‘Wizards’ make sign design easy

The UK’s leading systems for designing traffic signs and their supports have both been enhanced this month. SignPlot now has an additional ‘wizard’ for creating complete assemblies of warning and regulatory signs with plates and backing board if needed. SignLoad incorporates the recent set of assumptions issued by the trade body ARTSM for use when no post or location information is available.

SignPlot version 2.8 contains a wealth of new features and provides all the new signs authorised recently by DfT and the new working drawings from the Welsh Government showing bilingual version of the signs in the 2011 Amendment Regulations.

The new facility to generate arrangements of warning or regulatory signs, with any plates and backing boards, will save a great deal of time and ensure that these signs are always correctly laid out. For Wales it automatically translates into Welsh and places the half-size distance units used on some plates. For sign manufacturers and others, many enhancements have been made to the output options, including special formats for digital printing of finished signs.
SignLoad, which is built into SignPlot but also available separately, minimises post and foundation sizes by applying accurately the latest (2011) editions of the wind loading Eurocode. It incorporates passively safe products and advises on their correct use and spacing. Aluminium supports from Sapa Pole Products have been added for this version.

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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

ARTSM is the Association for Road Traffic Safety and Management (http://artsm.org.uk/). Its standard assumptions are contained in its new guidance document on specifying traffic signs, available at: http://www.buchanancomputing.net/Downloads.php

The recently updated working drawings for bilingual signs for Wales are at: http://www.traffic-wales.com/traffic_signs.aspx