

## **Annex A**

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**I would like you to forward me all the non "live" test route diagrams from any region whatsoever**

Some of the initial, wider development of independent driving took place at our training centre near Bedford and the associated diagrams were therefore tested using routes from the local driving test centre. We produced three example diagrams relating to Bedford driving test centre and these are attached at Annex B. Also attached at Annex B are the schematic symbol standards which show examples of how test route diagrams should look.

No formal trial diagrams were produced for any other test centre or region. Examiners at all test centres have been involved locally in the development of new routes, for which we may hold associated paperwork. To compile this information would involve manually locating and retrieving information held at all test centres. To achieve this would take longer than 24 working hours.

As part of the independent driving trials held at seven test centres in 2009, hand-drawn diagrams were created. To determine whether this information is still held would involve manually locating the information or document that contained this information. To achieve this would take longer than 24 working hours.

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All other test route diagrams are being used on practical tests.

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