

Essex Permit Scheme

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Streetworks Business Unit

What does our business cover

- Safeguarding the highway asset
 - Performance Based Inspections
 - Safety & Compliance Inspections
- Operating the Permit Scheme
- Compliance and Invoicing Team
- Stats
- Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders
- Street Works Licence (S50)
- Minor Undertaker Notices



Network Coordination

- Essex County Council has a statutory duty under the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 and Traffic Management Act 2004 to coordinate all works and activities on the highway network.
- This includes (and not limited to);
 - Utility Works
 - ECC own works
 - Street Works Licences (S50)
 - Skips, Scaffolds, Hoarding, etc.
 - Events (like the recent street parties)
 - Developer works (S278, etc.)
 - The list goes on....



Why do we have to have a Permit?

Traffic Management Act 2004

16 (1) It is the duty of a local traffic authority (or a strategic highways company (“the network management authority”) to manage their road network with a view to achieving, so far as may be reasonably practicable having regard to their other obligations, policies and objectives, the following objectives—

- (a) securing the expeditious movement of traffic on the authority's road network;*
- (b) facilitating the expeditious movement of traffic on road networks for which another authority is the traffic authority.*



Activity Type	Minimum application periods ahead of proposed start date		Minimum period before permit expires for application for variation (including extension)	Response times for issuing a permit or seeking further information or discussion		Response times to applications for permit variations (Days = Working days)
	Application for provisional advance authorisation	Application for Permit (Days = Working days)		Application for provisional advance authorisation	Application for Permit (Days = Working days)	
Major	3 Months	10 Days	2 Days or 20% of the original duration whichever is longest	1 Calendar Month	5 Days	2 Days
Standard	n/a	10 Days		n/a	5 Days	2 Days
Minor	n/a	3 Days		n/a	2 Days	2 Days
Immediate	n/a	2 Hours After		n/a	2 Days	2 Days

Road Closures

TTROs are made under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and can be made to cover planned situations.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1984/27/contents>

TTRO – (Max 18 months) Section 14.1

An urgent notice can be issued if the regulation is needed for emergency situations.

TTRN - (Max 21 days) Section 14.2



Road Closures

- Road Closures
- Footway/Cycleway/Bridleway Closures (6 months maximum)
- Height/Weight/Width/Length restrictions
- Speed Restrictions
- Banned left/right hand turns
- No entry
- Clearways (no waiting, no loading or no stopping)
- Contraflows
- Enforced right/left hand turns
- Suspensions
- Weight Restrictions



Road Closures

- 12 weeks to process a TTRO
- Same for utility and our own works – Legal Order
- Blanket Orders - TTRO that cover multiple roads on one order (for example fibre optic broadband/road surfacing)

TTRO Costs - £1270.53

- Legal advertising costs
- Legal administration costs
- Processing fee



Road Closures

- TM Plan
- Application Form
- Road Opening Notice/Permit

If it is not suitable and is refused then the 12 weeks start again!



Section 50

- A person or organisation wishes to place new apparatus under publicly maintained highway, which includes verge, footway and carriageway.
- 5 year licence – can only be issued, if written confirmation is sent in with the application confirming that the apparatus is to be adopted by the relevant utility company (gas, water, electric)
- 25 year licence – is issued if apparatus is not going to be adopted by utility company. This licence is applied for by the property owner themselves.

[Section 50 Street Works Licences | Essex County Council \(essexhighways.org\)](https://www.essexhighways.org)



Fees

A Section 50 Street Work Licence fee includes a **£969.00** legal and highways administration fee plus **£5** per year of licence, so:

- a **5 year licence** will be **£969.69 + £25.00 = £994.69**
- a **25 year licence** will be **£969.69 + £125 = £1094.69**

- Road Opening notice - **£150.00**

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