

Department of Transport and the Regions

Created in 1997, the Department of Environment Transport and the Regions (DETR) combined the former Department of Environment and the Department of Transport, bringing the two together under a single Secretary of State.

It proved beneficial from a rights of way point of view, as it recognised the interdependence of minor highways and rights of way (especially in urban areas), and allowed for joined up thinking in strategic planning.

The DETR was later divided into two separate departments in 2001 – the Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions (DLTR).