



Risk control

Well Managed Highways Infrastructure Code of Practice

Effective October 2018

This month sees the end of the two year transitional period for Highways Authorities to move to the “New” Code of Practice (COP) for the management & maintenance of highways assets.

The new code – “Well Managed Highways Infrastructure”, no longer sets prescriptive intervention levels for defects or provides an associated hierarchy of response categories for repair. Instead, authorities now have the freedom to set their own standards and investigatory criteria through the adoption of a “Risk Based Approach” (RBA) and by giving consideration to local circumstances.

Since the new code was launched, Gallagher Bassett and RMP have been touring the country running a series of multi-client seminars and mock trial events to highlight the significant elements of the code that have changed, and to guide authorities on the possible implications, supporting them on their development of a risk based approach. During this period we have also been working with our clients on a one to one basis to review their policies, frameworks & processes to ensure they are adequately prepared to establish a robust defence should a claim be brought under the Highways Act in the world of the new code.

Although the deadline for adoption of the new code is almost upon us, Gallagher Bassett Risk Control recognises that central to the ethos of the code is continuous improvement so we will be continuing to offer the following support services:

- **Highways Review** – An independent review of your arrangements for highways management when measured against the new COP and your ability to successfully repudiate claims.
- **Training** – We have a number of training courses specifically aimed at developing the understanding and competence of highways teams in applying risk management principles to your highway asset management practices.

- **Document Reviews & Claims Analysis** – We can act as a “Critical Friend” and because of our unique access & insight into the approaches taken by numerous highways authorities we can evaluate your documentation and provide you with feedback and suggestions for improvements where applicable.
- **Mock Trial Events** – We have delivered a number of mock trials during the year with a further trial planned in North Yorkshire in November 2018 and Renfrewshire in Scotland in January 2019.

If you would like to discuss the support options available to your Highways Team please contact your Broker, RMP Risk Control Consultant or RMP Account Director.

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