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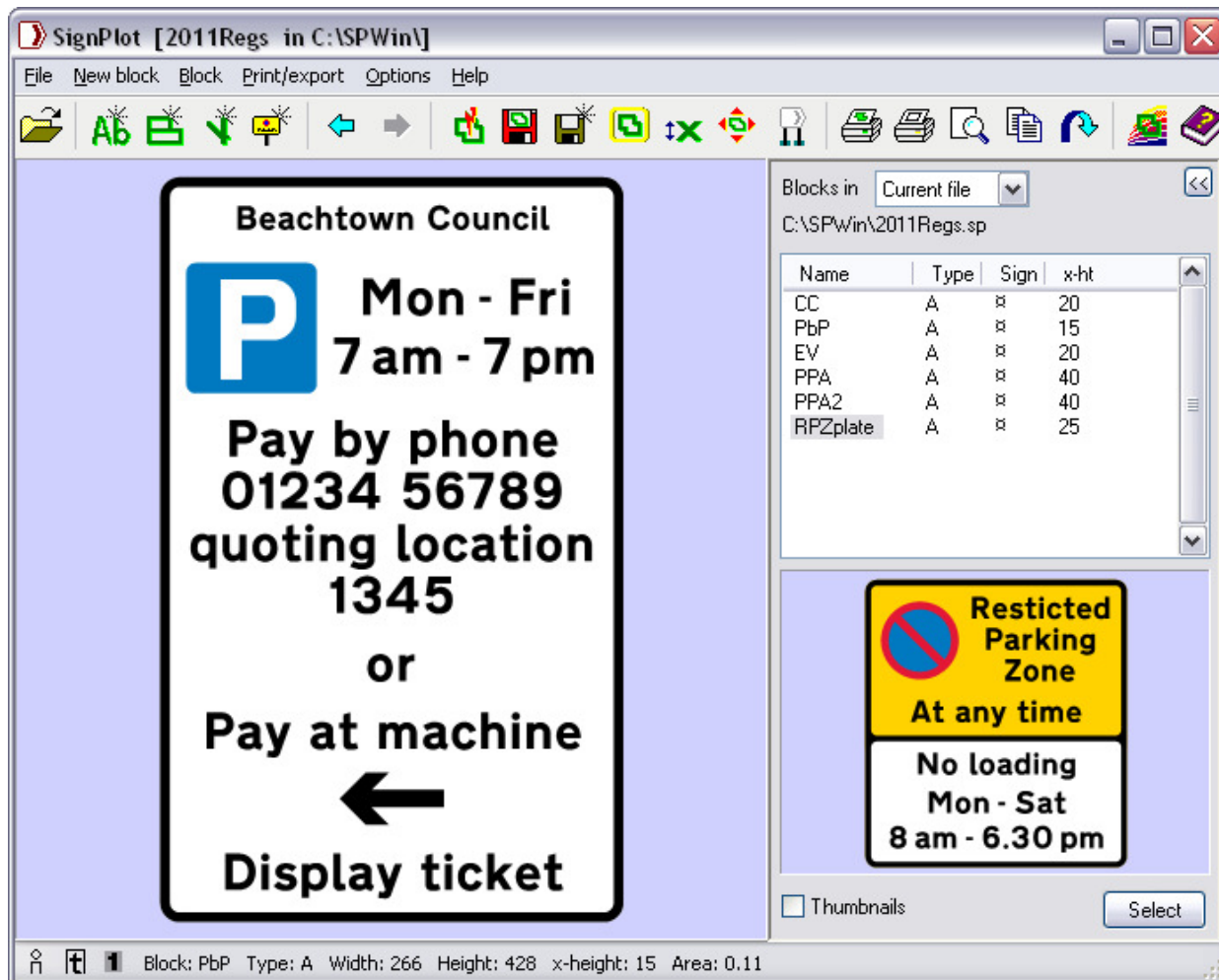
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## Sign Design software covers the 2011 changes

Ahead of the publication of the long-awaited amendments to TSRGD, Buchanan Computing has released version 2.7 of SignPlot to cater for all the new signs. It has 'wizards' to create automatically the new parking plates and covers also the signs recently mass-authorized in England that have received little publicity.



2011 has seen many changes and initiatives relating to traffic signs. Whilst many of the proposals in the DfT's policy document *Signing the Way* will take several years to implement, two sets of amendments to TSRGD will come into force. In addition,

ministers and DfT have found an innovative and quicker route for introducing new signs. Twice this year authorities in England have received without requesting them 'blanket' authorisations for a range of signs. These new signs are also in version 2.7 of SignPlot, with a bilingual update to follow if the Welsh Government adopts the same procedure.

SignPlot, with its integrated SignLoad software, has always suggested the most slender sign supports by working with accurate local wind speeds. Posts and foundations have now been made even more economical, particularly for authorities in Wales and south-west England, by incorporating the recently updated wind data from EN 1991-1-4:2005+A1:2010 (part of Eurocode 1).

The revised software contains nearly 30 other improvements and builds upon the success of spell checking for traffic signs introduced into SignPlot earlier this year.



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## Notes to Editors

Buchanan Computing is a leading supplier of software and training for traffic professionals, with over 20 years experience in computer mapping, design and data management for the highway.

Its range of products for highway and traffic engineers and the police includes SignPlot, ParkMap and AccsMap: the UK's best selling systems for traffic sign design, traffic order management and road collision analysis, respectively.

Higher resolution versions of the illustrations in this document are available on request.

More information about SignPlot is available at: [www.buchanancomputing.net/SignPlot.php](http://www.buchanancomputing.net/SignPlot.php)

The DfT policy document *Signing the Way* is at: [assets.dft.gov.uk/publications/signing-the-way/signing-the-way.pdf](http://assets.dft.gov.uk/publications/signing-the-way/signing-the-way.pdf)