



**2010 NJUG Awards Launched:  
Recognising and Rewarding Street Works Best Practice**

*Hosted by Rt Hon Sadiq Khan MP  
Shadow Secretary of State for Transport*

20<sup>th</sup> July 2010 - NJUG, the National Joint Utilities Group, is proud to launch the 2010 NJUG Awards, which will be presented in the House of Commons Members Dining Room on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2010. The Awards are designed to recognise, promote and reward best practice within the street works industry.

Awards will be presented at the NJUG Winter Reception to utility companies and contractors who can provide a case study demonstrating their delivery of the NJUG *Vision for Street Works*.

The Rt Hon Sadiq Khan MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Transport, will host the event, and Norman Baker MP, the new Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport (with responsibility for street works) has been invited to speak. For the third year running, the event is kindly being sponsored by leading NJUG member Virgin Media, whose Director of Access Civils & Planning, Brian Partridge, will be speaking at the event.

The deadline for entries, which is open to innovations anywhere within the UK, is midday, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September and there is a category for each statement of the NJUG *Vision for Street Works*:

- Safety is the number one priority
- Utilities deliver consistent high quality
- Utilities work together and in partnership with local authorities and contractors to minimise disruption
- Utilities keep the public informed on all aspects of works
- Utilities maximise the use of sustainable methods and materials
- Damage to the underground assets is avoided

NJUG CEO, Les Guest, said: "For the third year running, we are looking to hold an awards ceremony in order to publicise to both industry and stakeholders, the innovative efforts utilities and their contractors are making in order to minimise disruption. The submissions over the last two years have provided many good practice case studies, now available for free

download from the NJUG website. The Awards prove a vital tool to demonstrate to the new Government how and where standards of street works are improving, and why further regulation on the sector is unnecessary.”

For more information about the 2010 NJUG Awards and how to enter, please go to [www.njug.org.uk](http://www.njug.org.uk) or contact NJUG on 0207 340 8737.

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**Notes to Editors:**

For further editorial information or to arrange an interview please contact the NJUG press office at [pressoffice@njug.org.uk](mailto:pressoffice@njug.org.uk) or telephone 020 7340 8737.

**About The National Joint Utility Group (NJUG)**

NJUG is the only UK industry association representing utilities on street works issues. Our full members include the Energy Networks Association (representing electricity and gas companies), Water UK (representing water companies), National Grid, Openreach, and Virgin Media. Our Associate Members are Clancy Docwra, Skanska Utilities, Balfour Beatty, Morrison Utility Services, Morgan Sindall, Nacap, PJ Keary, First Intervention, Carillion, Enterprise, Laing O'Rourke, AMEC and Stanmore Quality Surfacing. Including members through trade associations, NJUG represents thirty-nine utility companies and thirteen utility contractors.

NJUG is the utility arm of the Highway Authorities and Utilities Committee representing street works in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales known as HAUC (UK). Please see <http://www.hauc-uk.org.uk/> for further information.

NJUG's focus is on promoting best practice, safety, quality and co-ordination of works as well as representing utilities in discussions with Government and other stakeholders on street work issues.

Street works are essential activities carried out by electricity, water, gas and communications utilities to maintain, enhance, extend, renew and repair their networks.

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