



Streetworks permit schemes

Improving your highways

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Utility companies, transport authorities and local authority highway departments all need to carry out street works on our road network.

When these organisations undertake works at the same time it has a significant effect on traffic congestion and delayed journey times in an area.

Traditionally a noticing system has been used which means organisations that need to work on the highway only have to notify the Council that they will be doing the work at a certain time and place. Unfortunately the local authority has limited powers to influence how they are carried out and they also may not have the resources to manage a largely reactive notice regime.



What's the solution?

Since the enacting of the Traffic Management Act 2004, local authorities are able to operate under a permit scheme, which gives you better visibility and control over the work that is taking place on your highway network.

By introducing a permit scheme it means any organisation, such as utility companies, authorised contractors and highway engineers are legally obliged to obtain and in some cases, pay, for a permit from the Council before they can start any works on your highway.

Even better, the permit you issue can also request certain conditions are met during the works such as off peak working times or weekend only working on key routes.

How can we help?

There is quite a lot of work that needs to go into setting up a permit scheme which in today's climate, understandably local authorities can struggle to resource. We have an experienced team who can design, implement and manage your permit scheme which will take the resource burden away from the Council while at the same time ensuring an effective and efficient permit scheme is put in place.

Our team can

- > Support the public consultations
- > Co-ordinate the scheme
- > Manage the day to day service
- > Design a scheme that suits you

Did you know...



That after implementing a permit scheme in Salford and Greater Manchester it reduced the amount of works on their roads by 17%?



That on average if 7000 utility permits are granted it will generate around £250k for your local authority?



The service is fully paid for by the revenue generated from the permit applications.



We can work anywhere in the UK.



We can offer a revenue share arrangement with local authorities for activities over and above an agreed baseline.



We have access to the right subject matter experts, including technical, systems, operational and change management expertise to reduce the risk and ensure the smooth consultation, design, co-ordination and delivery of a highly complex project.



We have experience in managing the entire street works service for a large number of local authorities.

Our experience

We've implemented permit schemes for a number of local authorities. Here are some examples of who we've helped and the benefits generated.

Blackburn with Darwen Council

After introducing the permit scheme the council saw:

- > **£275k** generated each year from permit application fees (based on an average of 5000 permits per year)
- > **533%** increase in the issuing of fixed penalty notices for non compliance with permits which generated **£35k**
- > **187%** increase in S74 fines which generated **£30k**

Salford City Council

After introducing the permit scheme the council saw:

- > **£300k** generated each year from permit application fees (based on an average of 6000 permits per year)
- > **113%** increase in the issuing of fixed penalty notices for non compliance with permits which generated **£68k**
- > **198%** increase in S74 fines which generated **£240k**

North Tyneside Council

After introducing the permit scheme the council saw:

- > **£350k** generated each year from permit application fees (based on an average of 7000 permits per year)
- > **387%** increase in the issuing of fixed penalty notices for non compliance with permits which generated **£31k**
- > **120%** increase in S74 fines which generated **£8.5k**

Barnet Council

After introducing the permit scheme the council saw:

- > **£550k** generated each year from permit application fees (based on an average of 18,000 permits per year)
- > **165%** increase in the issuing of fixed penalty notices for non compliance with permits which generated **£79k**
- > **115%** increase in S74 fines which generated **£173k**

The benefits

By introducing a permit scheme for your local authority it will:

- > **Generate revenue**
- > **Give better control**
- > **Develop better working relationships with undertakers**
- > **Promote employee development, retention and performance**
- > **Allow a better user experience**
- > **Reduce carbon emissions**

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