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Traffic Signs Consultation Traffic Division,
Department for Transport,
Zone 3/27, Great Minster House,
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Dear Sir,

TRAFFIC SIGNS REGULATIONS AND GENERAL DIRECTIONS 2015

COMMENTS BY THE LONDON FORUM OF AMENITY AND CIVIC SOCIETIES

The consultation on this issue is primarily addressed to local highway authorities. The London Forum is responding on behalf of our members – more than 120 local civic and amenity societies – from the viewpoint of consumers.

The London Forum is particularly concerned about the issue of changes to yellow line restrictions where the proposal is to remove the current requirement for Traffic Orders to be advertised and the implications this has for consultation. We would, however, accept this if there were a requirement for local highway authorities to provide site notices so that local people are aware of the proposal and have 21 days in which to comment on the proposal. This would save a lot of money, meet the need to consult and avoid the need to take out measures that prove controversial.

The consultation suggests authorities already undertake effective consultation. For those who already do this, the requirement would not be an additional burden. For those that currently do not, the requirement would merely bring them into line with acknowledged good practice.

The London Forum's response to Question 4 is:

Yes, provided that there is a requirement for local highway authorities to undertake effective consultation proportionate to the proposal. For most cases that will require site notices and a full description with diagrams of the proposal providing local people with the opportunity to comment for a period of at least 21 days.

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