

EAST DEVON HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

22 November 2019

Present:-

Devon County Council:-

Councillors S Hughes (Chair), R Bloxham, C Channon, I Chubb, M Shaw, J Trail and P Twiss

East Devon District Council

Councillor M Howe

Devon Association of Local Councils

Councillor D Stewart

Apologies:-

Councillors M Hartnell, T McCollum, I Hall, S Randall-Johnson and R Scott

* **71** **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2019 be signed as a correct record.

* **72** **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

There was no item raised as a matter of urgency.

* **73** **Highways Permit Scheme**

The Committee received a presentation from the Assistant Project Manager on the proposed permit scheme for approving works on the highway and the introduction of statutory regulations. The presentation covered:

- the current noticing system for informing the County Council as Highways Authority of proposed road works;
- the Council's statutory duty to co-ordinate works and reduce disruption;
- the requirement for all local authorities to consider introducing a scheme by April 2020;
- the project timeline;
- the scope covering all statutory undertakers and DCC Highway works and in phase 2 all other privately licensed works;
- types of highway works included in the proposed scheme;
- permit discounts available for recommended good practice; and
- range of conditions.

Discussion points with the Officers included:

- the co-ordination of works to enable better management and less disruption;
- that retrospective permits could be applied for in emergency situations, e.g. for gas or water leaks;
- significant street works were notified to towns and parishes where a TTRO/TTRN was required and agreed streetworks could be seen at www.roadworks.org;

- there was a year's embargo on digging up a road again once resurfaced (unless emergency);
- that fixed penalty notices could be issued for works overrunning or if different to the permit issued, although permits could be varied; and
- the proposed timeline included a period for consultation before 'going live' in March 2020;

[N.B. the presentation is attached and additional information on the Permit Scheme is available at www.devon.gov.uk/workspermit-scheme]

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Proposed signalised Toucan crossing - Honiton Road (Blackhorse Village), Broadclyst

The Committee received the Report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment (PTE/19/44) which sought approval for a signalised toucan crossing across Honiton Road in Blackhorse village in Broadclyst.

The report highlighted how the crossing would allow the first stage of the Clyst Valley Trail to be progressed enabling cyclists and pedestrians to cross Honiton Road to travel to and from Sowton village. It would also improve access for pedestrians travelling to and from the local bus stop in Blackhorse Lane and provide a gateway feature for through traffic approaching or exiting Blackhorse village.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Bloxham, **SECONDED** by Councillor Twiss and

RESOLVED

(a) that the signalised crossing shown on C18034/003 included in Appendix II be approved for construction at an estimated cost of £70,000; and

(b) that the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment be given delegated powers, in consultation with the Chair and Local Member, to make minor amendments to the scheme details.

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Annual Local Waiting Restriction Programme

(Mr J Walker attended the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme and spoke to this item in relation to the proposals at Seafeld Road, Sidmouth.)

(In accordance with Standing Order 19, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11.17am. The meeting was reconvened at 11.25am.)

(Mr G Ward and Dame J Slingo also attended the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme and spoke to this item in support of the proposals at Seafeld Road, Sidmouth.)

The Committee considered the Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/19/102) on the Annual Local Waiting Restriction Programme which had previously been presented to this Committee on 12 March 2019.

A number of objections and comments had been received since the advertisement of the agreed proposals, details of which were shown in the Appendices to the report. Proposals which did not attract objections would be implemented without the need to report back to the Committee.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Hughes, **SECONDED** by Councillor Twiss and

RESOLVED

(a) that work on the annual waiting restrictions programme process for 2019/20 be noted;

(b) that the recommendations contained in Appendix II to Report HIW/18/90 be agreed and the proposals implemented where relevant, subject to:

- (i) ENV5710-011 Essington Close/Mount Pleasant Avenue, Exmouth – that the recommendation be to proceed with the proposed restrictions;
- (ii) ENV5710-26 The Strand, Lypstone – that the proposal be withdrawn;
- (iii) ENV5710-041 Sidmouth Road, Colyton – that a site visit be arranged and that a decision on the matter be delegated to the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste in consultation with the Chair and Local Member; and
- (iv) ENV5710-048 The Esplanade, Sidmouth – that, subject to advertising, a Modification Order be made seeking to reduce the extent of the maximum stay to 30 minutes and that a decision on the matter be delegated to the Chief Officer for Highways, infrastructure Development and Waste in consultation with the Chair and Local Member.

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Action Taken Under Delegated Powers

The Committee received the Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/19/103) on action taken in consultation with the Chair and Local Member.

***DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT**

The Meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 11.50 am

Highways Permit Scheme

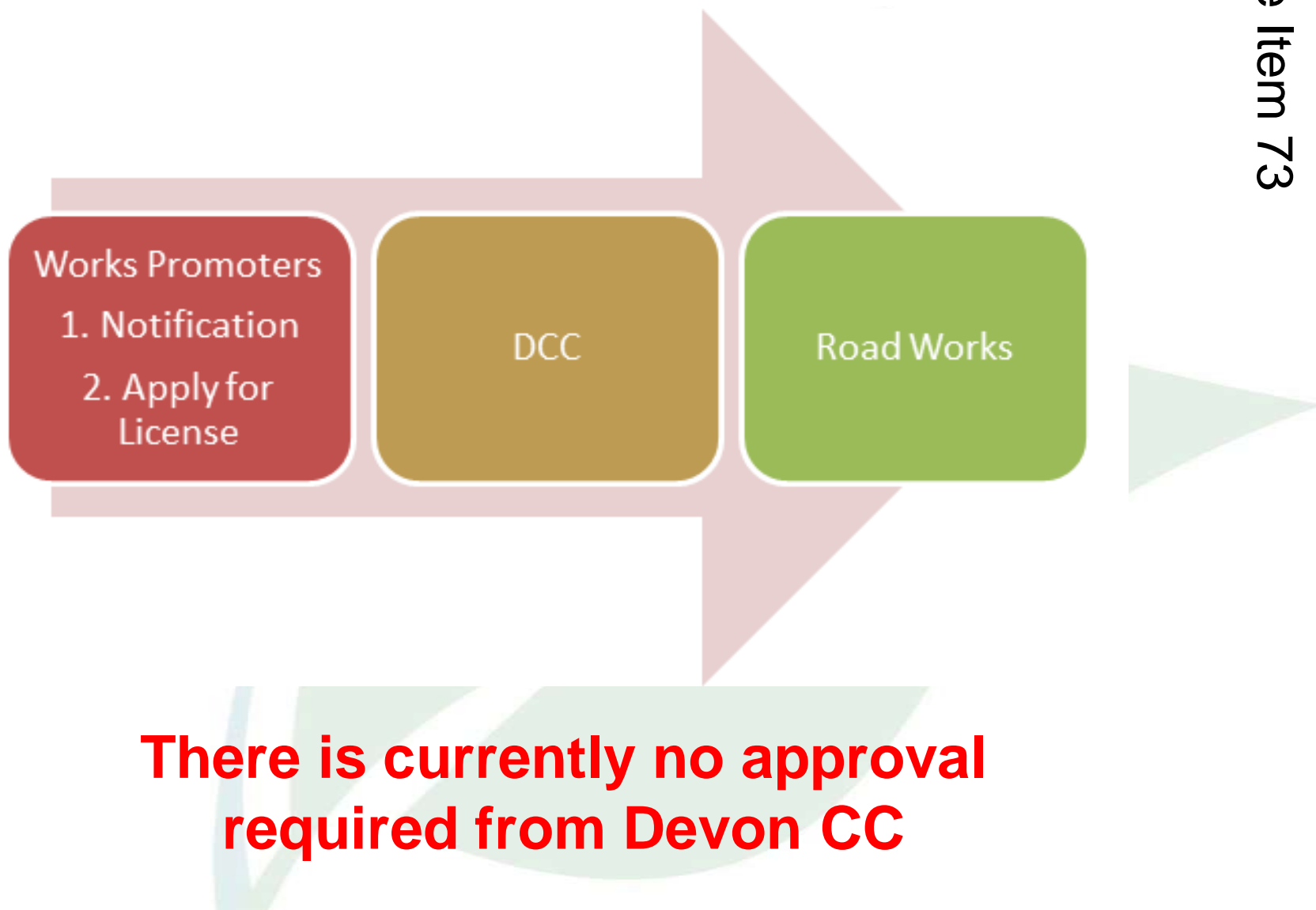
*Dan Trump,
Assistant Project Manager
Devon Permit Scheme*

In 2018, Cabinet approved Devon County Council to undertake consultation on a Streetworks Permit Scheme.

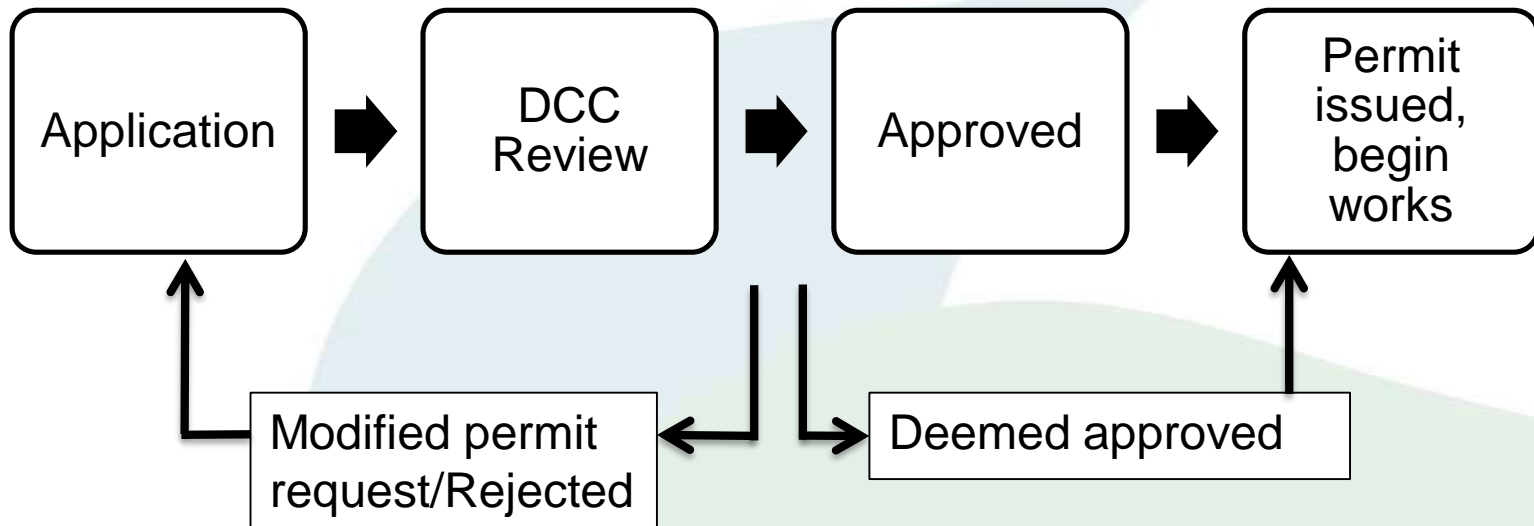
Last week Cabinet approved the implementation of the Permit Scheme

What is a Streetworks Permit Scheme?

Current Noticing System



What will Change with Permits?



- All permits received where DCC do not respond will be deemed to be approved.
- All Permits are subject to a fee

Permits vs Noticing – Why Change?

Poorly Planned Roadworks

- Delay & Disruption
- Additional Costs
- Environmental Impacts
- Noise
- Public Image

DCC has a statutory duty to coordinate works and reduce disruption.

Permits vs Noticing – Why Change?

- Supports DCC in their legal duties
- Self-financing scheme
- Offers parity for own works
- Ability to place permit conditions
- Encourages positive behaviours
 - i.e. discount incentives

Permits vs Noticing – Why Change?

And finally.....

- DfT have required all local authorities to strongly consider introducing a scheme in operation by April 2020.

Project Timeline

Informal
Consultation
May-Jul 2019

Software
Testing
Aug-Oct 2019

Formal
Consultation
(TRO)
Oct-Nov 2019

Go Live
Mar 2020

What is the Scope?

Phase 1

- March 2020 – All Streets
- All Statutory Undertaker and Devon CC Highway Works

Phase 2

- March 2021
- A full review will be held, considering the introduction of other privately licenced works.

What will be included?

- Breaking up or resurfacing of any street;
- Opening of the carriageway or cycleway of traffic sensitive streets at traffic-sensitive times;
- Use of any form of temporary traffic control as defined in the Code of Practice
- Works that reduce the number of lanes available on a carriageway of three or more lanes;

What will be included?

- Works with Temporary Traffic Regulation Order or notice, or the suspension of pedestrian crossing facilities;
- Works with a reduction in width of the existing carriageway of a traffic-sensitive street at a traffic-sensitive time;
- Bar Holes which are used to detect and monitor gas leaks fall into the registerable category.

Permit Discounts

Collaborative
Working

Trench
Sharing

Traffic
Sensitive
Periods

Additional
Resource
Evidence

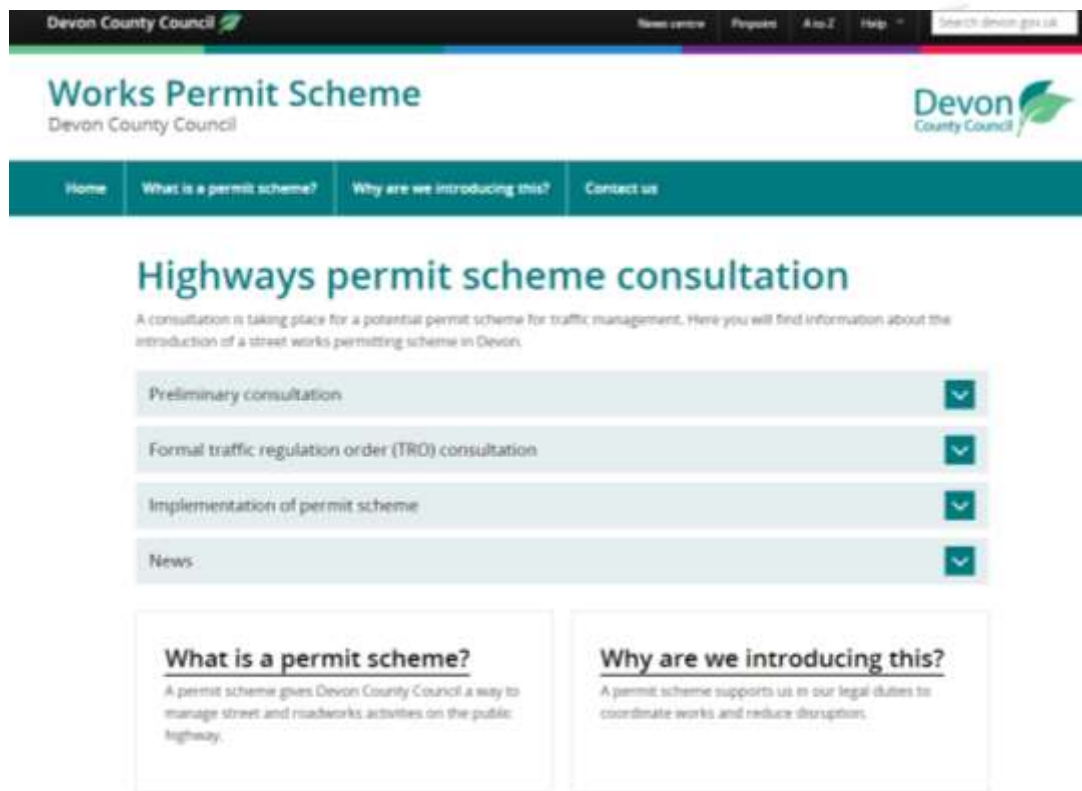
Innovative
Techniques

Permit Fee discounts proposed to be 30% for one and 50% for two or more.

Permit Conditions

- Date Constraints
- Limits to days/times of day
- Working hours
- Material and Plant Storage
- Road Occupation Dimensions
- Traffic Space Dimensions
- Road Closures
- Light Signals and Shuttle Working
- Traffic Management Changes
- Work Methodology
- Consultation and Publicity
- Environmental

Devon Permit Scheme website



Thank you for your time

Questions

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