



## Place Select Committee

Boundary Signs  
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## Summary

- There are 26 existing Stockton-on-Tees Borough boundary signs located in the Borough.



- They are located at the Borough boundaries as follows:
  - Middlesbrough – 6 signs
  - North Yorkshire – 7 signs
  - Darlington – 8 signs
  - Hartlepool – 4 signs
  - Durham – 1 sign



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### Current legislation:

The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 (TSRGD) prescribes the detail of signs on the highway.

This permits:

- A Coat of Arms;
- A 'Welcome to....' message;
- Description such as County, Borough, City or Metropolitan District;
- A phrase denoting an item of geographical or historical interest;
- Reference to locations outside of the UK that are twinned with an area;
- A 'Please drive carefully' message or similar road safety message of not more than five words.



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- Revised Legislation:
- The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions is currently being revised by the Department for Transport.
- There is no current timescale for the revised document to be implemented and is in draft following a consultation process.
- The draft TSRGD proposes amendments to allow 'greater flexibility' to foster a better sense of place for areas that also includes the ability to sign historic County boundaries.

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- Abolition of Cleveland County Council in 1996 saw the duties of the Lord Lieutenant divided between Durham and Yorkshire for Ceremonial purposes in Stockton.
- Stockton is unique in the Tees Valley as it is split between two historical Counties of Durham and Yorkshire with the boundary being the River Tees.
- Other historic name changes affecting the Borough are:
  - County Borough of Teesside
  - North Riding of Yorkshire

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- Possible suggestions for marking the historic County Durham boundary at the River Tees are:



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- Possible suggestions for marking the historic County Yorkshire boundary at the River Tees are:



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- Possible locations for historic County signs are:

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

In addition there are two further river crossings with the boundary of Middlesbrough, these are:

- Transporter Bridge
- Tees (Newport) Bridge

Further river crossings within the Borough that are part of the network managed by Highways England with potential technical difficulties for siting of signs include:

- A19 Tees Flyover
- A66 Surtees Bridge

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Way forward:

- A clear policy in terms of boundary signs permitted within the adopted highway subject to the awaited legislation.
- A clear maintenance policy in place based on the principle of asset management.
- Protocol to be agreed on funding of signs including maintenance.