

New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

Co-ordination Working Group

Terms of Reference

Background

The Working Group is to consider the issues arising from those matters dealt with by the Co-ordination Code of Practice, which provides statutory guidance under sections 59, and 60 of New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 on co-ordination and co-operation, along with s56 and s56A on directions following road and street works.

Permits were introduced under Part 3 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and it was agreed that as far as possible the process for permit applications, definitions and the terminology used should not differ from that under a notices regime.

Purpose

The Working Group will consider issues raised about the Co-ordination Code of Practice, or by the Permits Forum, and decide whether clarification is needed either as an HAUC(UK) advice note or in the EToN Technical Specification. This would then feed into potential future reviews of either Codes by this group or a new working group.

The Working Group may also identify good practice that can be shared or incorporated in HAUC(UK) Advice Notes to help improve effectiveness and efficiency of both highway authorities and undertakers, especially in co-operation and co-ordination, but in managing all aspects covered by Co-ordination Code of Practice.

The impact on permit schemes needs to be considered to maintain consistency of processes and terminology.

The membership of the Co-ordination Working Group will consist of:

- 8 members from HAUC (UK) (4 from highway authorities and 4 from statutory undertakers);
- Department for Transport
- Network Rail
- Welsh Assembly Government
- Highways Agency
- Transport for London
- 1 member from EToN Developers Group

In addition, the Scottish Executive, represented by Scottish Road Works Commissioner, and Northern Ireland Government would be members by correspondence and may attend as wish.

Members of HAUC(UK) Working Groups or representatives of other organisations may attend by invitation.

The [chair/co-chairs] will be [xxxx] and the secretariat will be provided by [xxx]

Issues

Among other things the Working Group may be called on to consider or provide advice or guidance on matter to support effective co-ordination of works. This might include:-

- identifying better or easier ways to improve co-ordination;
- consistency between Co-ordination Code of Practice, Permits Code of Practice and EToN Technical Specification;
- consistency maintained with Permit Code of Practice.
- effective use of s74 charges to improve timeliness of works;
- use of directions;
- use of restrictions;
- effective use of early starts