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“New national Highway Inspectors qualification launched at Traffex 2009”

IHIE is heading up a UK group to develop nationally recognised standards for highway inspector training and to put in place accreditation procedures to recognise certificates through awarding bodies such as LANTRA and City & Guilds.

“Local authorities are increasingly exposed to litigation from third party claims to police investigations. The lack of nationally recognised training for Inspectors further undermines their position”, said IHIE Vice President, Richard Hayes, Highways Area Manager, Northumberland CC. “This project aims to deliver a recognised national standard as recommended in *“Well Maintained Highways”*, the industry’s good practice guide.”

“We want to raise the profile of Highway Inspectors; to guarantee them quality training and to offer a career path to attract quality staff” added Stuart Smith, Highway Operations Manager West Sussex CC, project sponsor on behalf of the CSS Standards, Safety and Training Group.

The development is backed by the UK Roads Board and supported by a grant from the CSS (County Surveyors’ Society).

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Notes for Editors

1. IHIE is the professional qualifying institution for specialist engineers (CEng, IEng and Eng Tech) delivering sustainable transport in the UK.

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