

Lincolnshire Street Works Collaboration Charter

The Street Works Collaboration Charter is focused on improving the management and communication of road works within the public highway for the benefit of road users in Lincolnshire. The charter acts as commitment to drive positive change, ensuring work is completed safely whilst keeping disruption to a minimum. The parties signing this charter understand the mutual benefits that can be obtained by working collaboratively which in turn act as an enabler for each contributing party to meet their corporate objectives. All parties agree to work together to achieve the following objectives:

Ensure Highway Network Availability

Minimise disruption to the wider public by taking reasonable measures to maintain network availability. Work in collaboration with the Highway Authority, Partners, Contractors other Utility Companies wherever possible in accordance with the Lincolnshire Permit Scheme.

Prioritisation of Work

Prioritise resources to high profile works, such as A & B roads, traffic sensitive streets and works with road closures; ensuring priority is given to complete these works in an accelerated timeframe to minimise disruption to the most used roads.

Traffic Management

Reduce traffic congestion by effectively assessing traffic management methods in the planning stages of works to avoid a road closures (in line with legislative requirements). Open the road for traffic as soon as possible where a site is unattended or where traffic management is no longer required for site safety / operation. Commit to laying down road closure signs when safe to do so for site operatives and the road users.

Ensure Health and Wellbeing of the Workforce and the Public

Contribute to and improve the health, safety and welfare for the workforce and the population in Lincolnshire as a whole. Maintaining safe and accessible routes for pedestrians and cyclists and ensuring that vulnerable groups are not unduly affected by the works.

Collaborative and Cooperative Approach

Develop and sustain a successful culture across all contributing partners that develops positive, creative and innovative working relationships that share intelligence and collaborate together.

Immediate Urgent Work

Reduce the number of immediate urgent permit requests. When viable, coordinate urgent works with the Highway Authority to ensure disruption is minimised.

Create Thriving Environments

Work together to protect, enhance and balance environmental needs through cooperation and intelligence sharing. Ensure communities are connected and resilient.

Protection of the Highway Asset

Complete permanent reinstatements "right first-time" and when this doesn't occur ensure that the identified defects are corrected in a timely fashion working collaboratively on the network to reduce the need for a return visit to the same site.

Communication

Improve communications to provide effective, clear and reliable public information about works activity. For major planned works we will share details with all stakeholders regarding the nature and duration of works, traffic management, support for vulnerable groups, planned end date, points of contact and frequently asked questions.

Innovation

Continually improve how works are carried out in the highway by sharing new techniques, ideas and product information to foster collaborative working and protect the highway asset. The County Council commits to undertaking A9 trials of new materials proposed, including carrying out testing of such materials along with innovation trials, such as flexi permits. Continually develop processes and systems to ensure they are effective in delivering an efficient service.

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