

1. Introduction

1.1 General

- 1.1.1 The purpose of this Code is to provide guidance to owners of private roads on matters concerning the application of the Road Traffic Ordinance and its subsidiary Legislation to Private Roads.
- 1.1.2 Mainly, the guidance in this Code will refer to traffic signing and road marking that may be used in private roads, though where thought relevant, other information has also been included.
- 1.1.3 It should be stressed that whilst the contents of this Code are to provide guidance for owners of private roads, and as such the Code in itself is not legally enforceable, it will form the basis for any assessment carried out by the Transport Department of traffic signs and road markings placed by the owner of a private road. Should it be found that traffic signs or road markings have not been erected or placed, in accordance with the advice in the Code, the Commissioner may exercise his powers to require the owner to revise the signs and markings.
- 1.1.4 It is not the purpose of this Code to define what is a Private Road, but merely to provide guidance when owners consider that the Road Traffic (Parking on Private Roads) Regulations are applicable, and it is for the owners to satisfy themselves that the application of these Regulations is correct.
- 1.1.5 Owners of private roads must ensure that any traffic sign or road marking they erect or place shall comply with the relevant Regulations and are, particularly in the case of traffic signals, safe for operation.