



HAUC (UK) understands the requirement to support the delivery of broadband to homes and businesses across the UK. As an organisation, our role is to facilitate the balance between the asset protection role of the Highway Authorities and the provision of utility infrastructure provided by Statutory Undertakers.

Whilst there can be no compromise on the standards of safety or quality of works in the public highway, it is possible to offer guidance that will assist with key Government infrastructure projects, such as broadband roll out.

HAUC (UK) will provide guidance by August 2017 to enable consistency in approach for;

- Definition of works category where individual cabinets are being installed, to enable the forward notification period to be reduced from 3 months to 10 working days in qualifying circumstances linked to forward planning and performance.
- Recommendation to standardise the period to obtain permission for placing of portable light signals on the highway, in line with the statutory timescales for the works notification; either via a notice or a permit application.
- Re-iteration of the correct processes to impose a restriction on utility works following substantial road works under s58 of NRSWA (e.g. reconstruction of highway) and how to facilitate essential works during the restriction period.

HAUC (UK) will also work with the Department for Transport to review the regulatory requirements that provide the restriction periods under s58 of NRSWA and to ensure that works carried out in permit scheme areas have equivalent requirements.

HAUC (UK) will continue to work with broadband infrastructure providers to ensure that standards for safety and quality of reinstatement of the highway remain at the required levels during this period of high volumes of infrastructure installation.

HAUC (UK) will continue to review this activity, and will provide further feedback as necessary to the Department for Transport on an ongoing basis.

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