

To Whom It May Concern

My Ref: CM/DTPP/AJW/Permits

Your Ref:

Date: 4th April 2019

Dear Consultee

PROPOSAL BY GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL TO PROCEED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SINGLE PERMIT SCHEME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PERMIT SCHEME (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2007 (AS AMENDED UNDER THE DEREGULATION ACT 2015)

In accordance with Regulation 3 of the Traffic Management Permit Scheme (England) Regulations 2007 (“the Regulations”), Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council (“The Council”) proposes to proceed with the development of a single Permit Scheme. This would replace the current street works noticing regime, operated under the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991.

The Council will be developing both the Cost Benefit Analysis and the Scheme. This will be submitted for consultation in due course, in accordance with the Regulations, the Department for Transport’s Statutory Guidance for Highway Authority Permit Schemes (October 2015) and their Advice Note “For local authorities developing new or varying existing Permit Schemes” (June 2016).

Work to develop the Scheme is now underway and early engagement with all stakeholders is being encouraged regarding the design and operation of the Permit Scheme. We are particularly keen to hear how the Scheme might encourage better environmentally friendly working practices, more joined up working and other more effective working arrangements.

A full consultation exercise will take place once the proposed Scheme has been developed. The Council intends its Scheme to be appropriate to the circumstances of the Borough of Gateshead, particularly our vision of making Gateshead a place where everyone thrives. We are working closely with neighbouring authorities in the region who have, or are developing, their own Permit Schemes. In doing so, we seek to ensure that ours is as consistent as possible with neighbouring Schemes and supports the delivery of economic and other benefits to the Borough and the wider region. To that end, the Council would welcome any pertinent comments you may have at this early stage, preferably by email.

I will be this authority's lead officer in relation to the whole life of the development of the Gateshead Permit Scheme. I can be contacted by telephone on 0191 433 3837 during normal business hours, or by email via our dedicated mailbox: RoadPermits@Gateshead.Gov.UK.

The Scheme webpage will be updated as the Scheme progresses; please visit <https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/11253/Proposed-street-works-Permit-Scheme>.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Waters', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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