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1.1 Foreword

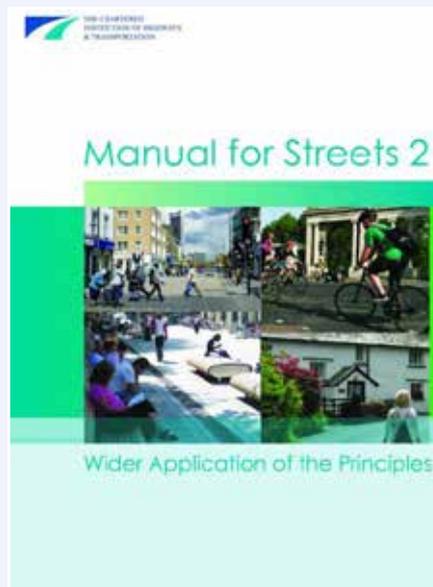
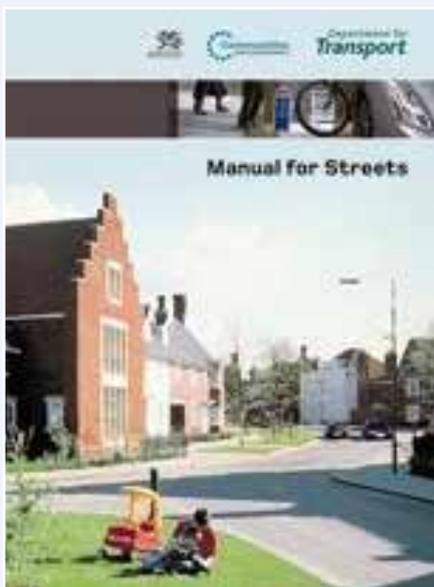
Transport Requirements for Development [TRfD] sets out the principles that Swindon Borough Council will apply to the design and construction of transport infrastructure associated with new development. TRfD replaces the policies and guidance contained within previous Swindon highways design guidance.

TRfD will be reviewed at regular intervals to ensure that it accurately reflects current guidance and policies, and to take account of continuing feedback and changes in working practices. We welcome any feedback you may have, including alerting us to any perceived omissions or errors, and a feedback form for that purpose can be found on the website.

1.2 Aims of this document

TRfD is designed to provide guidance to developers, consultants, contractors, Parish Councils and the public in respect of new developments within the Borough of Swindon. It is particularly aimed at those wishing to undertake adoptable works on existing, and creation of new highway.

TRfD seeks to compliment nationally available guidance such as Manual for Streets and Design Manual for Roads & Bridges, as well as a wide range of best practice documents covering different aspects of the transport system, and tailor to the Borough's specific needs.



*Design Manual for
Roads and Bridges*

TRfD also seeks to strike the right balance between allowing the designer the flexibility needed to create distinctive high quality developments, whilst also ensuring that layouts stand the test of time and are cost-effective to maintain.

TRfD is a web-based document, designed to be downloaded in sections as necessary. No hard copies will be produced. This will allow for individual sections to be updated as and when local and/or national policies are amended or new best practice guidance is made public.

Throughout the document, web links will appear to direct users of the TRfD to external websites providing additional information as necessary.

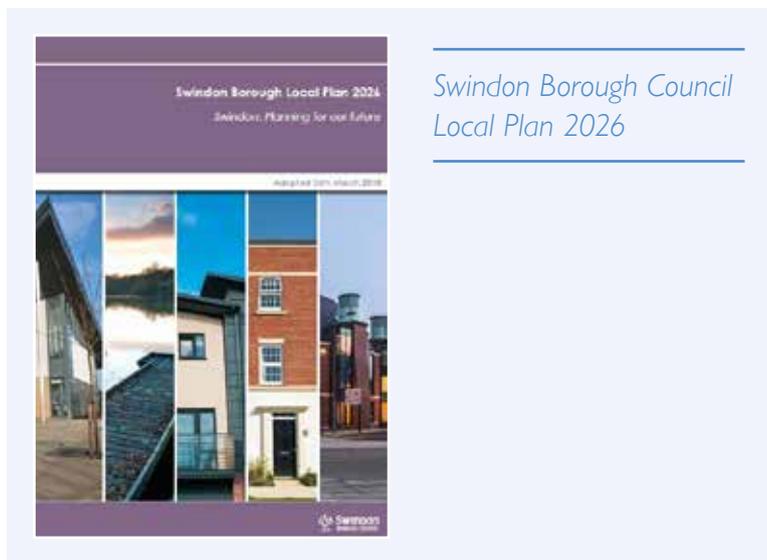
1.3 Promotion of joint working

A co-ordinated design approach is important for Swindon to ensure that new road infrastructure considers the local context and creates high-quality places.

A collaborative approach is a fundamental part of road and street planning and design to create consensus and promote a shared ownership of the project outcomes among the whole project team and with the project stakeholders and the local community.

1.4 Influence of Local Plan

Swindon's current **Local Plan** was adopted on 26th March 2015 and covers the period to 2026. It recognises that transport has a key role to play in the economic prosperity of Swindon. One of the Plans Strategic Objectives is "to support Swindon's growth through the provision of a comprehensive and sustainable transport network that is efficient, safe, affordable, accessible and easy to understand, and offers a genuine choice of modes".



1.5 The Relationship with the Strategic Road Network

Swindon is in the beneficial position of linking from all directions to the Strategic Highway Network (SRN), which is the responsibility of Highways England.

The A419 forms the north-south link to the east of the town and forms the western boundary of strategic growth area of the New Eastern Villages (NEV).

The M4 Motorway to the south of Swindon forms the east-west connection with junctions at either end of the Borough; Junction 16 to the west and Junction 15 to the east. Junction 15 links the M4 and the A419 and as a result is considered a critical interchange.

Due to the location of Swindon, we require any prospective applicant wishing to promote a development within the Borough which may impact upon the SRN to work as closely with Highways England as they would with ourselves. It is often that case that where mitigation works are required on the SRN, liaison between all three parties, the applicant, ourselves and Highways England is required to achieve a successful scheme.

Further detail on working with Highways England on planning matters can be found in:

- **Circular 02/2013 “The Strategic Road Network and the Delivery of Sustainable Development”**
- **The Strategic Road Network: Planning for the Future**

1.6 Health & Wellbeing Strategy

Swindon Borough Council have a Health & Wellbeing Strategy which should also be considered when undertaking designs.

www.swindon.gov.uk/healthandwellbeingstrategy