

**AGENDA ITEM
REPORT TO PLACE
SELECT COMMITTEE**

5 OCTOBER 2015

**REPORT OF HEAD OF
ECONOMIC GROWTH &
DEVELOPMENT**

BOUNDARY SIGNS REVIEW

SUMMARY

This report sets out the review of boundary signs, including the current position and recommendations subject to Government legislation yet to come forward.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That committee note that Government legislation, the Traffic Signs Regulation and General Directions is currently being revised and is to go before Parliament.
2. That Members support the proposal to only consider Boundary signs for Stockton-on-Tees Borough at the Borough boundary.
3. That Members support the proposal to only sign historical boundaries for Yorkshire and Durham at the four river crossings of:
 - Yarm Bridge
 - Jubilee Bridge (Queen Elizabeth Way)
 - Victoria Bridge
 - Princess of Wales Bridge

BACKGROUND

Consultation on the proposed revisions to the Traffic Signs Regulation and General Directions (TSRGD) has been undertaken, however the final version is yet to be published or laid before Parliament. This document details legislative requirements and permitted signs on the highway.

Greater flexibility to the design of boundary signs is being considered to enable Authorities to foster a better sense of place, and geographic qualities often associated with particular areas. To enable this it is proposed that the revised TSRGD includes the ability to sign historic County boundaries.

The Government consultation has now closed and the final document is awaited, there are currently no dates proposed for its implementation.

Boundary Signs Review

A review of current and proposals for Boundary signing was undertaken following publication of the draft TSRGD. The following table denotes the highway boundary locations with neighbouring Authority areas that have signs identifying the Stockton-on-Tees Borough boundary. This is also indicated on the attached map at Appendix 1.

Sign Location	Boundary Local Authority
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A1032 Tees Newport Bridge Approach Road Middlesbrough Road A66 Westbound (Aone+ responsibility) A1130 Acklam Road A174 Parkway Extension B1380 Low Lane	6 signs. Middlesbrough Borough Council
A67 Northbound Seamer Road Weary Bank A19 Northbound at Crathorne - (AutoLink responsibility) Long Lane, Picton Forest Lane B1264 Green Lane	7 signs. North Yorkshire County Council
Aislaby Road A67 Uraly Nook Road A66 Eastbound (Aone+ responsibility) Darlington Back Lane Redmarshall Road Mill Lane, Whitton South Street, Old Stillington Mill Lane, Middleton St. George	8 signs. Darlington Borough Council
A689 Eastbound and Westbound A19 Southbound at Wolviston (AutoLink responsibility) A178 Seaton Carew Road	4 signs. Hartlepool Borough Council
A177 Thorpe Larches	1 sign. Durham County Council

In terms of the historical County boundaries sign it is proposed to limit the historic signs to the Counties of Durham and Yorkshire with some suggested sign designs included at Appendix 2. There are other historic name changes affecting the Borough as follows:

- County Borough of Teesside
- Cleveland County
- North Riding of Yorkshire

Clearly, the boundaries for these historic names are different and would amount to a significant number of signs that would lead to street clutter and could be confusing for motorists. It is therefore proposed to consider ceremonial boundary signs of Durham and Yorkshire at the River Tees crossings, as follows:

- Princess of Wales bridge
- Victoria Bridge
- Jubilee Bridge
- Yarm Bridge

There are also two further river crossings that are at the boundary with Middlesbrough that have been considered for ceremonial County boundary signs, however due to site constraints they are not recommended, these locations are:

- Transporter Bridge
- Tees (Newport) Bridge

Further river crossings within the Borough that are not part of the Local Highway Network are A66 at Surtees Bridge and A19 Tees Flyover.

Consultation with Middlesbrough Council and Highways England or their Agents would be required to progress any signs on these routes, with sign clutter and these routes being part of the Strategic Road Network, it is recommended that this is not progressed.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Funding for the installation of new boundary signs and maintenance is yet to be determined.

ACTIONS

Should Committee support the recommendations then the following actions are required:

- Once the awaited legislation is published, the boundary sign policy be published as appropriate.
- A clear maintenance policy is developed based on the principle of asset management.
- A protocol is agreed on funding of signs including maintenance.

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CEREMONIAL BOUNDARY DRAFT SIGN DESIGNS

County Durham flag and proposed sign design.



	 <p>Stockton-on-Tees BOROUGH COUNCIL</p>
	<p>Scale 1:10 Dimensions (mm): Width: 1810, Height: 340 x-Height: 70 Area: 0.62 sq m Colours: ■ white on brown</p> <p>DIAG NO: SIGN SCHEME: Ceremonial Boundary NUMBER OF SIGNS REQUIRED: tbc CLASS OF SIGN: H.I.P</p> <p>REF: Durham 1</p> <p>SignPlot v3.10</p>

	 <p>Stockton-on-Tees BOROUGH COUNCIL</p>
	<p>Scale 1:10 Dimensions (mm): Width: 1166, Height: 402 x-Height: 70 Area: 0.47 sq m Colours: ■ white on brown</p> <p>DIAG NO: SIGN SCHEME: Ceremonial Boundary NUMBER OF SIGNS REQUIRED: tbc CLASS OF SIGN: H.I.P</p> <p>REF: Durham 2</p> <p>SignPlot v3.10</p>



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Width: 1175, Height: 402
x-Height: 70
Area: 0.47 sq m
Colours:
 black on white

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REF: Durham 3

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Yorkshire flag and proposed sign design.



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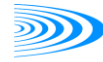
The flag of the North Riding of Yorkshire and proposed sign design.



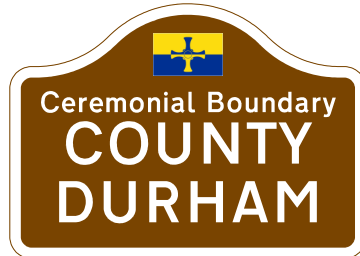
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Ceremonial Boundary sign designs

	<p>Stockton-on-Tees BOROUGH COUNCIL</p>
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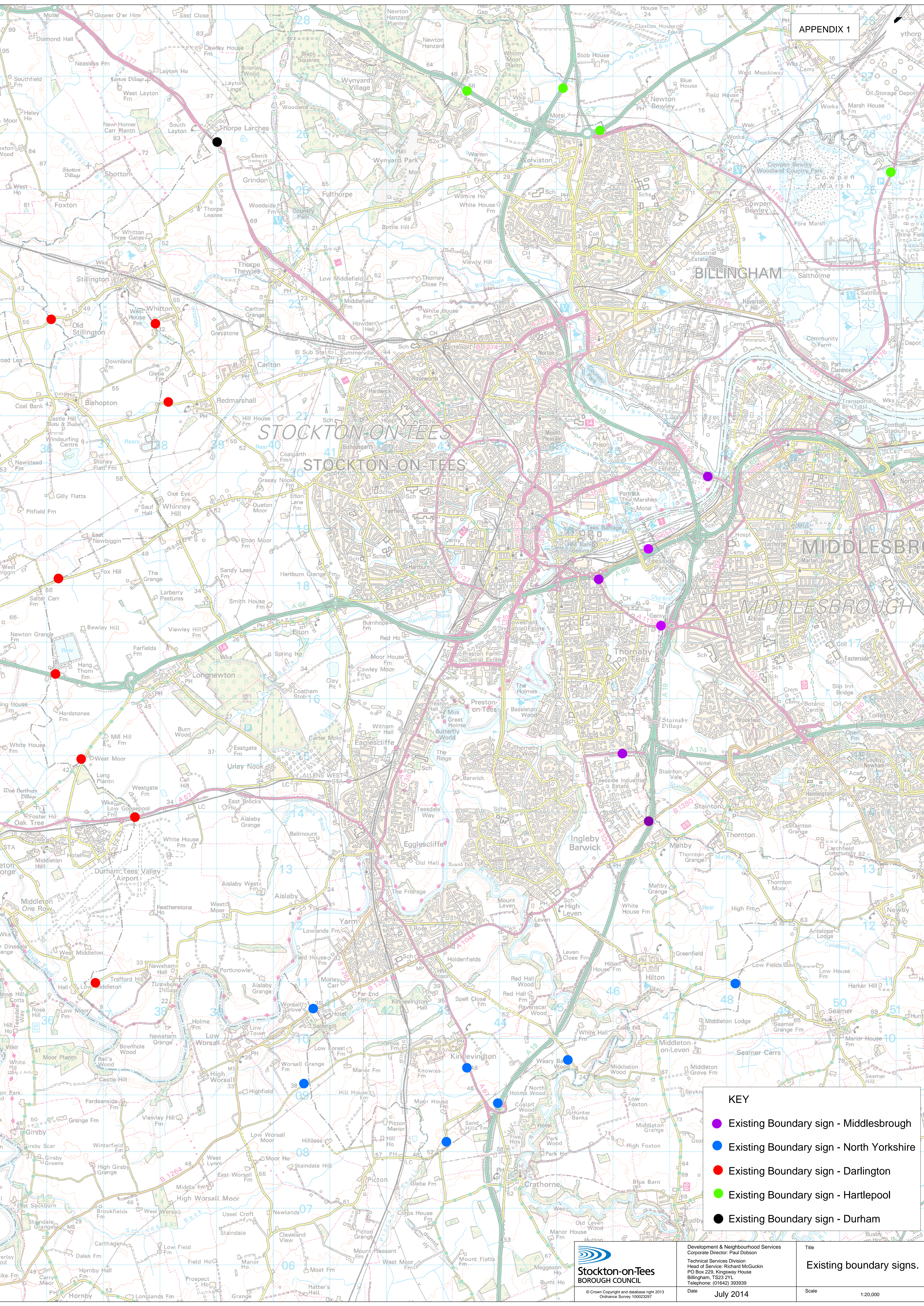
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KEY

- Existing Boundary sign - Middlesbrough
- Existing Boundary sign - North Yorkshire
- Existing Boundary sign - Darlington
- Existing Boundary sign - Hartlepool
- Existing Boundary sign - Durham