

# SNN - A vision and strategy

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## Introduction

The origin of good addressing is an efficient and consistent street naming and numbering service.

Without this statutory service:

- Councils will find it difficult to maintain their street & property gazetteers.
- OS AddressBase® will not be consistent enough for users.
- Smart phone location based service apps may not exist.





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## SNN Key Themes

- SNN Governance **Guidance transparent decision making & consultation**
- ★ Acts & legislation **Independent legal advice obtained on SNN legislation**
- ★ Charging **Independent legal advice obtained on SNN charges**
- Consultation **To do - Best Practice Documents**
- Street name allocation **To do - Best Practice Documents**
- Property Number/Name allocation **To do - Best Practice Documents**
- RM postcode allocation **To do - Best Practice Documents**
- SNN allocation/notification **To do - Best Practice Documents**

**SNN for England and Wales a 5-year action plan for good addressing**

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## SNN Governance Best Practice Documents

### SNN Governance

1. Decision document – record of decisions made by the council
2. Retention policy – length of time documents are to kept
3. Guidance documents – how SNN works
4. Application documents – how to apply for SNN
5. SNN advisory note on planning approval decision notice– a signpost for SNN decision making
6. SNN notifications to be sent to Royal Mail – standardised request for postal delivery information

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## Acts and Legislation

Sorry no new legislation

What we have achieved is legal clarity on existing legislation

Legal advice from independent Anthony Collins Solicitors

- 20 legislative acts considered appropriate for SNN, includes
- Street naming and renaming
- Street nameplates
- Property numbering/naming and renumbering/renaming
- Marking buildings with allocated numbers/names

This clarity highlights today's real world legislative deficiencies

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## Charging

Surveys and last years round table discussions put charging at the top of the SNN communities wish list

Legal advice from independent Anthony Collins Solicitors on existing legislation for charging

### **Duty v Power**

- When an authority is under a duty to number properties or name streets then it cannot make a charge
- When an authority has a power to re-number or re-name properties or re-name streets then it can make a charge

So what's the difference ?

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## Conclusion

1. SNN for England and Wales a 5-year action plan from April 2018 for good addressing
2. The strategic themes identify realistic achievements and deliverables to benefit the SNN community
3. The work programme is developed and a SNN code of practice delivered
4. The document is adopted by the SNN community