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## **Automated vehicle trialling code of practice: Invitation to comment**

Dear Michael

We welcome the invitation to comment on this revised code of practice.

### **This response is from the British Parking Association**

We are a not for profit organisation that represents, promotes and influences the parking and traffic management profession throughout the UK and Europe. Our membership of more than 900 organisations and individuals includes; local authorities, car park operators, retail parks, healthcare facilities, universities, railway stations, technology providers, trainers and consultants.

We work with our partners to support growth for our communities, improve compliance by those managing and using parking facilities, and encourage fairness to achieve our vision of excellence in parking for all. Any surplus income arising from our work is reinvested back into activities to support our members or put into a reserve fund to ensure we can continue to raise standards and encourage professionalism.

### **Technology provider members**

Our biggest growth area of membership is unsurprisingly technology providers. Our Technology, Innovation and Research Board which is made up of elected members, promotes the improvement and betterment of the parking sector by advocating the adoption of new technology, innovation and through thorough research.

We also have a [Parking Technology interest group](#) which reviews emerging technology that can be used by different types of parking customers. Over the last few years, group members have been very active innovating and developing new products and features to accelerate the take-up of cashless payments and contactless payments using cards and smart phones. ANPR has also been an area of major development incorporating subscriber access and particularly disabled users.

## **Comments on the code of practice**

### **Page 12 - paragraph 3.5**

Reference is made to 'traffic signing such as making parking adjustments.' The DfT funded [TRO Discovery Project](#) (Traffic Regulation Order) being done in collaboration with ourselves, GeoPlace and Ordnance Survey, is currently concluding and it will produce

recommendations on how local authorities can streamline and digitise their TROs to align with the needs of the CAV sector and to support better public access to this information. Trialling organisations need to be aware of these recommendations and any changes in how TROs are managed and represented, all of which may result from the TRO Discovery Project recommendations.

Also, an important development in preparing for parking data to be shared across platforms worldwide which helps with CAV trialling, is the formation of [The Alliance for Parking Data Standards](#) (APDS). The alliance is between ourselves, the International Parking Institute and the European Parking Association and intends to create a consensus-built global standard to establish a common language for data elements and definitions in the parking, transportation, and mobility sector.

This will allow seamless integration, compatibility, and communication between parking entities, vehicles, IT developers, map and app providers and other stakeholders. The new standard will cover the full range of parking data elements, including: location, pricing and occupancy.

### **Page 13 – paragraph 3.8**

We recommend amending the fourth bullet to, *‘Consult with disability groups to provide special consideration for more vulnerable road users including those with reduced mobility, those with visual or hearing impairments, pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists, children and horse riders’*.

### **Glossary**

We recommend retaining the glossary and adding Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) to it.

### **Recommendations**

One of the key reasons for responding to this code of practice revision is to raise awareness of the TRO Discovery Project, which supports the continued development of the CAV sector as well as local authorities to streamline and digitise their TROs. Also, the work of the APDS will be important on a global scale, to allow compatible parking data to be seamlessly integrated.

We are pleased to have gained DfT funding for this important Project and are very happy to provide further information or assistance at any time. Please contact Sarah Greenslade on [consultations@britishparking.co.uk](mailto:consultations@britishparking.co.uk) in the first instance.

Further information about the work of our Association can be found at [britishparking.co.uk](http://britishparking.co.uk).

Yours sincerely



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