



**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT OF A SINGLE PERMIT SCHEME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PERMIT SCHEME (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2007.**

**THE CONSULTATION – YOUR CHANCE TO COMMENT**

Part 3 of the Traffic Management Act (TMA) 2004 introduced permit schemes as a new way in which activities in the public highway could be managed and to improve authorities' ability to minimise disruption from road and street works.

The Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council permit scheme is prepared and designed to improve the management of works in the street undertaken by the highway authority and statutory undertakers.

It is an important aspect of duties and policies of the authority to manage activities in the street so as to minimise the impact of activities whilst allowing essential activities to take place.

The Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Permit Scheme intends to use incentives and discounts to encourage promoters to actively plan the methodology and scheduling of works with the future in mind.

The Permit Scheme has been prepared with due regards to section 59 of the NRSWA to co-ordinate works of all kinds on the highway and also achieving the overriding statutory objectives and duties under the TMA 2004. It is an important aspect of the duties and policies for the Permit Authority to manage activities in the street, so as to minimise the impact of those activities, while allowing essential activities to take place. The specific objectives of the Permit Scheme are as follows;

- Reduce occupation of the highway.
- Enhance co-ordination of all activities on the highway.
- Obtain greater control of all activities on the highway.
- Minimise/manage/avoid delays to all road users.
- Encourage as far as is practicable collaborative activities between all activity promoters.
- Promote best practice across Stockton and the wider Tees Valley area.
- Enhanced cross-boundary co-operation.
- Reducing the impact of noise on residents by having greater control of timing of activities.
- Promote common activity practices across the Tees Valley and wider region to ensure ease of operation for activity promoters.
- Demonstrate parity for all activity promoters.
- Enhance reliability of activities taking place at a particular time.
- Reducing potential incidents/accidents at road activities.

- Enhancing reliability of journey times.
- Improved public perception of management of road activities.

The Council's overarching vision for the Borough as set out in the Council Plan 2018 - 2021 is of an economically prosperous borough that is dynamic, exciting and inviting with infrastructure to support the development of business start-ups, business growth, new jobs and skills. To support this economic growth, it is essential that the road network is safe and that journey times are reliable. The Council seek to provide an efficient and extensive transport network which enables services and facilities to be accessible to all, accommodate the efficient delivery of goods and supplies, whilst also minimising congestion and the environmental impact of transport. The introduction of a Permit Scheme will undoubtedly improve the efficiency and reliability of Stockton's highway network and as such contribute towards the Council achieving its vision.

The scheme will apply to all adopted roads throughout the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees, the "specified area" for the purposes of the regulations. Motorways and Trunk Roads are not included in this scheme as they are and remain the responsibility of Highways England.

Before the scheme can be introduced Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council is seeking the views of those who will be affected to ensure it reflects the guidance and regulations as well as suiting the needs of the authority and those surrounding it.

Please return your completed questionnaire by 5pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019

All completed questionnaires to be sent to [StreetworksPermits@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:StreetworksPermits@stockton.gov.uk)



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### **Confidentiality and Data Protection**

As a Local Authority Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council process people's information in accordance with the principles set out in the Data Protection Act 2018. As part of this consultation Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council will be asking for your name and email address. This is needed to provide any responses to follow on questions.

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## **ABOUT YOU**

- A) Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?**
  
- B) Which best describes your company or organisation, Utility, Local Authority, Transport Authority etc?**
  
- C) Your name (optional)**
  
- D) Your company or organisation(optional)**
  
- E) Your position in the organisation(optional)**
  
- F) Your e-mail (optional)**
  
- G) If you are responding on behalf of an organisation or interest group how many members do you have? (optional)**
  
- H) If you would like your response or personal details to be treated confidentially please explain why?**

## **THE CONSULTATION**

### **Question 1**

**Do you consider that the permit scheme is suited to the needs of the people, residents and road users of AUTHORITY Council?**

If not why not?

### **Question 2**

**Do you think that the permit scheme reflects the requirements of the requirements of the Statutory Guidance for Permit Schemes and the Statutory Guidance regarding Permit Scheme Conditions?**

If NO, please clarify where in the document you feel it does not reflect?

### **Question 3**

**Do you think that the permit scheme reflects the requirements of the requirements of the Traffic Management permit Scheme (England) Regulations 2007?**

A copy can be found here at

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2007/3372/contents/made>

If NO, please clarify where in the document you feel it does not reflect?

### **Question 4**

**Do you understand the conditions that can be applied in granting a permit?**

If not, please explain?

### **Question 5**

**Do you understand the penalties for not applying for a permit and are they clearly identified in the scheme document?**

**Question 6**

Do you understand the penalties for not complying with a permit condition and are they clearly identified in the scheme document?

**Question 7**

Do you agree with the monitoring proposed and is it adequate?

If NO, please explain why?

**Question 10**

Are there any other aspects of the scheme for which you require further clarification?

**Question 11**

Do you have any suggestions for improving the scheme?

**Question 12**

Do you have any other comments on the permit scheme?