

## What we deliver

**JAG(UK)** recognises the expertise of the officers employed by its member authorities. To support them in their professional contributions, the focus of the current action plan is:

- significant contribution to the finalisation of the government sponsored Codes of Practice, regulations and impact assessments
- an online advisory service and continuing development of guidance on emerging issues
- focussed delivery as part of the Geoplace LGA family
- a unique information resource for authorities and their officers by collation and indexing of existing procedures and guidance
- attending, national, regional and local meetings to support member authorities

## How we add value

The primary services available from **JAG(UK)** provide support to authority officers through the provision of a range of services as set out above

### Good practice advice notes

Topics for action are brought to the **JAG(UK)** Strategy and Research Group, and may be raised through any regional or national JAG (or equivalent organisation representing local highway authorities) by any member authority or one of its officers. By agreement, the Strategy and Research group will appoint a chair and convene a task and finish group to prepare an appropriate response. The responses are then offered, through the Governing Council, to all other regions and, through them, are made available to member authorities and their officers.

### Interaction online

The secure website at [www.jaguk.org](http://www.jaguk.org) has been revamped to become far more interactive and will become the single source of information for all members. It will hold the library of Advice Notes and other valuable documents, free for members. Any member can share knowledge, request that a subject be addressed or post a query for response by other members in the discussion forum, consultations will also be managed through this site.

## The Joint Authorities Group (UK)

- Safeguards efficiency of highways
- Develops consistent implementation of regulations
- Identifies and promotes good practice
- Supports practitioners with guidance and information
- Represents the traffic and highway/roads authority view
- Maintains cooperation and balance with others

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## Who we are and what we do

The Joint Authorities Group - **JAG(UK)** - represents the organisations responsible for the roads and streets of the United Kingdom. **JAG(UK)** focuses on the daily operation, the coordination of works for asset or utility network management and other events taking place on the highway.

**JAG(UK)**'s member organisations are primarily local authorities and similar bodies whose principal activities are governed by highways, street, road and traffic management legislation. Their responsibilities include regulation of streets and roads for any purpose, with a view to maintaining public safety, asset integrity and the movement of people and goods.

**JAG(UK)** has six primary objectives and supports its members in achieving these. It delivers against these objectives through a rolling three year business plan, detailed in agreed action plans which are reported annually.

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## Our key objectives

- safeguarding the quality and effectiveness of highways as the major transport network
- developing a consistent and appropriate implementation of regulations, fairly balancing the legitimate needs of road users and works promoters of all types
- identifying and promoting good practice in all aspects of traffic and works coordination
- supporting the practitioners within member organisations in their personal professional development through the provision of guidance and timely, appropriate communication on important issues
- representing the interests and expert contributions of the membership in the wider public arena, including government, the Highway Authorities and Utilities Committees, National Traffic Managers Forum and other related bodies
- maintaining an attitude of cooperation and pursuit of efficiency of operation of works, while remaining mindful of regulatory responsibilities

## Our organisation

**JAG(UK)** achieves its aims predominantly through the voluntary contribution of expertise and time from officers in its member organisations.

The **JAG(UK)** Governing Council meets twice yearly to plan, allocate and monitor the Group's activities, and to discuss issues for representation at their respective national HAUC's.

**JAG(UK)** is the operational arm of NSWHG Ltd (the registered company), which draws its directors from the Governing Council and holds its statutory annual meeting at the same time as a Governing Council meeting.

## Our governance structure

### Officers of the Group

**Chair** appointed by agreement of the regional and national chairs and serving for an agreed term, not normally less than two years

**Vice-Chair and Chair elect** similarly appointed

**JAG(UK) Manager** seconded from a member authority and acting as company secretary for NSWHG Ltd

### The Governing Council

#### Ex officio:

- the officers of the Group
- the national chairs of the Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish highway authority organisations
- the chairs, or nominated representative, of the English region organisations
- the highways co-chair of HAUC
- the chair of the Strategy and Research Group.

#### Plus, by invitation:

- representatives of other authorities as appropriate, including the Highways Agency, Network Rail, National Traffic Manager's Forum and Department for Transport
- chairs of Task and Finish Groups to report on their activities
- others, as agreed by the Governing Council.



## Regional and national committees

In excess of 200 organisations are eligible members of **JAG(UK)**. They are grouped regionally or nationally, and represented in the Group's Governing Council by their regional or national chairs. The regional and national groups parallel similar organisations within the utility services supply industry and the Highway Authorities and Utilities Committee, HAUC(UK).

### Our relationship with HAUC

**JAG(UK)** representatives at every level contribute to the work of the Highway Authorities and Utilities Committee and its working groups, representing the authority and regulator perspective and developing efficient collaboration with utility works promoters to reduce traffic disruption from operations. **JAG(UK)** is represented at four national HAUC's and the new HAUC(UK) Board. The Secretary provides assistance to the Highways side of HAUC(UK), and also attends.

Position papers and guidance notes adopted by the highway authorities' organisations are offered to HAUC(UK) at the equivalent

organisational level, as the basis for adopting agreed guidance. Members also provide the highway side input to HAUC(UK) working groups.

As well as working with the utilities on shared guidance and codes, the regional and national authority organisations contribute to dispute resolution and assist in interpreting the Codes of Practice in the real context of local operations.

### Our relationship with DfT

**JAG(UK)** works closely with government departments in terms of policy development and implementation.

### Our relationship with Geoplace

**JAG(UK)** sits within the Geoplace/LGA family and is able to provide additional support to members through using those links. This is also valuable as the NSG underpins the whole street works management process.