

Highways (Improvement, Traffic Regulation and Traffic Management) Bill

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Make provision for the prioritisation of maintenance of unclassified roads; the management of heavy commercial vehicle traffic; the regulation of the use of certain roads by such vehicles; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Heavy commercial vehicle traffic

- (1) Highway authorities shall take such steps as are necessary to inform—
- (a) highway and road users,
 - (b) and residents
- in their area as to guidance issued by the Secretary of State, or any agency operating on his behalf, relating to the manner in which the Secretary of State expects highway authorities to exercise the powers conferred upon them with respect to restrictions on highways recommended under that guidance. 5
- (2) The restrictions on which guidance may be issued to which subsection (1) refers, includes but may not be limited to— 10
- (a) vehicle type,
 - (b) weight limits,
 - (c) route regulation or restriction, and
 - (d) speed limits.

2 Road surface repair, including potholes 15

- (1) Parish and town councils, in the exercise of their functions in relation to the repair and improvement of local access roads shall have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State, or any agency acting on his behalf, for the purpose of improving the maintenance of local access roads and to reduce the— 20
- (a) number of, or
 - (b) risks of accident or other danger arising from road surfaces in disrepair and potholes.

- (2) The functions under subsection (1) shall include any contained in an agreement entered into with one or more other local authority.

3 Extent and citation

- (1) This Act extends to England only.
- (2) This Act may be cited as the Highways (Improvement, Traffic Regulation and Traffic Management) Act 2016. 5

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Presented by Sir William Cash.

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