

The Code of Practice for Inspection– 3rd Edition (England)

Where are we one year on
What is there still to do



Why amend the Inspections Code of Practice 2nd Edition?

- The old 2nd Edition Code came into effect in 2002 – All HAUC England sector members did agree that the industry had dramatically changed since the initial 2nd Edition review was initiated in 2006. Following the introduction of Permits, Lane Rental and the introduction of a common coordination system by DfT, it was imperative that the current Code was reviewed, and a revised statutory document was released.
- Despite SWUK and JAG UK being in full agreement that Inspections warranted a full review, anyone who has been involved in the numerous historic working groups, will agree the level of difficulty in agreeing the final wording to make the document fit for purpose and to amend the sometimes contentious and disputed' issues, needed to bring the document up to date.
- The IWG group (as was), with the support of DfT and HAUC England, have pledged to release an Operational supporting document that supports the statutory position but is less open to operational misinterpretation, providing simplified process and procedures which would support compliant performance and set the expectation of effective management when non-compliance is found.

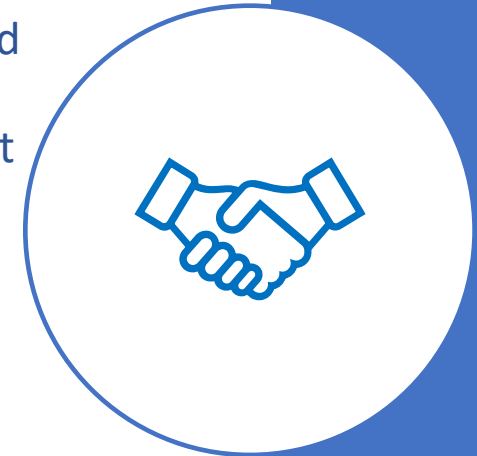


Where are we now & next steps?

- The 3rd Edition Code of Practice released in April 2023 as a statutory document
- Convene an Operational Working Group to support the Operational Guidance document
- Canvass the industry to assess operational misinterpretations and points requiring clarity
- Work with the Street Manager teams to ensure that the system inclusions are aligned with the operational requirements
- As the intention is not to provide a PBI Street Manager document we will ensure that SM Business Rules are referenced for support around automation of the process.

Ongoing activity

- Use the regional feedback to draft the Operational Guidance
- Clarify the practical use of the statutory Code where highlighted as necessary
- Work with the Street Manager teams to improve the functionality around inspections
- Define an inspection to achieve consistency on interpretation of the Codes
- Release a workable and fluid document to support valid inspections in support of improved performance.



HAUC clarity on statutory inspections

What constitutes a valid inspection and its outcome?

History and regional practice may have somewhat blurred the edges on inspection consistency, we need to realign the inspection criteria with the associated Codes of Practice.

The Operational Guidance document is being supported by both the Safety Code review and the SROH 4th Edition changes and it is the intention to promote consistency and remove misunderstanding of what constitutes a failed inspection.

It is the HAUC UK Chairs intention to promote consistent understanding and encourage right first-time good practice.

It is also Street Managers intention to support automation and system functionality to help ease the administration burden on promoters and Authorities.

Collaboration and support as been the achieved intention on both the Inspections Working Group and the Operational Guidance Group and whilst there may still be an element of newness in respect of the Inspections Code of practice, this attitude should be our long term goal.

