DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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15th August 2019

Dear Consultee

The Consultation – Darlington Borough Council Permit Scheme for Road Works and Street Works

Part 3 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and The Traffic Management Permit Scheme (England) Regulations 2007 gives local authorities powers to design and operate a permit scheme to improve the management of works in the street undertaken by highway authorities and utilities companies. Darlington Borough Council proposes to exercise these powers to introduce a system of permits for street works and road works.

The Permit Scheme will require permission to be obtained for most road and street works from both the utility companies and the highway authority themselves. The consultation is primarily aimed at highway works promoters, utility companies and their regulators but responses are welcomed from anyone with an interest. If you know or have any suggestions of others who may wish to be involved in this consultation please let us know.

There are a number of documents that accompany this letter, which are:-

- Scheme Document
- Cost Benefit Analysis Summary
- Fee Summary
- Consultation Questionnaire

These documents can also be viewed on Darlington Borough Councils Permit Scheme web page using the following link
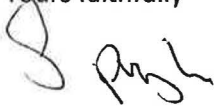
https://www.darlington.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/proposed-street-works-permit-scheme/

If you have any comments, please return your completed questionnaire by 5.00pm on the consultation closing date, which is 15th November 2019. Once the responses have been collated and reviewed, any changes made in light of the consultation will be posted onto the Darlington Borough Council Website (link as above) no later than one month after the consultation closes.

The Permit Scheme will then be put into its final form for submission to the Darlington Borough Council.

The Council may then approve the scheme, with or without modifications, and it will be given effect by Order.

Yours faithfully

Steve Pryke
Head of Highway Asset Management