

Field Roads

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Definition and Scale

- Unsurfaced County Roads and Byways to which motorised vehicles have a right of access
- 261 separate routes, totalling 269km in length
- 61km in Poor Condition (major repairs)
- 71km in Deteriorating Condition (minor repairs)
- 137km in Adequate Condition (nominal repairs)



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Temporary Closure

- An option where we are undertaking maintenance or where there is a significant danger to users
- Difficult to enforce
- Costs between £800 and £5,000
- Cannot be used just to restrict use
- Cannot run indefinitely



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Permanent/Seasonal Traffic Regulation Order

- Must follow a formal process, including widespread consultation
- Demanding of staff time
- Best applied on a block basis but then the costs rise
- If applied to a limited number of routes, concerns about displacement
- Landowner and non-motorised user access
- Signage requirements
- Enforcement



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TRO Costs

- Legal Costs (£2,500 - £15,000)
- Staff Costs (£5,000 - £50,000)
- Signs and Gates (£1,000 - £50,000)
- Plus ongoing maintenance

However, the major obstacle is staff resource and priority. There is high demand for TRO's to be processed across the network and Field Roads are unlikely to be treated as a priority



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Repair & Reconstruction

- At its simplest, re-grading the existing surface
- At its best, full depth reconstruction (usually 250mm) using recycled stone and road planings
- Full depth reconstruction costs are in the region of £25,000 - £50,000 per km dependent on the availability of recycled materials, tipping facilities and the accessibility of the site
- Drainage Improvement (costs vary)



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