

VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT - The LARA System



Any LARA member club may be asked to consider 'voluntary restraint' on a green road, or they may feel that they should put the idea forward themselves. This idea will only work if any signs are obeyed by all motorised users, and therefore everyone must have confidence that only genuine signs are erected, following these guidelines. In case of doubt, all users must be able to check what is going. DoE circular 2/93 recommends co-operative management, and endorses this scheme. Please follow these instructions, and try to get the answer YES to all these questions. If this is not possible contact LARA at the address below for advice.

1. Is it Relevant?

Restraint must be likely to solve a real problem (not as punishment for overuse, or as a short cut to a TRO)

2. Is it Minimal?

It must not extend beyond what is needed (for instance, if motorcycle use is not a problem, do not include them).

3. Is it Finite?

It must be for a maximum of 3 months, but then renewable (for a further 3 months only) if progress is being made and more time can be seen to be needed.

4. Is it Non-threatening?

The highway authority must agree that Voluntary Restraint shall not prejudice highway rights (see below).

5. Is it Legal?

Written authority for the signs must be given by the landowner and highway authority (see below).

6. Is it Comprehensive?

Other users contributing to the problem must also agree to restraint by some formal system.

7. Do we all Agree?

It must be agreed by all local LARA clubs.

8. Is it User-led?

Any advertisements and publicity must be in the name of LARA.

9. Are there Alternative Routes?

Neighbouring alternatives must be unobstructed and clearly available for vehicles.

Local Contact: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

This phone number will be shown on the signs so that users can check details

NB. Signs will be sent to this address unless otherwise stated

Club: _____ Affiliated to which LARA member? _____

Route name and number: _____

Details of the signs required: Cars only Motorcycles only All Motors Welsh

Six figure Grid References of each sign required: _____

Date of Agreement: _____ Expiry date of this Agreement: _____

We agree that Voluntary Restraint shall not affect any highway rights, and we agree to the erection of these signs:

Signed for the Highway Authority
(Any separate declarations to the same effect should be attached. They are equally valid)

Position

Continue overleaf if more detail is needed. When complete, send a copy of this check-list and agreement to LARA at the address below. Signs will then be prepared and issued to you. Please be sure to advise us immediately of any problems.

LARA, PO Box 142, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 5YT. Tel: 0191 2364086

Advice is normally available on this number between 9 am and 16:30 pm, or e-mail. admin@laragb.org