

3 PROPOSED AMENDMENT REGULATIONS TO THE TRAFFIC SIGNS REGULATIONS AND GENERAL DIRECTIONS 2002 (AN243-2009)

The Department for Transport has published a consultation document on proposed amendment regulations to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002. The 1984 Road Traffic Act requires traffic signs to be prescribed by regulation or be authorised by the Secretary of State or appropriate devolved administration. The proposed changes are primarily to reduce the number of traffic signs needing special authorisation, by prescribing signs that have come into common use since the current regulations came into force in 2003. There are now regulations for the use of portable pedestrian crossing equipment at roadworks and other locations. The Regulations have also required updates as several British Standards have been superseded.

Officers have considered the proposed changes and are generally satisfied with them. It is particularly welcomed that Direction 41 allows the use of self righting bollards and this may be a cost saving for the council as electrical power and maintenance is not needed where previously the internally illuminated bollards have a high maintenance cost associated with the electrical connections. Officers have prepared a response informing the Department for Transport of the above comments and this has been submitted to them.

The Committee is asked to note accordingly.