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Date: 31 July 2019

Dear Consultee

CONSULTATION: GATESHEAD 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 (as amended by the Traffic Management Permit Scheme (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015) give local street authorities the power to design and operate permit schemes to improve the management of works in the street undertaken by highway authorities and utilities companies.

Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council (“Gateshead Council” or “the Council”) now proposes to exercise these powers to introduce a system of permits for street works and road works within the Borough of Gateshead.

The permit scheme will require both utility companies and the highway authority itself to obtain permission for most road and street works before undertaking works in the highway. This consultation is primarily aimed at highway works promoters, utility companies and their regulators, but responses are welcomed from anyone with an interest in the matter. 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

If you have any comments, please return your completed Questionnaire by 4.30pm on the consultation closing date, which is Wednesday 30 October 2019.

Responses will then be reviewed and any suggested amendments which are permitted under the Regulations will be considered. The proposed final version of the Scheme Document, incorporating any changes, will be posted on the permit page on the Council's website (<https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/11253/Proposed-street-works-Permit-Scheme>). General information about the proposed scheme may also be found on that page, which will be updated as and when required.

Gateshead Council's Cabinet will in due course be asked to approve the Permit Scheme on the basis of the Scheme Document (subject to any amendments). If they agree, whether with or without modifications, the Scheme will in due course be given legal effect by Order.

The Council's lead officer for this scheme is Andy Waters. If you have any general queries, please contact him by email at RoadPermits@Gateshead.Gov.UK or by telephone during normal office hours on 0191 433 3837.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anneliese Hutchinson', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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