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Traffic Sign supports – New Guidance Published

UK Traffic sign specifiers and designers now have guidance on implementing the new standards for sign supports – the ‘IHIE Sign Structures Guide’.

The design of supports for traffic signs changed significantly in 2006 as a result of a European standard replacing the previous codes. BS EN 12899 – Part 1 moved from using a single wind pressure across the UK to offering a wide range of classes for each aspect of a sign’s performance.

IHIE’s guide allows designers to complete the more detailed appraisal of the sign and its location to determine the appropriate wind load recommended by the latest National Annex to BS EN 12899 – Part 1, and Eurocode 1, the new standard for wind actions.

“The ‘IHIE Sign Structures Guide’ – based on research commissioned by the Highways Agency – gives specifiers and clients two separate methods for designing sign structures to withstand local conditions, whilst minimising cost, visual intrusion and passive safety risk.”, said co-author Simon Morgan of Buchanan Computing.

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Notes for Editors

1. IHIE is the professional qualifying institution for specialist engineers (CEng, IEng and Eng Tech) delivering sustainable transport in the UK.
2. The IHIE guide was produced by Simon Morgan – Buchanan Computing, Jim Gallagher – Highways Agency, and Kirsten Morris - Mott MacDonald.
3. The guide was launched at the Traffic Signs 2007 conference on 20th September 2007.
4. Copies are Free or can be downloaded from www.ihie.org.uk

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