

Terms and Conditions

Signing and alternative routes

All signing, lighting and guarding must be provided, maintained and removed by the applicant and must be in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulation General Directions 2002, The New Roads and Street Works Act 1991, and in conjunction with The Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 8 (Part One and Part Two). It will be the applicant's responsibility to reply to all public enquiries with reference to the diversion route and signage.

Advance warning signs must be erected on site a minimum of two weeks prior to the restriction coming into force.

Provide diversion route plan and signing schedule with the application form. The plan should identify any restriction or obstruction on the diversion route that may affect traffic, e.g. low bridges, one-way streets, weight and height restrictions or other movement restrictions.

Signing schedule requirements may be waived for some rights of way closures.

Consultation

All public relations must be carried out by the applicant including the notification by way of a letter to residents and all affected properties along the length of highway (including businesses). This must be sent (including a copy to Somerset County Council) a minimum of two weeks in advance of the restriction coming into force.

Road Space Bookings

Road space must be booked in accordance of the Traffic Management Act 2004, for all highway and street works. If you are a statutory undertaker then an EToN notice must be submitted a minimum of 3 months in advance of the start date of the works commencing or if you are non-statutory undertaker then a road space booking form must be submitted 3 months in advance of the start date of the works commencing. This must be sent to the Street Works Coordinator, Somerset County Council.

In the event of the diversion route requiring the use of either a motorway or a Trunk road (e.g. M5, A303 or A36) you must book road space with the Highways England. Failure to do so may result in the removal of your signs from the diversion route.

Contact other Highway Authorities in the event of diversion route going into other counties. The relevant authority's written approval must be submitted with the application form.

Legal Requirements

Where by reason of street works the use of the highway is restricted or prohibited and the diverted traffic uses, as an alternative route, a highway of a lower classification, the applicant shall indemnify the highway authority in respect of the cost reasonably incurred by them relating to strengthening works for making good any damage occurring as a result of the diverted traffic.

By applying for a temporary order to carry out street works you are agreeing to pay all costs of any strengthening works or making good any damage to the highway which may be required to the alternative route where the diverted traffic uses, as an alternative route, a highway of a lower classification.

You will agree to indemnify the Somerset County Council against all claims however arising, which may be made against them by reason of making the restriction, and to defray all costs incurred as a result of such claims being made.

Applicants must:

Give 3 months' notice of the required restriction (from date of payment received); applications received outside of the standard 3 month notice period will incur an additional cost (see below).

Agree to meet the Somerset County Council's costs, provide, erect, maintain and remove diversion signs

Inform all interested parties known to be directly affected by the proposed prohibition, including all frontages on the length of the road concerned and those identified by the County Council

Ensure that road space for works is booked 3 months in advance of the works starting

Provide a diversion route plan and signing schedule with the application form.

How much does it cost?

Roads

1. Temporary traffic restrictions (TTRO) e.g. road closure £1250.
2. 5 day Urgent Notices and 21 day Emergency Notices £450.
3. TTRO applications received outside of the standard 3 month notice period (Fast Track) will incur an additional cost of £1000 and this would be in addition to the fee charged for processing the TTRO.
4. For each additional road and/or restriction included in the TTRO, up to a maximum of 10 roads, a charge of £200 will be made.
5. For TTRO applications requesting more than 10 roads and/or restriction the charge will be subject to negotiation with the applicant.
6. Extension to full order £500

Rights of Way

1. Temporary traffic restrictions (TTRO) e.g. right of way closure £950.
2. 5 day Urgent Notices and 21 day Emergency Notices £450.
3. TTRO applications received outside of the standard 3 month notice period (Fast Track) will incur an additional cost of £200 and this would be in addition to the fee charged for processing the TTRO.
4. Extension to full order £500.