

REPORT FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLACE

TO: COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE

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TOWN BOUNDARY SIGNS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide confirmation from Lancashire County Council on the options available for the replacement of the boundary signs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That the preferred sign type, colour and content are determined.
- (2) That a detailed design and cost are submitted for consideration to this Committee and Lancashire County Council.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) To progress the replacement of the boundary signs.

BACKGROUND

1. A report was submitted to the February 2023 meeting of the Committee, demonstrating how the proposed boundary sign slogans would look and provided costings for the works. At the time of writing the report a response was awaited from Lancashire County Council (LCC) regarding the acceptability of the proposals.
2. The Committee was subsequently advised that a response had been received and that the proposals would not comply with current regulations and would therefore not receive LCC approval.
3. It was therefore resolved that written clarification be sought on what signage would be permissible, along with costings.
4. LCC have confirmed that the signs would need to comply with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions (TSRGD) 2016. The regulations permit two types of

boundary sign (as shown in Appendix 1), with varying different restrictions on wording and colour.

5. Both sign types allow for permitted variants and those applicable to Colne are summarised as follows –

Sign Diag. 2402.1 –

- The place name may be varied.
- “Welcome to” may be omitted or varied to a similar phrase.
- “Please drive carefully” may be omitted or varied to “Thank you for driving carefully” or another road safety message of not more than five words.
- When “Welcome to” is omitted, a phrase denoting an item of local geographical or historical interest, including “Market town of” or similar, may be added above the place name provided the phrase does not exceed five words.
- The relative sizes of lettering on different parts of the sign may be varied provided the place name remains the most prominent feature.

Sign Diag 2403.1 –

- The place name may be varied as appropriate.
- The arms may be omitted, varied as appropriate, or varied to a logo or symbol indicating a local landmark or historical feature.
- The district council name may be omitted or varied to a name of an appropriate authority.
- “Welcome to” may be omitted or varied to a similar phrase.
- The symbols on the brown panel may be varied but must not exceed three in number.
- The symbols and brown panel may be omitted.
- “Please drive carefully” may be omitted or varied to “Thank you for driving carefully” or another road safety message.
- A phrase denoting an item of local geographical or historical interest, including “Market town of” or similar, may be added.
- The reference to twin towns may be omitted.
- The legend, border and background other than the brown panel and its symbols, may be in any contrasting colours except red.
- The border may be omitted.
- The shape and layout of the sign may be varied and the relative sizes of lettering on different parts of the sign may be varied provided the place name remains the most prominent feature.

OPTIONS

6. The use of either sign type would require the replacement of the existing two signs (as shown in Appendix 1), with the regulations only allowing one sign.
7. The replacement of existing sign posts have been included for in the costings provided. It may prove not to be necessary to replace all posts and the cost would then be reduced accordingly, but at this stage it has been assumed that it will be required.
8. Footway widths at some boundary locations are restricted, namely Barrowford Road, Burnley Road and Keighley Road. This will limit the allowable size of the proposed sign.

9. The current boundary sign locations are –
- Barrowford Road
 - Burnley Road
 - Keighley Road
 - Skipton Road
 - Vivary Way
10. The following supplementary wording had previously been considered by the Committee.
- We're Jammin'
 - Bonnie Colne on th'ill
 - Market Town since 1120
 - Where the band plays on
 - East Lancs. Theatreland
 - A Town on the Edge
11. Both sign types allow a phrase denoting an item of local geographical or historical interest, including "Market town of" or similar, may be added. This will limit the possible options for inclusion on the sign.
12. The finalised sign design will require approval by Lancashire County Council before the project can proceed.

COSTS

13. Estimated costs for the works are listed in the table below. The cost of the project will be refined as the design is developed, due to the implications it will have on the sign size and type of post required.

WORKS	SIGN DIAG. 2402.1	SIGN DIAG 2403.1
Replace all signs and posts	£2,200	£2,800

RECOMMENDATIONS

14. That the Committee determine their preferred sign type between Diags. 2402.1 and 2403.1, as shown in Appendix 1.
15. That the Committee decide the colour and content required for the new sign.
16. That further to the above and additional liaison with LCC, a detailed design and cost is submitted to the next meeting of the Committee for approval.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy:

None arising directly from the report.

Financial:

It will cost approximately £2,200 or £2,800 to replace the signs and posts, depending on the type of sign chosen. These costs may be reduced depending on the need to replace the posts. There is currently no budget allocation for the maintenance of boundary signs.

Legal:

Boundary signage is a District Level function and the existing signage was installed by the Council. However, any changes to the design of the signage requires the consent of Lancashire County Council, as Highway Authority.

Risk Management:

None arising directly from the report.

Health and Safety:

The works will be undertaken by a suitably qualified contractor who will use the required traffic management to carry out the works in a safe manner.

Sustainability:

None arising directly from the report.

Community Safety:

None arising directly from the report.

Equality and Diversity:



None arising directly from the report.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Extract from TSRGD (2016) and photo of existing boundary sign

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Sign table — Schedule 11, Part 2

(1) Item	(2) Description	(3) Diagram	(4) Variants by reference to Part 5	(5) Applicable provisions in Part 6	(6) Schedule 11 General Directions
81	Diagram 2402.1 Primary or non-primary route sign indicating the name of a city, town or village commencing immediately ahead (Alternative types)		37	5	3
82	Diagram 2403.1 Primary or non-primary route sign indicating the name of a city, town or village immediately ahead, together with extra local information		30, 38	5	4

