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Grounds for making a Traffic Regulation Order

Under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA) as amended by the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, a National Park Authority is able to make a TRO for any relevant road or part of a road where it appears to the Authority making the order expedient to make it:

- (a) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising (s1(1)(a) RTRA 1984)
- (b) for preventing damage to the road or to any building on or near the road (s1(1)(b) RTRA 1984)
- (c) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians) (s1(1)(c) RTRA 1984)
- (d) for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property (s1(1)(d) RTRA 1984)
- (e) (without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (d) above) for preserving the character of the road in a case where it is specially suitable for use by persons on horseback or on foot (s1(1)(e) RTRA 1984)
- (f) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs (s1(1)(f) RTRA 1984)
- (g) for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of sub-section (1) of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality) (s1(1)(g) RTRA 1984)
- (h) for the purpose of conserving or enhancing the natural beauty of the area, or of affording better opportunities for the public to enjoy the amenities of the area, or recreation or the study of nature in the area. This includes conserving its flora, fauna and geological and physiographical features (s22(2) RTRA 1984).

A “relevant road” is any road which is within the National Park which is shown on a definitive map and statement as a byway open to all traffic (BOAT), a restricted byway, a bridleway or a footpath, or a carriageway whose surface, or most of whose surface, does not consist of concrete, tarmacadam, coated roadstone or other prescribed material.