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Fair's fair: The National Joint Utilities Group has called for a "level playing field" in the implementation of the Traffic Management Act when regulations introducing fixed penalty notices for failure to comply with notices, directions and restrictions come into force next year. Utilities will have to give up to three months' notice when applying for permits for major streetworks and will face fixed penalties for a wide range of offences, whereas highway authorities only risk the imposition of a government-appointed traffic director if they persistently breach the act.

