

Date: 1st August 2019
Our ref: SCC-Permit

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Dear Sir/ Madam

CONSULTATION: SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL PERMIT SCHEME FOR ROAD WORKS AND STREET WORKS.

Part 3 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and The Traffic Management Permit Scheme (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended by the Traffic Management Permit Scheme (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015) gives local authorities powers to design and operate a permit scheme to improve the management of works in the street undertaken by highway authorities and utilities companies.

Sunderland City Council now proposes to exercise these powers to introduce a system of permits for street works and road works within its area of operation.

The Permit Scheme will require permission to be obtained for most road and street works from both the utility companies and the highway authority themselves. The consultation is primarily aimed at highway works promoters, utility companies and their regulators but responses are welcomed from anyone with an interest. If you know or have any suggestions of others who may wish to be involved in this consultation please let us know.

There are a number of documents comprising this consultation, which are

- Scheme Document
- Cost Benefit Analysis Summary
- Fee Summary
- Consultation Questionnaire

These are available on the councils website (<https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/article/16500/Road-activities-permit-scheme>) and may also be obtained by emailing stephen.black@sunderland.gov.uk. General information may also be found on that page which will be updated as required.

If you have any comments, please return your completed Questionnaire by 4:30 on Thursday 31st October 2019.

Once this consultation process is complete and the responses collated and reviewed, any changes made in the light of the consultation will be posted onto the Sunderland City Council Website no later than one month after the consultation closes.

Sunderland City Council's Cabinet will in due course be asked to approve the Permit Scheme on the basis of the Scheme Document (subject to any amendments). If they agree, with or without modification the scheme will in due course be given legal effect by order.

The council contact for the whole life of the development will be:

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Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'P. Robinson', enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

Paul Robinson
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