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Dear Mrs James

**Re: Highway Legislation & Policy**

Thank you for your recent request for clarity in connection with the Devon Highway Department's statutory obligations and guidelines, which has been passed to me to respond.

The three primary pieces of formal legislation under which Devon Highways currently operates are:-

- Highways Act 1980
- Traffic Management Act 2004
- The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016

These documents are freely available to view on the Department for Transport's web site under [www.gov.uk/dft](http://www.gov.uk/dft) along with a range of guidance and advice notes.

The County Councils current policy on the ongoing maintenance of the highway network is enshrined in the Highway Asset Management Policy document which was approved by DCC Cabinet in early 2013. This document is available to view on the DCC web site under:-

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/highway-asset-management/>

You will no doubt appreciate that the County Council receives a great many enquiries in connection with the funding and maintenance of the local highway network. In this regard those enquiries that are frequently asked in correspondence received from members of the public have been published on the County Council web site. Rather than to reproduce

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these in my letter to you, I would urge you view the answers that we have given to the frequently asked questions (FAQs) using the following link:-

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/devonhighways/faqs>

I hope the information given above meets with your requirements and should you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact your local highways officer.

Yours sincerely

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