

Road Markings & Road Studs Policy

1. Oxfordshire County Council, as the Highway Authority, is responsible for the provision and maintenance of road markings and road studs on the network throughout Oxfordshire excluding motorways and trunk roads.

Policy: RMSP1

Oxfordshire County Council will provide or ensure provision of adequate and appropriate road markings to ensure safe passage to users of the highway network by giving clear direction and warning.

2. Road Markings are all white and yellow markings on the road surface, as defined in the Traffic Signs, Regulations and General Directions 2016.
3. This policy includes; centre line white lane markings, white edge lines, rib edge lining, pedestrian crossing and junction markings, yellow box junction markings, lettering and arrow markings, road studs, parking restriction markings (Regulatory)
4. This policy excludes: off-road cycleways and coloured surfacing, which is covered by the Oxfordshire Cycling Design Standards and Coloured Surfacing Procedure, respectively.

Policy: RMSP2

Oxfordshire County Council will undertake an annual programme of white and yellow road marking replacement, prioritised using a risk-based approach.

5. Regulatory Road Markings are subject to legal enforcement.
6. Advisory Markings provide guidance and direction to the road user but are not enforceable.
7. Road Studs may be advisory or regulatory dependant on the speed of the road.
8. An effective road marking policy will ensure effective traffic control and the efficient working and enforcement of road traffic regulations
9. With the emergency of assisted driving technologies such as lane identification, the removal of road centrelines and edge markings may lessen their effectiveness.

Policy: RMSP3

Oxfordshire County Council will consult with key stake holders, including the police, town and parish councils with regards to the removal road centre line, edge makings and road studs where we believe there is no safety need for them.

Policy: RMSP4

Oxfordshire County Council will consult householders with regards to the provision or removal of access protection markings (H markings).

Policy: RMSP5

Oxfordshire County Council will consider how the removal of centreline and edge markings will impact on effectiveness of emerging vehicle technologies.

Service Aims

1. Oxfordshire County Council will take a risk-based approach to maintain and inspect existing road markings and road studs on the network so that information remains clear, visible and legible, in accordance with our Highway Safety Inspection Policy
2. Oxfordshire County Council will seek to reduce the amount of unnecessary road markings and road studs on the network.
3. Oxfordshire County Council will provide new road marking and road studs and renew existing road marking and road studs only where necessary on road safety grounds.
4. Oxfordshire County Council will honour access protection markings (H markings)

Reference & Supporting Documents

- Road Markings & Road Studs Procedure
- Traffic Signs Procedure
- Speed Limits Procedure
- Coloured Surfacing Procedure
- [Highway Safety Inspection Policy](#)
- [Oxfordshire Cycling Design Standards](#)
- [OCC Highways Asset Management Plan](#)
- [Traffic Signs and General Directions 2016](#)
- [TD 26/17 Inspection and Maintenance of Road Markings and Road Studs on Motorways and All-Purpose Trunk Roads](#)