



NJUG Statement: Northamptonshire Permit Scheme

Attributable to Les Guest, NJUG Chief Executive Officer:

“NJUG are pleased to acknowledge the approval by Government of the Northamptonshire Permit Scheme for road and street works. Like Kent County Council, Northamptonshire have involved utilities in the development of their proposal from the outset, benefiting from industry’s expertise and experience. In particular, NJUG welcomes the scheme’s focus on strategic roads where disruption is more likely as a result of essential utility works. Whilst permits will not always be appropriate for all areas of the country, we hope that those authorities considering schemes will learn from the examples set by Kent and Northamptonshire.”

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Notes to Editors

For further information about the National Joint Utilities Group please go to www.njug.org.uk.

To arrange an interview please contact the NJUG press office at pressoffice@njug.org.uk or telephone 020 7340 8737.

Information on the Government’s approval of the scheme can be found at <http://nds.coi.gov.uk/clientmicrosite/Content/Detail.aspx?ClientId=202&NewsAreaId=2&ReleaseID=414088&SubjectId=36>

About The National Joint Utility Group (NJUG)

NJUG is the only UK industry association representing utilities and their contractors on street works issues.

Our full members include the Energy Networks Association (representing electricity and gas companies), Water UK (representing water and waste water companies), National Grid, Openreach, and Virgin Media. Our Associate Members, all of whom are utility contractors, are Clancy Docwra, Skanska Utilities, Balfour Beatty, Morrison Utility Services, Morgan Est, 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.

Utilities undertake street works for four primary reasons – safety, security of supply, to connect or upgrade customers’ supplies, or to divert apparatus to facilitate major transport or urban regeneration projects. Examples include Crossrail, the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics, tram projects, or new urban and housing developments.