be carried out.

The Committee had intended to begin a review of boundary signs which would have continued into the next municipal year. It was decided that the review should commence with the committee that will replace the Environment Select Committee.