## **Bath & North East Somerset Council**

RA No: Service: Highway Services Location/Activity: Ford Sign De-cluttering, Stowey

Date of risk assessment: 11/07/14

What are the hazards? Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	What further action is necessary?	Action by whom? Action by when? Date Completed/Outcome
Additional associated ford signing has been erected following a fatality where a car was washed away at a ford in Chew Magna. The Cllr believes the amount of signing is excessive and wants a de-cluttering exercise to reduce the amount of signing due to complaints from local residents.	There are three locations in the Councillors constituent area which have been investigated.		
A number of advanced ford warning signing and supplementary distance plates have been erected.	The first site is located on a cul-de-sac off The Street, Stowey to a farm. In addition to a No Through Road sign and a derestricted sign an advanced warning sign and supplementary distance plate has been placed at the junction of Stowey Street.	The nature of this road/ track does not mean that vehicles will travel down it unnecessarily given that it is a cul-desac and the only destination is a farm i.e. there will be no rat-running and therefore it could be considered unnecessary for the advanced warning sign providing the No Through sign remains.	Remove the advanced warning sign and supplementary distance plate.
The circumstances of the fatality resulted in the car being washed away. The Cllr believes that if it is not feasible for the car to be washed away the signing should not be required.	The next site is located between Stowey Bottom and Redlands Lane. Two additional warning signs have been erected in close proximity each side of the ford.	The ford is historic and has a raised stone walk way on the western side. The location would benefit from a measuring staff to help determine the depth of the water to help assist approaching vehicles. Although the hedge banks either side will prevent a car being washed away it is not considered appropriate to remove the warning signs at the location of the	Install a measuring staff at this location.

		ford.	
	There are two advanced warning signs located at the junction of the A368 and Stowey Bottom, the second at the junction of Redland Road.	The advanced sign at the Redland Lane junction is located on a road which is not considered a rat run. The forward visibility to this sign is restrictive given it is placed on the inside of a bend and the hedge bank adjacent.	Remove the advanced warning sign at the Redlands Lane junction
	There are two further advanced warning signs either side of the ford between Stowey Bottom and Moorledge Road.	The advanced warning signs on Stowey Bottom at the junctions of the A368 and Moorledge Road are considered to be on a rat running route. Therefore the additional warning sign to the north is considered appropriate when balancing the detrimental aesthetic and environmental effects of the signing.	
		This ford has some long standing ford signing at the ford itself. It is looking worn out and should be replaced reusing some of the signing to be removed if possible. A measuring level staff should also be installed at the ford.	Install measuring staff at the ford.

	The additional advanced warning sign south of the ford is of limited value when considering the additional advanced warning sign at the junction to the A368 and is surplus to requirements	Remove the advanced ford warning sign south of the ford.
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Assessment review date: