



Highways Permit Scheme

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Background



 In 2018, Cabinet approved Devon County Council to undertake consultation on a potential permit scheme for street works.

 In October 2019, Cabinet approved the permit scheme to progress for Devon



What is a Permit Scheme?





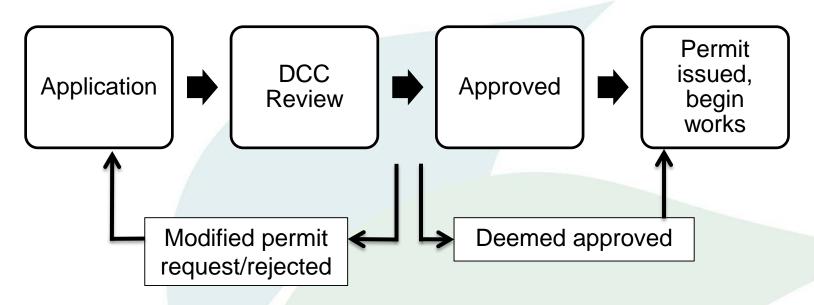




Currently, no 'approval' is required from DCC

What will Change with Permits?





- Permit applications not receiving a response from DCC are deemed approved
- A permit can also be modified or rejected
- All permits are subject to a fee

Permits vs Noticing – Why Change? County Council

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 our own works
- Offer economic advantages
 - > £850 per site per day saving
- Apply conditions to permits
- Encourage positive behaviours
 - > Permit fee discount incentives

Permits V Noticing – Why Change?



And finally.....

 DfT have required every local authority to strongly consider having a permit scheme implemented by April 2020.



Project Timeline



Informal Consultation May-Jul 2019 Software Testing Aug-Sept 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.