

WMHI Code of Practice Update

MHA+ HAM SIG meeting

5th October 2026

Progress since the last MHA+ presentation

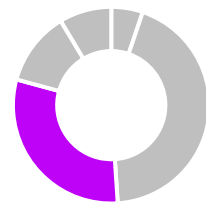
Since the last update to MHA+ in April, we have:

- Completed a sector consultation on the draft of the new Code
- Incorporated feedback from the consultation and specialist input
- Developed a digital platform to host the Code
- Had the Code approved by UKRLG for upload to the digital platform
- Finalised six Quick Guides
- Reviewed and updated the recommendations

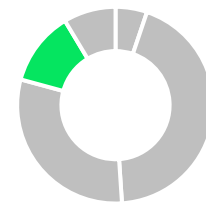
Consultation outcomes



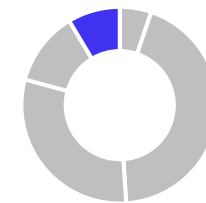
Part A
438 Actions



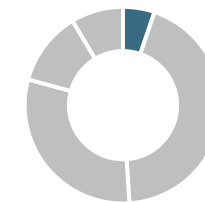
Part B
303 Actions



Part C
122 Actions



Part D
86 Actions



General
52 Actions

73

Consultation
responses [emails +
form]

1001

Individual
comments/ actions
across the code

100%

Of comments
reviewed by WG
leads

100%

1001 actions
addressed

Changes after consultation

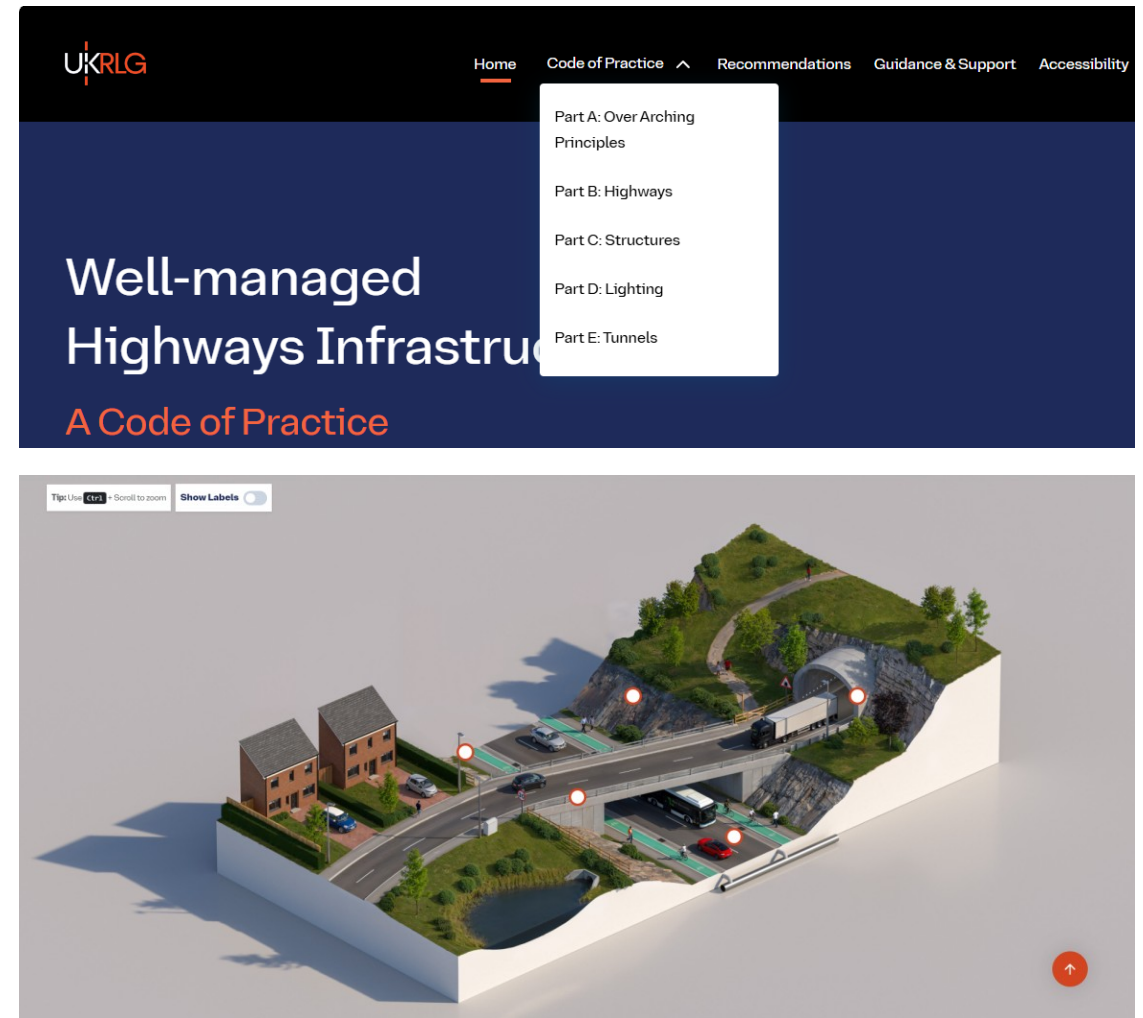
- ✓ Strengthened focus on risk-based decision making and proportionate asset management practices.
- ✓ Enhanced emphasis on data, evidence and asset intelligence to support informed decision making.
- ✓ Increased focus on network performance, service delivery and customer outcomes.
- ✓ Greater recognition of funding constraints, resource challenges and proportional implementation.
- ✓ Expanded coverage of resilience, climate adaptation and long-term planning.
- ✓ Increased emphasis on innovation, digital technologies and emerging industry practices.
- ✓ Improved clarity, usability and practical application of the Code through revised content and supporting guidance.

Not included

- Updates to wider guidance documents e.g. HIAMG or NWSRG winter service guidance.

Digital platform

- **Advanced search and filtering** to help users quickly find relevant content by audience, asset type or topic.
- **Section-based navigation**, allowing users to move sequentially through the Code or jump directly to specific sections.
- **Cross-part navigation**, enabling users to move horizontally between equivalent sections in different parts of the Code.
- **Download functionality** for the full Code and individual sections.
- **Responsive navigation tools**, including shortcuts such as jump-to-top and jump-to-bottom controls.



Quick guides

- Six Quick Guides have been drafted to support implementation of the Code.
- They are intended to help understand the principles of the Code in a concise and accessible format.
- They are suitable for non-technical audiences and those less familiar with the Code.
- The guides cover:
 - The Code of Practice and Asset Management Fundamentals
 - Managing Highway Infrastructure
 - Risk-Based Approach
 - Resilience and Adaptation
 - Sustainability
 - Innovation



Recommendations

All recommendations have been reviewed in line with the updated guidance in the Code.

Targeted improvements were made, rather than a total rewrite. Wording has been refreshed, or recommendations were combined where appropriate. New recommendations were added by exception where gaps exist.

Three sets of recommendations now exist:

- **Practitioner:** the bulk of the recommendations, focusing on key activities or ways of working that should be adopted. (40 recommendations)
- **Senior leader:** to strengthen organisational support and accountability for delivery. (five recommendations)
- **UKRLG:** to formalise commitments and intentions of UKRLG to provide ongoing sector leadership and support for authorities and practitioners. (five recommendations)

What's next?

- The Code will be launched on **Wednesday 14th October** at Highways UK.
- Access to the digital platform will be provided.
- Supporting resources outlining key changes in each Part will be available on the platform.
- Case studies will be live on the updated UKRLG website.
- Embedment workshops will take place in November.