

# SPECIFICATION FOR STREET NAME SIGNS

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils



This document sets out the specification for the design of new and replacement street name signs and plates within the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Districts. The specification is to be used for all new signs erected in the district without deviation to ensure consistency on the street scene and familiarity when travelling throughout the district. Any signs erected that fail to be in accordance with this specification will be removed and replaced at the developers expense.

## Specification for PLATE construction

Material and form: Embossed Aluminium.  
Colour (front): Black text and border upon white background.  
Colour (rear): Grey back

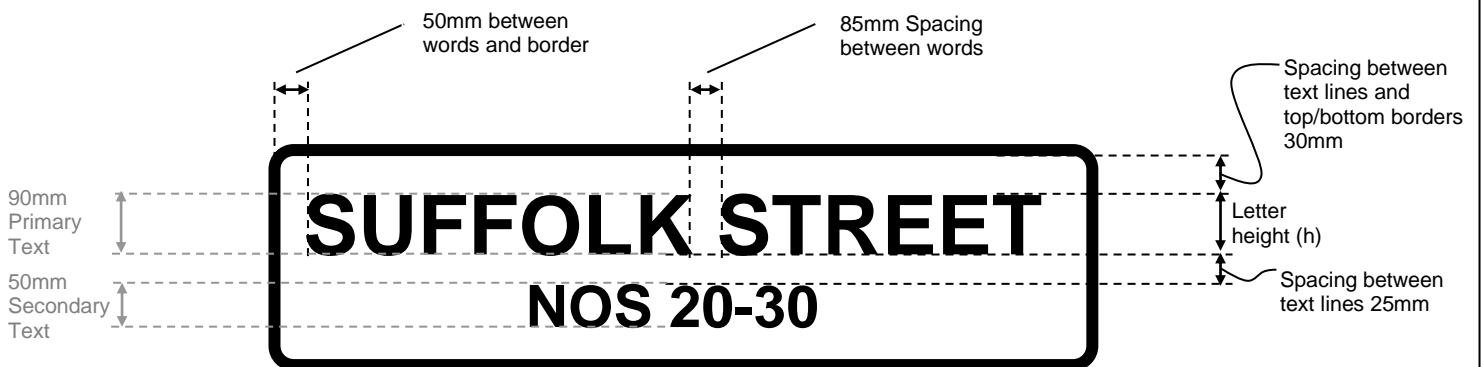
## Specification for FRAME construction

Material and form: Recycled plastic. 80x80x1350mm recycled plastic posts, with mortice joints to accept 145mm recycled plastic back plate.  
Colour: Black.



## Specification for TEXT

Text to appear on street name signs is to be **90mm Kindersley text** for road name text, 50mm for secondary text in uppercase letters. Spacing of letters and words is as shown below. The definitive style is available from The Department for Transport (See over)



Required Spacing of Words & Text Sizing (Please note typeface shown is **not** Transport Heavy)



## Type of Street Name Plate

Street name plates may be placed upon buildings, railings or in their own frame. Guidance indicates a preference for signs placed upon buildings in prominent positions, however Mid Suffolk is a predominantly rural district (by area) and plates are often more appropriately housed in their own free-standing frame. Examples and fixing details are given below:



**PLATE AFFIXED TO WALL.** No frame for the plate is required and is to be fixed directly into the wall.



**PLATE AFFIXED TO RAILINGS.** Plate is to have a frame surround. The plate is to be manufactured with 2no channels horizontally along its rear to enable fixing to the railing by plate or clips.

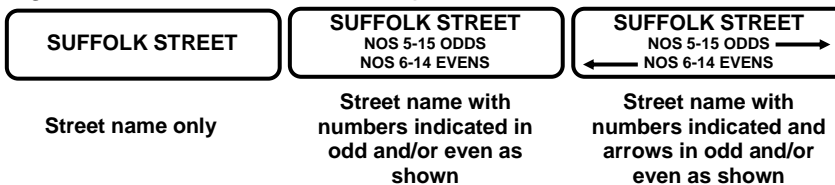


**FREESTANDING SIGN.** The plate is to have a plate surround and 80x80x1350mm recycled plastic legs. The sign is to be permanently fixed into the ground in a good base of concrete. The surface finish around the posts is to be reinstated to match the material in which it sits.

Consultation is to be made with the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Street Naming and Numbering Service before any installation takes place to agree positioning and type of plate to be provided.

## Text Layout on Plates

The text to appear on a plate will be a result of many factors, not all of which can be detailed in guidance. Babergh and Mid Suffolk Street Naming and Numbering Service will accept signs with layouts as shown below, any is to be agreed with the service before purchase.



## Use of the 'No Through Road' Symbol



Where the street to be provided with a name sign is a no through road, the sign is to indicate this out of preference with a 'No Through Road' ('T') Symbol as diagram 816.1 in Traffic Signs Regulations General Directions 2002. Where the sign is used on a plate it must be as indicated in the diagram (left) and in accordance with the regulations. The allowable sizes are given in the diagram to the regulations

## Further Guidance & Associated Documents

### 'No Through Road' Symbol:

Drawing P816.1, Department for Transport (2004), Available from: [www.dft.gov.uk](http://www.dft.gov.uk)

### Transport Heavy Alphabet:

Drawing TH1 & TH2, Department for Transport (2003), Available from: [www.dft.gov.uk](http://www.dft.gov.uk)

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