

**DEVELOPMENT OF A SINGLE PERMIT SCHEME FOR THE CITY OF SUNDERLAND IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 3 OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACT 2004 AND THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PERMIT SCHEME (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2007 (AS AMENDED BY THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PERMIT SCHEME (ENGLAND) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2015)**

**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 Sunderland City Council Permit Scheme (“the scheme”) is intended 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 scheme aims use incentives and discounts to encourage promoters to actively plan the methodology and scheduling of works with the future in mind which it is hoped will lead to:

- greater opportunity to deliver and achieve completion dates through sharing best practice and overall cooperation;
- reduced delays and disruption to economic activity;
- improved reliability of journey times, especially by public transport;
- improved safety at all road works sites;
- improved communication about the purpose and duration of road works;
- greater fairness, by ensuring all works promoters are treated with parity

The scheme will apply to all adopted roads throughout the City of Sunderland (the “specified area” for the purposes of the regulations). Motorways and trunk roads are not included in this scheme, as they are and remain under the control of Highways England on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport.

Before the scheme can be introduced, Sunderland City Council is seeking the views of those who are likely to 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 4.30pm on Wednesday 30 October 2019 to [stephen.black@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.black@sunderland.gov.uk)**

### **Freedom of Information**

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be subject to publication or disclosure in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and/or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). If you want information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, under the FOIA and EIR, there is a statutory Code of Practice with which public authorities must comply and which deals, amongst other things, with obligations of confidence. In view of this it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential.

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### **Confidentiality and data protection**

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