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-Agreed Route (green)

Roads which can be used for timber haulage without restriction other than as regulated by the Road Traffic Act 1988. "A" roads (e.g. the A9) are classified as Agreed Routes by default unless covered by one of the other categories (e.g. Consultation Route).

Consultation Route (yellow)

Roads which are key to timber extraction but, for a variety of reasons, are not up to Agreed Route Standard. Consultation with the Local Authority is required before any timber haulage takes place and it may be necessary to limit the amount, timing or frequency of timber haulage, or to specify lower impact vehicles to prevent damage. All minor roads (B, C and unclassified roads) should be treated as Consultation Routes by default unless covered by one of the other categories (e.g. Severely Restricted Route).

Severely Restricted (purple)

Roads which are particularly fragile or sensitive and should only be used for timber transport under a carefully supervised management regime agreed with the Local authority. Some Timber Transport Groups make more use of the Severely Restricted category than others. Where it is used, it tends to suggest that there will be significant constraints which will constrain or add cost to haulage operations. More recently the category has been linked to the production of a formal Timber Traffic Management Plan that sets out an agreed package of measures seen as appropriate to sustain the road.

Excluded Route (red)

Roads which should not be used for timber transport in their present condition. These routes may have a normal weight or height restriction or be close to being weight restricted. In a few cases roads are excluded in order to direct timber traffic onto alternative roads that are more suitable.

