



### **Award Winners Provide Best Practice for the Street Works Industry**

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 - Winners of the 4<sup>th</sup> NJUG Awards, sponsored by Veolia Water, were announced at a ceremony in Parliament last night to recognise best practice in the street works sector.

The evening was hosted by Louise Ellman MP, Chair of the Transport Select Committee, and included a keynote from Norman Baker MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport.

Mr Baker said, "Drivers, cyclists and pedestrians from Dawlish to Durham know how frustrating it can be when journeys are disrupted by street works and so it is great to see so many examples of innovation and good practice in street works.

"I congratulate all those whose achievements have been recognised today and hope that their methods will be taken up by others so that disruption for road users can be kept to a minimum."

Six awards categories were presented on the night, each representing a statement of the 'NJUG Vision' for street works, with all winning entries to be used as examples of best practice and distributed throughout the industry. Entries were open to utilities, contractors and local authorities and the winners were chosen by an independent panel of industry experts.

A seventh award was presented in recognition of outstanding contribution to the street works industry to an individual personally selected by Les Guest, CEO of NJUG.

Mr Guest said, "Congratulations to all the winners and finalists. NJUG is pleased to have another fine selection of examples of best practice to share with members and industry. These examples show that there are some really innovative approaches to managing and coordinating street works projects and it shows the investment and innovation that members are putting in to provide a high standard of service."

Matt Rowlett, Director of Operations at Veolia Water, said, "We are proud to sponsor this event which celebrates the outstanding achievements of NJUG members, and demonstrates a real commitment to continually improve the way we work."

For more information about the 2011 NJUG Awards, please contact [awards@njug.org.uk](mailto:awards@njug.org.uk) or 020 7340 8737.

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### **NJUG Awards 2011 Winners**

**NJUG Avoiding Damage Award:** Clancy Docwra - *Safety through Innovation*

**NJUG Safety Award:** Veolia Water - *Polestar spells the end of confined space*

**NJUG Partnership Award:** South West HAUC - *Driving up reinstatement standards; A practical guide*

**NJUG Quality Award:** Veolia Water & KOBUS Services Ltd - *A safe and innovative approach to service pipe replacement*

**NJUG Sustainability Award:** Complete Utilities - *Recycling the past for use in the future*

**NJUG Communication Award:** Lagan Construction - *Lagan Construction steer the way for public liaison*

**NJUG Outstanding Contribution to Industry Award –** John Webb from United Utilities



### **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 are Clancy Docwra, Skanska Utilities, Balfour Beatty, Morrison Utility Services, Morgan Sindall, NACAP, PJ Keary, First Intervention, Carillion, Enterprise, Laing O'Rourke, AMEC, SQS, Fastflow, May Gurney, CLC Construction Ltd and Murphy Ltd. Including members through trade associations, NJUG represents thirty-nine utility companies and seventeen 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.