

Streetworks Permits Scheme

Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny
Committee

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Background

- To ensure the Authority complies with it's "Network Management Duty"
 - ✓ *securing the expeditious movement of traffic on the authority's road network; and*
 - ✓ *facilitating the expeditious movement of traffic on road networks for which another authority is the traffic authority."*
- Part 3 of the Traffic Management Act (TMA) 2004 introduced permit schemes as a new way in which activities in the public highway could be managed and to improve authorities' ability to minimise disruption from road and street works.
- We have a statutory duty to co-ordinate works.

What is a Permit?

- A Permit is a means of requesting space to carry out work on the highway.
- As a permitting authority, it is our job to assess, co-ordinate, grant, request a modification or refuse Permits.
- The Authority can also apply Permit Conditions, as applicable, this quality control is much more extensive than the previous noticing regime.

Benefits of Permits

- Reduced highway occupation
- Greater control of all activities on the highway
- Avoid/minimise delays to all road users
- Enhanced coordination between all Works Promoters
- Improved air quality and safety
- Improved public perception in managing of road activities
- Enhanced journey experience and reliability of journey times
- Fewer maintenance interventions
- Self-Funded Permit Team allowing more robust management of the network.

Parity

“Parity is an important principle in exercising the duty. We Must lead by example, applying the same standards and approaches to our own works/activities as to those of others”.

Network Management Duty Guidance

Intervention Criteria

- DfT will assess BCC's performance annually, regarding compliance.

If we don't comply:

- Removal of our status of being a permitting authority
- Reputational Damage to the Authority.
- Potential refusal of any fines or charges placed on other Works Promoters until parity can be shown.

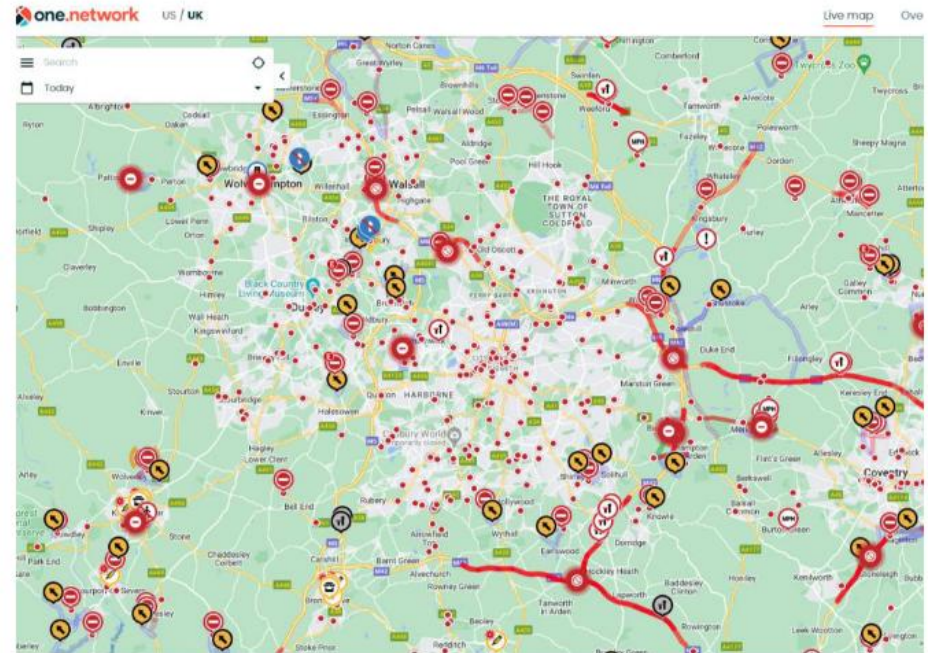
Works in your area?

Examples:

- ✓ Have you seen some works that are not listed on One.Network?
- ✓ Have you seen some unsafe working practices?
- ✓ Have you seen some Temporary Traffic Signals stuck on red?

If so, please contact the New Roads & Street Works Permit Team at the following email address:

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Any Questions?