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APSE Roads & Street Light Advisory Group

SRWR Registration Process –
Surface Dressing Works



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- Pre 2008 Roads Authorities only needed to give 3 months advance notice for “substantial works for roads purposes”
- This includes resurfacing but not surface dressing
- This gave 1 year protection from planned utility works (S117)
- Since 2008 RAs also need to give 3 months advance notice for major works and 7day notice of start date for major and standard works



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- “major works” means–
 - works for road purposes by a road works authority (other than minor works)–
 - (i) which have been identified specifically in a roads authority’s annual operating programme or which, if not specifically identified in that programme, are normally planned at least 6 months in advance of work commencing;
 - (ii) where an order is required under section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for any works other than emergency works;
 - (iii) other than emergency works and urgent works, in a multi-lane road that is a traffic-sensitive road where one or more lanes are closed to enable the works to take place;
or
 - (iv) other than emergency works and urgent works, which have a duration in excess of 10 days and for which traffic control is required for 3 or more of those days in accordance with the Code of Practice “Safety at Street Works and Road Works” 2001;



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- Surface dressing works:
 - Are identified specifically in the annual programme but are not normally planned at least 6 months in advance;
 - Last less than 5 days so road closure can be done with a notice under S14 of RTRA rather than an order;
 - Have a duration of less than 10 days.
- They have some of the characteristics of major works
- However, they cannot be programmed precisely 3 months in advance



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- There are 2 important outcomes:
 - Co-ordination with major utility works on the same road to ensure surface dressing is done first;
 - Notifying the public of works.



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- Aberdeenshire used to register surface dressing as major works as soon as the annual programme was approved.
 - Much of the work was done within 3 months of annual programme being agreed;
 - Aberdeenshire has a very large surface dressing programme;
 - Many early starts were needed;
 - This breached the PI requirements of SRWC
 - Improvement plan required.



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- New protocol implemented for registering Aberdeenshire surface dressing
 - Co-ordination potential works notice on register for each scheme as soon as programme approved;
 - Start and end dates registered as start and end of SD season
 - Potential works notice changed to 7 day notice of start date when programme clear;
 - Start date changed to predicted actual date for scheme.



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- How do we achieve the key outcomes:
 - Co-ordination with major utility works on basis of potential works notice;
 - Scheme often moved to following year if major utility works planned;
 - Notification of public with black on yellow signs 2 weeks in advance;
 - “Road closed here on 20th June for surface dressing”



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- Additional safety measure relevant to utilities:
 - “Overhead power lines” hazard signs put out at any overhead cables in advance of works.



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Thank you

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