



**BARNSLEY**  
Metropolitan Borough Council

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# Barnsley Permit Scheme Consultation Report



## 1. Introduction

On 12 June 2012 Barnsley MBC successfully introduced the Yorkshire Common Permit Scheme operating on type 0, 1, 2 and traffic sensitive streets.

To build on this success and to achieve the benefits set out in the CBA, Barnsley Council intends to change the name of the scheme to the Barnsley Permit Scheme (BPS) and extend the scheme to all streets within its adopted highway network.

This report is on the consultation for the Barnsley Permit Scheme.

## 2. Consultees

Barnsley Council identified the relevant consultees and stakeholders whom have an interest in the expansion of the BPS. Details of all of the consultees are attached in Appendix A.

Barnsley Council analysed their Street Works Register to identify all Statutory Undertakers that had undertaken any work since the commencement of the New Roads and Street Works Act. Following the same process made for the previous permit scheme consultations, every effort has been made to contact all of these organisations to give them the opportunity to take part in the consultation.

In addition, Barnsley Council ensured that the adjacent local authorities were included in the consultee list, as well as organisations such as bus operators, freight organisations and emergency services.

Wherever possible, an e-mail address for the consultee was obtained. Where no e-mail address was identified, a postal address was obtained.

In total 67 consultees were identified and these were contained within the following groupings:

Central Government	2
City Region	1
Emergency Services	3
EToN Provider	1
Government Agency	1
Highway Authority	2
Local Authority	12
Local Authority Group	1
Local Interest Group	4

Parish Councils	16
Transport Authority	2
Utility	21
Utility Company Group	1

### **3. Consultation**

A dedicated e-mail box was set up by Barnsley Council for this specific consultation to receive all responses – [permitsconsultation@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:permitsconsultation@barnsley.gov.uk).

Consultees were sent a letter giving details of the consultation and copies of the scheme document, supplementary information, CBA summary and list of permit streets.

The consultation commenced on 19/12/2018 and ran for an eight week period which ended on 13/02/2019.

### **4. Consultation Responses**

In total 18 comments or questions were received of which 2 were positive, 14 were neutral and 2 were against the scheme. With regard to the 2 negative responses, these were from utility companies and related to the costs involved in running the permit scheme. The majority of the neutral comments were regarding clarifications of the details provisions of the proposed scheme. As a result some changes have been made to the supplementary information document.

A copy of all the consultation responses and Barnsley Councils replies is attached in Appendix B.

### **5. Next steps**

Following the consultation and after taking in to consideration the responses received, Barnsley Council will now seek permission internally to implement an all streets permit scheme as set out in the amended Permit Scheme Document and the amended Supplementary Information document.

A copy of this consultation report will be published on Barnsley Councils website and will be sent to each consultee.

The revised scheme documents will be submitted to Barnsley Councils Cabinet and Executive board for approval in March/April 2019.

Should the scheme be approved, Barnsley Council will work with all consultees and works promoters to provide a smooth transition from the current arrangements to the successful extension of the permit scheme.

## Appendix A – List of Consultees for the Barnsley Permit Scheme

Consultee	Category
A One	Highway Authority
AMEC	Utility
Anglian Water	Utility
B SKY B	Utility
Bradford CC	Local Authority
BT	Utility
Cadent Gas	Utility
Calderdale MBC	Local Authority
Centrica	Utility
City Fibre	Utility
Doncaster MBC	Local Authority
East Riding CC	Local Authority
Energy Networks	Utility
Environment Agency	Central Government
Freight Transport Association	Local Interest Group
Fulcrum	Utility
GTC	Utility
Harlaxton	Utility
Highways England	Highway Authority
JAG UK	Local Authority Group
Kirklees CC	Local Authority
Leeds CC	Local Authority
National Farmer Union	Local Interest Group
Network Rail	Transport Authority
North Lincolnshire CC	Local Authority
North Yorkshire CC	Local Authority
Northern Gas Networks	Utility
Northern Powergrid	Utility
Nottinghamshire CC	Local Authority
Billingley Parish Council	Parish Councils
Cawthorne Parish Council	Parish Councils
Dunford Bridge Parish Council	Parish Councils
Great Houghton Parish Council	Parish Councils
Gunthwaite & Ingbirchworth Parish Council	Parish Councils
High Hoyland Parish Council	Parish Councils
Langsett Parish Council	Parish Councils
Little Houghton Parish Council	Parish Councils
Oxspring Parish Council	Parish Councils
Penistone Town Council	Parish Councils
Shafton Parish Council	Parish Councils
Silkstone Parish Council	Parish Councils
Stainborough Parish Council	Parish Councils
Tankersley Parish Council	Parish Councils
Thurgoland Parish Council	Parish Councils
Wortley Parish Council	Parish Councils
Permits National DfT	Central Government
RNIB	Local Interest Group

Road Haulage Association	Local Interest Group
ROMECC	Utility
Rotherham MBC	Local Authority
Severn Trent Water	Utility
Sheffield City Region	City Region
Sheffield CC	Local Authority
Streetworks UK	Utility Company Group
SY Fire	Emergency Services
Symology	EToN Provider
SYP	Emergency Services
SYPTE	Transport Authority
T Mobile	Utility
Veolia	Utility
Virgin Media	Utility
Vodafone	Utility
Wakefield MBC	Local Authority
Western Power	Utility
Yorkshire Ambulance Service	Emergency Services
Yorkshire DfT	Government Agency
Yorkshire Water	Utility

## Appendix B – Consultation Responses for the Barnsley Permit Scheme

This Appendix sets out the responses received from the consultees and the replies given by Barnsley Council.

No.	Feedback Type	Document / Section	Consultee response	Barnsley Council reply
1	Comment	General	We are keen to work with Barnsley, as with all Highway Authorities , to minimise disruption whilst carrying out our vital works and statutory obligations to maintain water supplies, safeguard water quality and ensure our waste water and water networks are managed effectively.	Noted - No action
2	Comment	General	Yorkshire Water agrees that Permit Schemes are an effective method of improving communication and co-ordination to ensure our essential Streetworks activities have as little impact as possible on road users and pedestrians. Further improvements in planning, communications and innovative techniques are necessary and we are determined to improve performance as detailed to the Yorkshire Joint Authority Group on 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2019. However we believe the current scheme, based on traffic sensitive and type 1/2 roads, is the best method to accomplish this without the need for an all streets approach.	Noted - No action

3	Question	5 Permit Document	Can you please clarify the streets where early notification of immediate activities is required? This may be an area for beneficial, collaborative working if we can share the date in our work planning systems.	Any such streets will be added as ASD in the Street Gazetteer, we currently do not have any such streets and designation of such streets will follow the same consultation process as for traffic sensitive streets.
4	Question	5 Permit Document	Similarly for "other features" of the street?	Where this information is available, it is included as ASD in the Street Gazetteer
5	Question	General	Do you know how many of the activities on your highway network are a) utility streetworks b) highway roadworks?	Yes, the Streetworks Register holds this information
6	Question	General	Has the cost benefit analysis included for the additional costs incurred by Utilities?	No, the CBA is carried out to ensure the scheme will deliver value for money and is a basic appraisal of the costs and benefits of the scheme.
7	Question	General	What transition arrangements will be put in place prior to the 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2019	There will be no transitional arrangements in place prior to the 1st April 2019.
8	Question	General	Are there any plans to review what constitutes traffic sensitive streets in the Barnsley district	Traffic sensitive reviews are undertaken periodically and any additions to the traffic sensitive streets are consulted on.



9	Question	General	For the application of permits for immediate activities (within 2 hours) can you please clarify the process for out of hours/weekend working?	If a street is not subject to early notification of immediate activities, the activity promoter shall apply for a permit within 2 hours of starting or by 10am the next working day if out of hours
10	Comment	General	Whilst we do not believe an all streets approach is necessary we will work with yourselves and other Utilities to ensure our necessary Streetworks are carried out with minimal impact on all our customers.	Noted - No action
11	Comment	6.1 Supplementary Information	Virgin Media are disappointed that Barnsley MBC's Permit Scheme and associated fee`s will apply to all classification of roads. Virgin Media requests that Barnsley grant permits for category 3 and 4 roads by default. Virgin Media believes that coordination on these roads is deemed to be minimal and for those permits to be at zero fee levels.	<p>The decision to apply permit fees to the authorities entire adopted highway network was taken following careful consideration and planning in line with a robust cost benefit analysis.</p> <p>To ensure that the extension of the scheme was not purely a paper based exercise, while at the same time staying true to the schemes objectives and benefits, the only option available to Barnsley Council was to charge reasonable fees on type 3 &amp; 4 streets.</p>
12	Comment	11.8 Permit Scheme	Virgin Media acknowledges that Barnsley will review their fees accordingly and surplus income will be invested into the scheme.	Noted - No action

13	Comment	6.3 Supplementary Information	Virgin Media acknowledge that Barnsley will be applying a 30% discount for working wholly outside traffic-sensitive times.	Noted - No action
14	Comment	6.4 Supplementary Information	Virgin Media are encouraged that Barnsley will offer a 10% reduction to permit applications for the subsequent quarter following 90% pass rate on sample inspections.	Noted - No action
15	Comment	4.1 Supplementary Information	You have referred to TPIs 1,2 and 7 which all refer to phasing of works. My understanding is that work phases will cease to exist under Street Manager? If so you should add words to this effect. Street Manager will change things so you will need to word it carefully I think?	TPI measures are developed by the HAUC England Permit Forum and should be subject to change once Street Manager has been implemented. We have stated that we will always follow the latest TPI requirements and therefore removed the list of TPI's from the Supplementary Information document.

16	Comment	3.8 Supplementary Information	You state that you will impose conditions to ensure first pass reinstatements in sensitive areas. A permit scheme cannot impose conditions which are change the current legal framework and I am afraid this may be the case with this statement.	Agreed - Wording has been changed from 'The Barnsley Permit Scheme through imposing conditions and monitoring works will ensure that any works carried out in these sensitive areas are reinstated promptly and on a first time basis to reduce the number of interim reinstatements' to 'The Barnsley Permit Scheme through liaising with promoters and monitoring works will endeavour to ensure that any works carried out in these sensitive areas are reinstated promptly and on a first time basis to reduce the number of interim reinstatements.'
17	Comment	4.3 Supplementary Information	In AM4 you refer to EToN which will soon be defunct. You may wish to review this?	Agreed - Wording has been changed from 'AM 4 - Number of collaborative works - the number of collaborative works that have been identified using the relevant EToN code' to 'AM 4 - Number of collaborative works - the number of collaborative works that have been identified.'
18	Comment	6.1 Supplementary Information	In the fees you state the maximum for a PAA on cat 3,4 & Non Traffic Sensitive is £175 – I wish im afraid It's only £75	Agreed - typing error