

Highways Permit Scheme

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Background



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



Works Promoters

- 1. Notification
 - 2. Apply for License

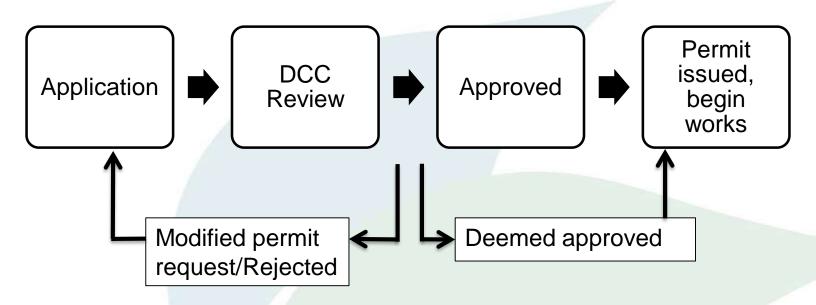
DCC

Road Works

There is currently no approval required from Devon CC

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

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Questions

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