



Department  
for Transport

## Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Sections 64 and 65

### Authorisation of traffic signs and special directions

#### Accessible transcript

Secretary of State for Transport's traffic authorisation of signs/markings for the purpose of warning road users of road works, lane closures and mobile carriageway closures on motorway and all-purpose dual carriageway trunk roads (including their slip roads) in England by persons acting on behalf of Highways England, and where Highways England is the traffic authority.

The following pages contain a copy of the text from the Secretary of State for Transport's traffic authorisation regarding the above sign/marking.

A scanned copy of the signed authorisation and supporting signs/markings from the application are appended to this letter. The supporting material is submitted to the Department for Transport by a third party. You should refer to the party involved for accessible copies of the supporting material.



**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTIONS 64 AND 65  
AUTHORISATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SPECIAL DIRECTIONS**

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of his powers under Sections 64 and 65 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and all other powers enabling him in that behalf for the purpose of warning road users of road works, lane closures and mobile carriageway closures on motorway and all-purpose dual carriageway trunk roads (including their slip roads) in England by persons acting on behalf of Highways England, and where Highways England is the traffic authority, hereby:-

1. authorises the placing and use on mobile traffic management (MTM) vehicles of variable message signs (hereinafter referred to as “the authorised signs”) conforming as to size, colour and character with that referenced 5-Lane Wicket and 4-Lane Wicket in the attached drawing numbered GT50/198/0064-1; and
2. directs that the authorised signs shall only be displayed when the MTM vehicle is placed on a motorway or all-purpose dual carriageway trunk road (including their one-way slip roads) and shall give the same warning as Diagram 7402 in Schedule 13, Part 6, Item 9 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 (Part 1 of S.I. 2016/362, “the 2016 Regulations”); and
3. directs that the four light roundels on the authorised signs shall flash in horizontal pairs and that each roundel shall show an intermittent light at a rate of flashing of not less than 60 nor more than 90 flashes per minute, and in such a manner that the lights of one horizontal pair are always shown when the lights of the other horizontal pair are not shown; and



4. directs that the authorised signs shall only be used on MTM vehicles which are being used for mobile works, mobile lane closures or mobile carriageway closures as indicated in Parts 2 and/or 3 of Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual (TSM) or for emergency traffic management; and
5. directs that the number of arrows and symbols indicating the number of lanes and those which are open or closed to traffic may be varied on the authorised signs; and
6. directs that the legend "500 yds" on the authorised signs may be varied to an alternative distance to the nearest 50 yards; to "Ahead" or to "On slip road" on two lines; and
7. directs that the distance plate on the authorised signs may be omitted; and
8. directs that the authorised signs shall only be used on MTM vehicles which are reflectorised with material having a performance class of no lower than R3B-UK as specified in the National Annex to BS EN 12899-1; and
9. directs that the authorised signs shall be so installed so that the highest part of the sign assembly, including any lights or beacons, when the lightest gross in-service vehicle weight applies, is no greater than 4.98 metres above the ground level; and
10. directs that the authorised signs shall only be placed on the road, by personnel trained to do so in accordance with the relevant Sector Scheme and in accordance with any specific equipment, operational, maintenance and monitoring requirements specified by the manufacturer; and
11. directs, without prejudice to any statutory provisions to the like effect, that it is a condition of this authorisation that the placing of the authorised signs on an MTM vehicle shall continue to have effect only until such day as may be appointed by one month's notice given by the Secretary of State in



writing to the traffic authority for the removal or alteration of the authorised signs and on that day the said authorisation shall, without prejudice to the giving of any further authorisation or direction, cease to have effect.

The provisions of Regulations 5, 7 and 8 of the 2016 Regulations shall apply to the authorised signs in the same manner as they apply to the sign shown in Schedule 13, Part 6, Item 9 to those Regulations.

Dated: *11 May 2020*

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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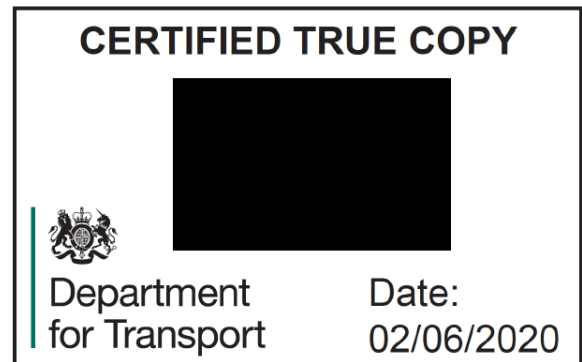
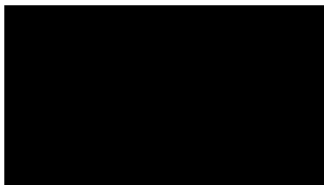


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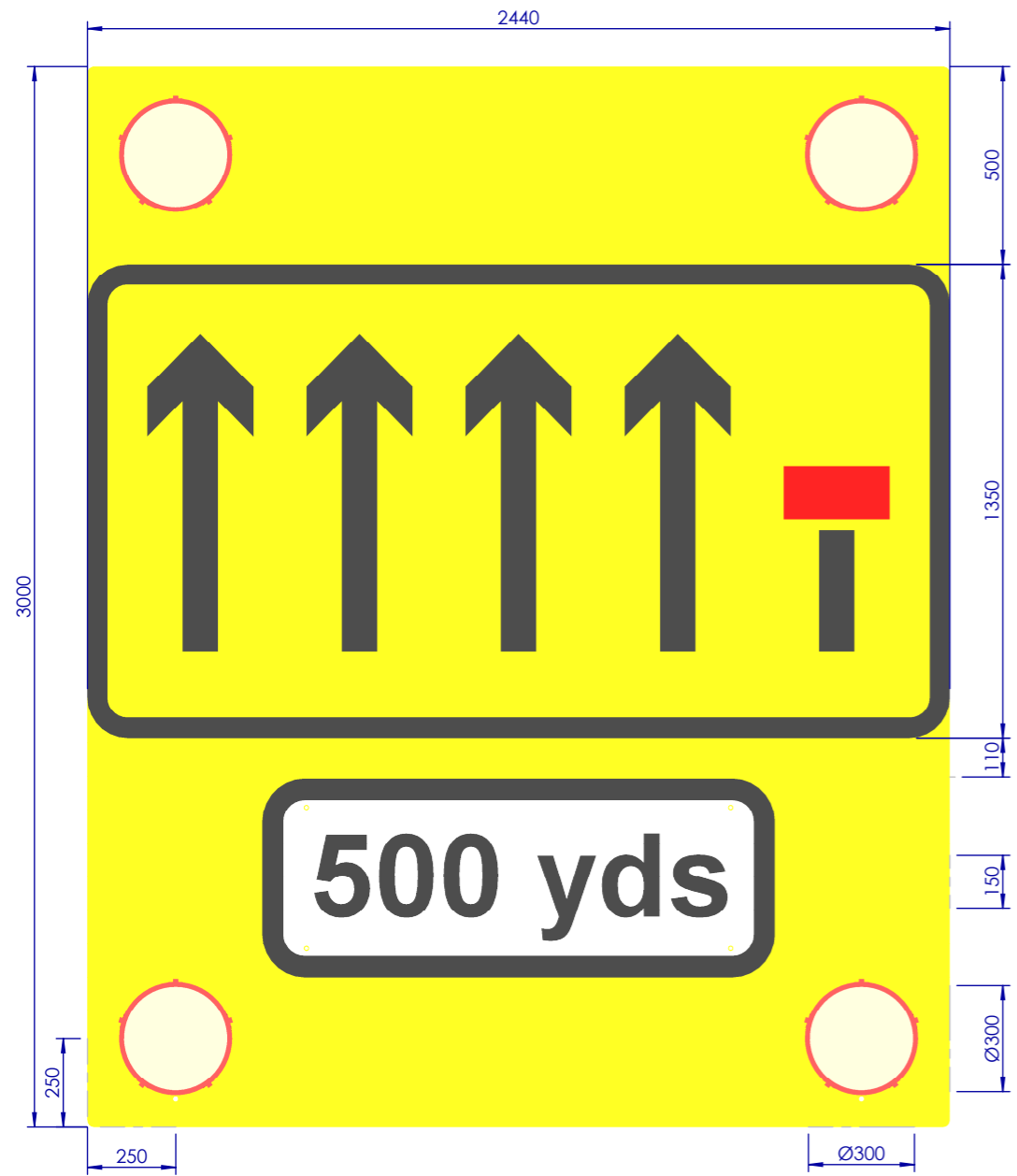
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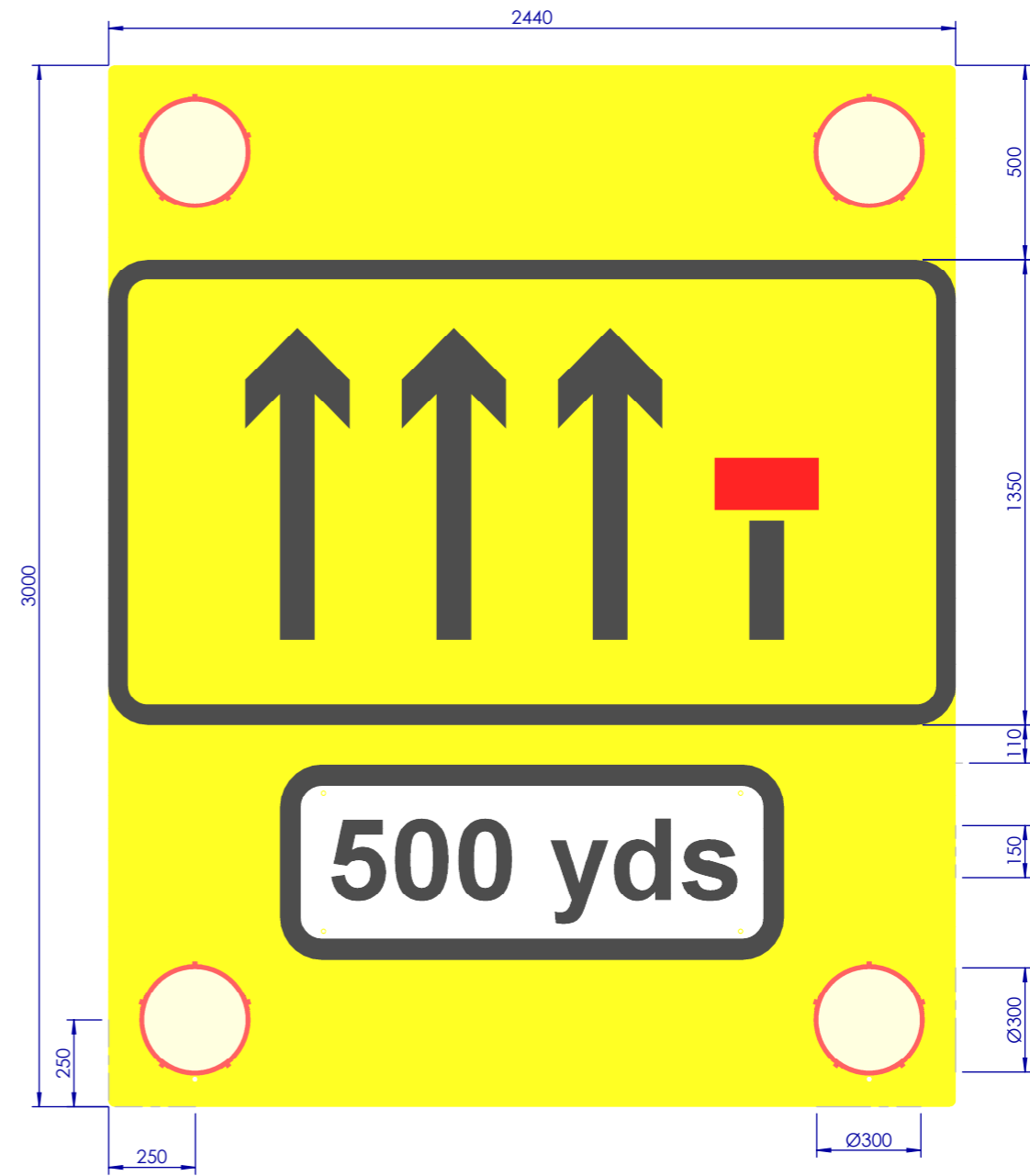


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5-Lane Wicket



4-Lane Wicket

- Notes:
1. The Number of Arrow and Symbols Indicating the Number of Lanes and those which are Open or Closed to Traffic may be Varied.
  2. "500 yds" may be Varied to an Alternative Distance to the Nearest 50 yards, to "Ahead" or, the Lower Image, to "On slip road" on Two Lines X-Height 150.
  3. Yellow Backing Board, White and Red Reflective to BS EN 12899, R3B.
  4. 300mm Lanterns to BS EN 12352:2006, Flashing in Horizontal Pairs, Flash Rate 65-90/min.

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B	Drawing Released	ST	20/03/20	PD	RH	DWG No. <b>PR605-60-01</b>			
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