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Ref: Proposed Isle of Wight County Permit Scheme

Date: 17th October 2019

Dear Consultee,

FORMAL CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL BY ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL TO OPERATE A PERMIT SCHEME ON THEIR HIGHWAY NETWORK IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PERMIT SCHEMES (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2007 AS AMENDED

Introduction

In accordance with regulation 3 of The Traffic Management Permit Scheme (England) Regulations 2007 as amended, I am pleased to invite your views on the attached draft of the Isle of Wight County Permit Scheme (IWPCS).

Part 3 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 introduced Permit Schemes as a new way of managing road works in the public highway and improving Highway Authorities' abilities to minimise disruption from these various activities. Permit Schemes provide an alternative to the notification system under the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (NRSWA), whereby, instead of informing a Highway Authority about its intention to carry out works in its area, a Statutory Undertaker or road activities Promoter has to book time on the highway by obtaining a Permit from the Permit Authority (the Highway Authority).

Under a Permit Scheme, the Highway Authority's activities, whether undertaken by itself, its partners or agents would be treated in exactly the same way with regard to co-ordination and setting of conditions as a Statutory Undertakers activity.

Highway Authorities may choose to implement a Permit Scheme on all or some of the roads under their control. The proposed IWPCS has been developed to apply to all roads throughout the Isle of Wight. This is the 'specified area' for the purposes of the permit regulations. Trunk roads and motorways for which the Highways England is the Highway Authority are not included in the proposed scheme.

Background

The Isle of Wight has in the region of 6000 road and street works undertaken on its highway network each year. These essential works interrupt the free flow of traffic and pavement users. It is therefore essential that any planned disruption must be co-ordinated as effectively as possible. Furthermore, it is the intention of the IWPCS to reduce the number of road works and to encourage work to be undertaken at times which avoid peak travel times.

Greater co-ordination of road works will not only improve the availability of the highway network, but also provide opportunities for the more efficient organization of the road works themselves and therefore cost savings by road works Promoters.

The proposed scheme document is based on the Hampshire and West Sussex Scheme document, which is familiar to stakeholders in the area. This will provide operational consistency locally.

Due to time pressures created by the imminent arrival of Street Manager in April 2020, an indicative Cost Benefit Analysis has been prepared to support the launch of the consultation process. A detailed Cost Benefit Analysis is currently being undertaken and will be made available to all Consultees well before the end of the consultation period.

A meeting will be held during the consultation period so these proposals can be discussed.

Conditions Attached to Permits

Isle of Wight Council will adopt solely the nationally agreed conditions text developed and approved by HAUC (England) as our standard conditions, including referencing. We recognize that these conditions may be subject to change and may develop over time.

Fees

The levels of fees that will be applied for applications for Provisional Advanced Authorizations, Permits and Permit Variations have been calculated using the Department for Transport's Permit Fees Guidance and Permit Fees Guidance Cost Matrix. They reflect the cost to the Isle of Wight of operating the Permit Scheme in relation to Statutory Undertakers activities, over and above those costs incurred in managing the existing Noticing system.

The approved schedule of fees will be issued with the Local Order (once the Scheme has been agreed) for the implementation of the Permit Scheme. For convenience, the details of the provisional fee levels are provided in Appendix A of the scheme document.

The scheme also allows for the discounting and waiving of fees as permitted within the regulations.

How to respond

This consultation runs for a period of 8 weeks. Responses are requested to be sent by email to

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If it is not possible to email responses, then they should be marked "Permit Scheme Consultation" and be sent to:

[REDACTED], **Streetworks Manager**
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St Christopher House
42 Daish Way
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The deadline for receipt of responses is no later than 5pm on Friday 13th December 2019. We cannot guarantee that responses received after this date will be considered.

All responses received by the 13th December 2019 will be taken into consideration and, if the Isle of Wight Council considers it to be appropriate, amendments will be made to the draft Permit Scheme. Information provided in response to this consultation (including personal information) may be subject to publication or disclosure under the access to information regimes (e.g. the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004). If you would like your response to be treated confidentially please indicate the reasons for this in your response.



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Thank you for your time considering this document.

Yours faithfully

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