

# Public Rights of Way and the NSG

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# What is ADEPT and the ROWMWG

The Association comprises the Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport (ADEPT) at Local Authorities, Local Enterprise Partnerships and corporate partners.

ADEPT members are delivering the projects that are key to unlocking broader economic success and creating more resilient communities, economies and infrastructure.

We represent members' interests by proactively engaging central Government on emerging policy and issues, responding to consultations and enquiries, and promoting initiatives aimed at influencing Government policy.

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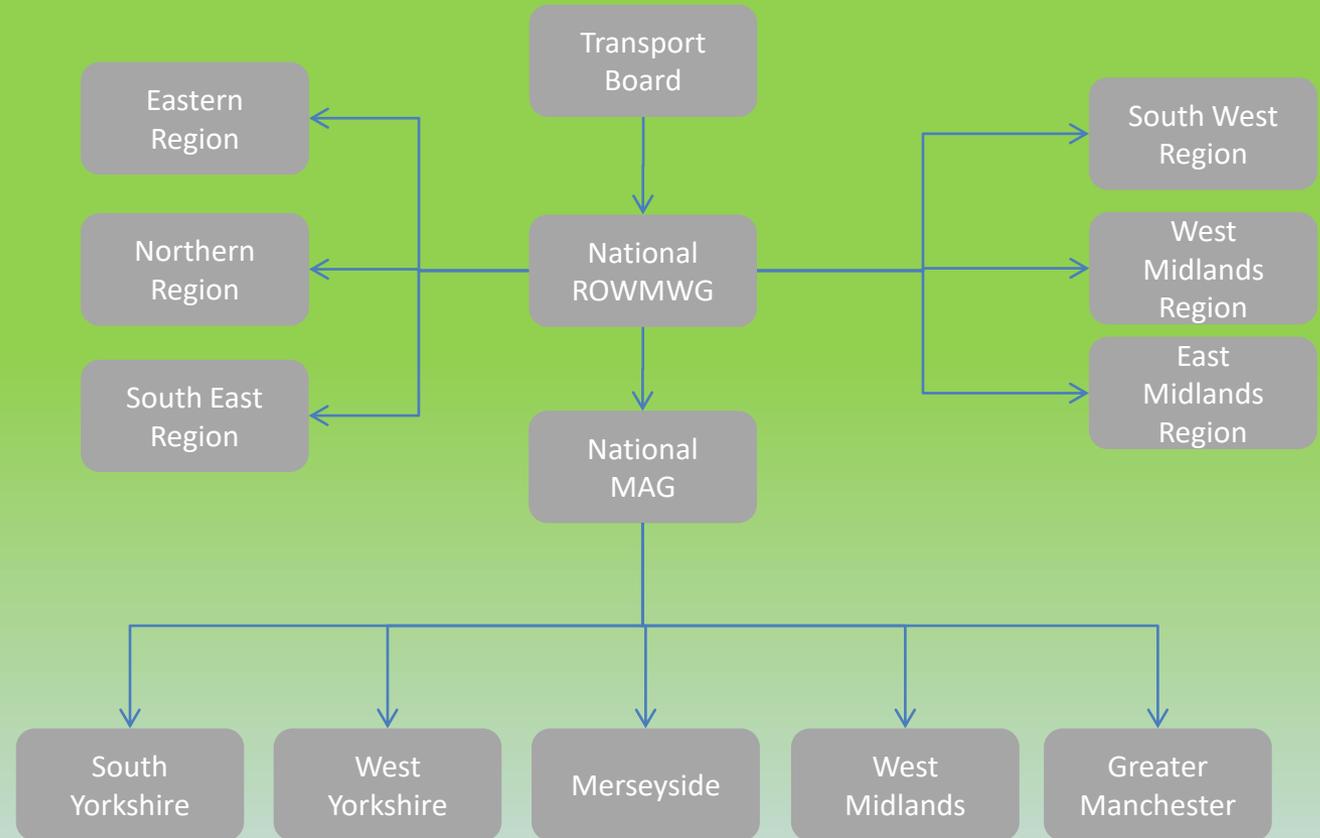
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## ADEPT's ROWMWG



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# Importance of the PROW network

Provides a unique opportunity for people to connect with the natural environment, providing a critical element to [DEFRA's target in its 25 Year Environment Plan.](#)

Provides choice and opportunities for both active and sustainable travel.

Used for both utility and recreational purposes.

Delivers a critical element to delivering DfT's Future of Mobility: Urban Strategy [Principle 3: Walking, cycling and active travel must remain the best options for short urban journeys.](#)

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# Challenges facing PROW

Lack of widespread knowledge of the national network.

No single national map.

Determining the physical extent of a highway to digitise the network and the differences between public roads, private roads, urban PROW & rural PROW.

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# Digitising the highway network from existing data sources

## List of Streets s.36 Highways Act 1980

- List of names of streets

## Definitive Map and Statement (DM&S) s.53 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

- Map and textual description of PROW 1:25000

## National Street Gazetteer (NSG) New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

- GIS centreline

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# Benefits of inclusion in NSG

Systematic coordination and reinstatement of street works and temporary closures.

Proposed exempt PROW from extinguishment through Deregulation Act 2015 regulations and reduction in burdens.

Creation of a national map of PROW.

Enables the public to see where PROW are.

Improved resource management as HAs can view their entire highway maintenance liability within one dataset.

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