# Updated Proposal for an Approach to Defining Rules of the Road: United Kingdom Proposal

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#### **Motivation**

#### FIRST PART: ADS Safety Topics

#### FRAV DDT Workstream

#### The ADS should drive safely

- 1. The ADS should be capable of performing the entire Dynamic Driving Task (DDT)
- 2. The ADS should recognize the ODD conditions and boundaries of the ODD of its feature(s)
- 3. The ADS should detect and respond to objects and events relevant for the DDT
- 4. The ADS should comply with traffic rules
- 5. The ADS should interact safely with other road users

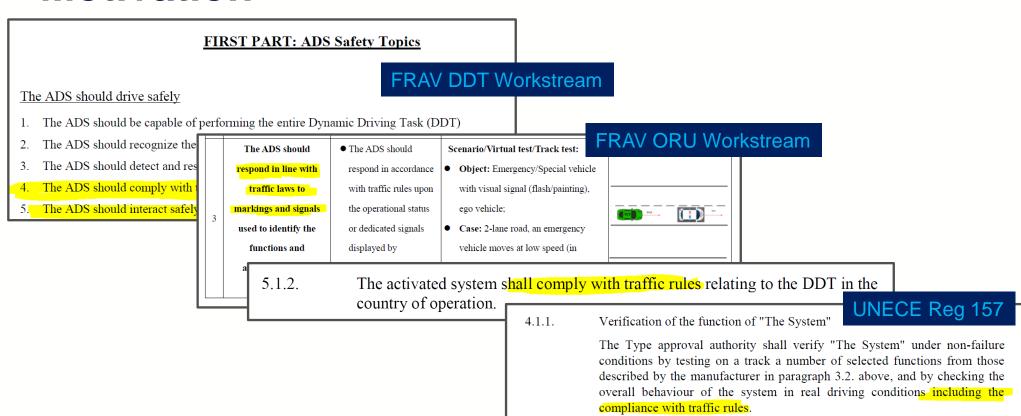


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## **UK Highway Code: Rule 195**

"As you approach a zebra crossing: look out for pedestrians waiting to cross and be ready to slow down or stop to let them cross; you MUST give way when a pedestrian has moved onto a crossing"



Rule 19: Zebra crossings have flashing beacons

#### How long to wait?

Behaviour

ODD

Assumptions



#### **ODD** based Codified Rules of the Road

Current Rules of Road (for human drivers) = f(Operating condition, Behaviour competency, Assumptions)

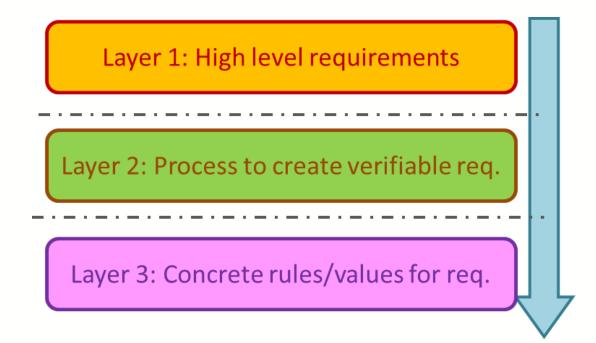


Codified
Rule of the Road

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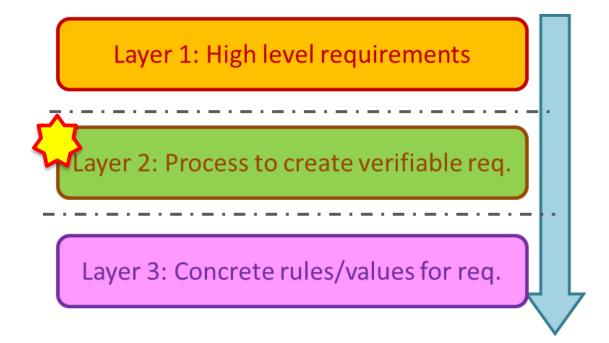


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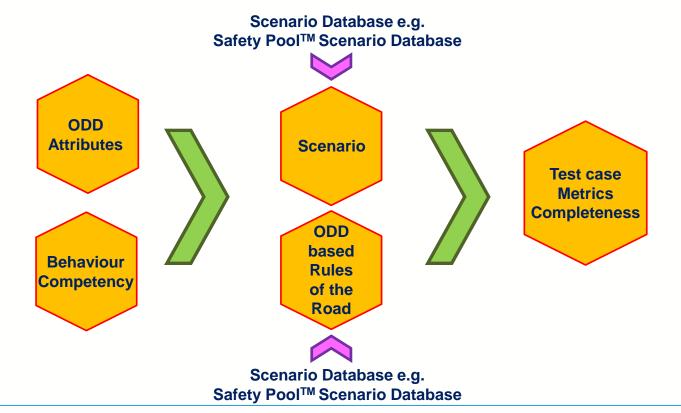


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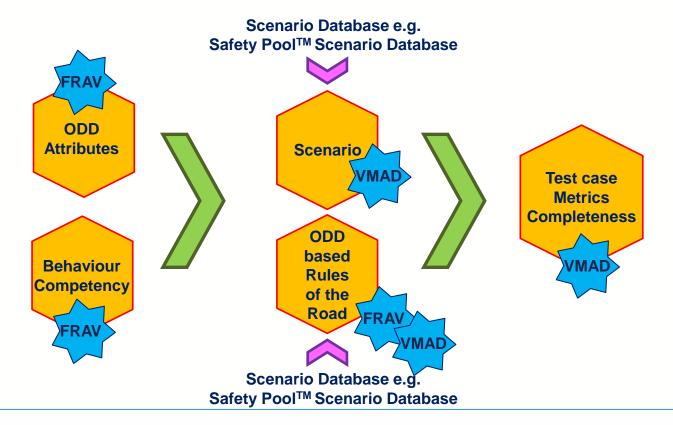


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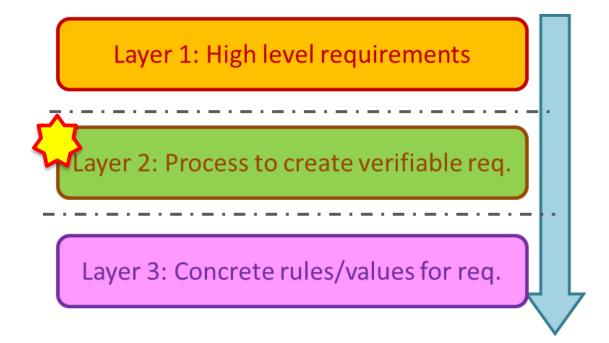


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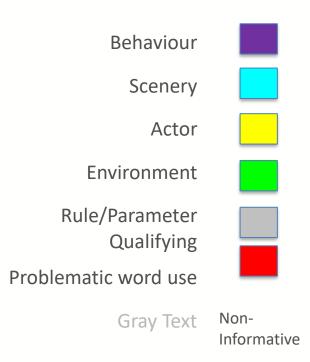
# Deriving Requirements from Rules of Road UK Highway Code Rule 125

- The speed limit is the absolute maximum and does not mean it is safe to drive at that speed irrespective of conditions. Driving at speeds too fast for the road and traffic conditions is dangerous. You should always reduce your speed when:
  - the road layout or condition presents hazards, such as bends
  - sharing the road with pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders, particularly children, and motorcyclists
  - weather conditions make it safer to do so
  - driving at night as it is more difficult to see other road users.



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- isVehicle(x) → speed(x) <
  limit(speed)</pre>
- isVehicle(x) ∧ (isAtHazard(x) V (near(x,a₁) ∧ isPedestrian(a₁)) V ( near(x,a₂) ) ∧ isCyclist(a₂) ) V ( near(x,a₃) ) ∧ isHorseRider(a₃) ) V ( near(x,a₄) ) ∧ isChildren(a₄) ) V ( near(x,a₅) ) ∧ isMotorcyclist(a₅) ) V isUnsafeWeather(env) V isNight(tod) )

→ action(reduceSpeed)

Need to define what reduceSpeed means What would an acceptable "slow" speed mean?

(near( $x,a_1$ )  $\land$  ¬isVehicle( $a_1$ ))

We define vehicle to be anything that is a four wheeler or larger





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