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9.1 Types of Streetworks Licence

There are several types of Streetworks licence applicable to new developments in respect of Highways Act 1980, New Roads & Street Works Act 1991 and Traffic Management Act 2004.

Section 171 licences are required for temporary excavations on the highway, such as trial pits (refer to Section 5.1.1).

Section 171 licences are required for the temporary storage of building materials on the highway (refer to Section 5.1.1).

Section 184 licences grant permission for vehicles to cross between the carriageway and private accesses, across footways or verge (refer to Section 5.1.1).

Section 50 licences grant permission to install private apparatus in the highway.

Skip licences grant permission to place a skip on the highway.

Scaffolding licences grant permission to place scaffolding on the highway.

Crane licences grant permission to place a crane on the highway.

All licence applications should also be accompanied by traffic management plans and Activities Forms.

Fees are applicable to all licence applications.

Copies of Streetworks application forms can be found in Appendix J.

9.2 Temporary Traffic Restrictions

Some works will require temporary traffic restrictions to be put into place. These may be via traffic signals or road closure.

Temporary traffic restrictions have to be advertised and relevant parties (emergency services, bus companies, etc.) consulted.

The minimum notice requirement for temporary traffic restrictions is 12 weeks from anticipated commencement.

Copies of Streetworks application forms can be found in Appendix J.

9.3 Section 171 Licences

The Council requires developers to use Section 171 licences to undertake trial pits and core sampling, as part of investigation works on existing highway.

The Council requires developers to use Section 171 licences to temporarily store building materials on the existing highway.

A licence would only usually be withheld if other items, such as traffic management plans, have not been submitted.

A licence may require amendments, should a Notice already exist for the same location on the same dates.

Section 171 licences are not to be used to circumnavigate the Minor Works Licence process.

9.4 Section 184 Licences

Section 184 licences are also known as vehicle crossing licences.

Planning permission is required to construct a vehicle crossing on a classified road.

Vehicle crossing licences may be granted as the access arrangements for new estate roads serving less than 10 no. dwellings.

A licence may be withheld if other items, such as traffic management plans, have not been submitted.

A licence may also be withheld or refused for other reasons. If this is the case, then the decision and reasoning will be issued to the applicant together with details on how to appeal the decision.

A licence may require amendments, should a Notice already exist for the same location on the same dates.

Section 184 licences are not to be used to circumnavigate the Minor Works Licence process.

9.5 Section 50 Licences

Section 50 licences can be used to install new drainage from a development site to an existing sewer.

Section 50 licences may be required where elements of adoptable areas do not serve a highway purpose, such as feature gateway pillars.

Section 50 licences are required for any utility concrete protection slabs within the highway.

Note that the protection slab must also be adopted by the owner of the utility it is protecting.

9.6 Service Margins and Placing Apparatus in the Highway

All developments should have a designated service margin running down at least one side of the road.

This margin may be in the footway verge or carriageway. Alterations are not permitted by residents or any other party (refer to Appendix K)

All new apparatus being installed for a development prior to adoption should be done so before the wearing course is laid. If this is not possible, then once all of the services have been laid, the developer will be required to plane and resurface full width and full length of the affected road(s).

Where existing highway is affected by new services being installed to new developments, so as to prevent the possibility of premature failure, the following reinstatement requirements apply:

- Any areas of existing carriageway that are affected by the installation of new service trenches/road crossings (including sewers) for any development are required to be planed and resurfaced, full carriageway width by the length of the trench (minimum length to be 15m if trench shorter than this), by the developer, at their cost. This will require machine lay.
- Any areas of existing footway/cycleway that are affected by the installation of new service trenches (including sewers) for any development are required to be planed and resurfaced, full footway/cycleway width by the length of the trench (minimum length to be 15m if trench shorter than this), by the developer, at their cost. This will require machine lay.

- These areas should be clearly shown on the development plans as 'existing highway affected by the works' prior to Technical Approval being granted.
- Where services information is not available prior to Technical Approval, the above bullet points should be added as notes to all plans and be identified to the contractor.



Patch reinstatements for development related works are not acceptable

9.7 Sites of Special Engineering Difficulty

Sites of Special Engineering Difficulty (SSEDs) are added to our highway records by our Gazetteer team as they are made aware of them by developers and the Transport Development Management team.

Special care must be taken when working in the area of SSEDs and may require the presence of the Council's representative on site for the duration of the works, for which the utility company/developer will be charged.

9.8 Highways England Specific Diversion Routes

It may be necessary for motorway traffic to be diverted through Swindon if the section of the M4 between Junctions 15 and 16 is closed.

Information regarding roadworks and closures of the M4 and other trunk roads can be found on the Highways England website.

9.9 Swindon Borough Council Specific Diversion Routes

All roadworks that require a road closure will have to be appropriately advertised and notices for twelve weeks prior to implementation.

All roadworks requiring a closure will need to have a fully signed diversion route.

9.10 Developer Diversion Route Requirements

All roadworks that require a road closure will have to be appropriately advertised and notices for twelve weeks prior to implementation.

All roadworks requiring a closure will need to have a fully signed diversion route.

9.11 Winter Maintenance Routes & Requirements

Swindon Borough Council is on winter service alert for gritting roads around the Borough from mid-October to mid-April each year. The treated roads are shown on plan in Appendix L.

It is the responsibility of developers to retreat roads after washing or sweeping to ensure safety of road users is maintained during the winter period.

The de-icing material used for road treatment by this council is Thorox, this material is rock salt treated with an agricultural by-product similar to molasses and has the advantage of being active on the carriageway for up to three days providing there is no substantial precipitation or sweeping. It is imperative that any salt removed from the treated network by sweepers clearing mud and debris is replaced straight away at a spread rate of 15g/m².

In order to assist with this retreatment, Swindon Borough's Highway Operations Team can provide a filled grit bin and subsequent refills on a chargeable basis for use by developers, it should be noted that once delivered the bin and its contents will be in the property of the developer. In the first instance, please contact Helen Viveash, Duty Winter Service Engineer on 01793 466354 to discuss and confirm site specific requirements and costs.

9.12 Christmas Embargo

Swindon Borough Council enforces a traffic embargo on main routes into and around Swindon town centre during December & January each year.

Please contact the Streetworks team at Swindon Borough Council using the details in Section 11 to obtain further details.

9.13 Section 58 Restrictions

Upon the issue of the Part 2 Certificate, it is suggested that the developer instigates a Section 58 type restriction to prevent any utility works in the adoptable areas.

We require the developer to apply for a Section 58 restriction to cover the area of adoptable works, prior to the issue of the Final Certificate.

9.14 Traffic Sensitive Streets

For information regarding traffic sensitive streets, please contact Swindon Borough Council using the details in Section 11 of this document.