

*Committed
to Excellence
in the Delivery
of Street Works*



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National Joint Utilities Group



WELCOME

NJUG and its members are committed to excellence in the delivery of street works

Utility companies are major contributors to economic growth, investing billions of pounds each year through network investment to ensure safe, reliable and essential utility services, which underpin the UK and local economy. A very high proportion of these services are under the street – invisible, taken for granted, but essential to all.

The Armitt Review, an independent analysis on behalf of the Labour Party in regards to long term infrastructure planning, indicates that there will be 73 million people in the UK by 2035; DfT's Road Transport Forecast 2013 predicts a 43% increase in traffic between 2010 and 2040; and massive housing and infrastructure programmes are needed. This requires continued investment on an increasing scale in the nation's utility networks to support the needs of an increased population, at the levels of security and reliability we currently enjoy.

Add the impact of these factors together, alongside little increase in local road capacity, and it is absolutely clear that we have to deliver a step change in minimising road occupation - through innovation and working with highway authority colleagues and through enhanced co-ordination of major road and street works programmes.

In order to meet this challenge, the NJUG Vision for Street Works has been updated to sharpen its focus on innovative ways of working, new technologies, materials and equipment, and to emphasise the need for all those planning and delivering essential street works to continue to drive up standards and further reduce disruption.

The NJUG Vision for Street Works requires working together with local authorities, utilities and contractors to make it a reality, which will become more important as competing pressures on our roads increase.

I look forward to working together with you all in meeting this challenge.



Bob Gallienne
CEO, NJUG



WORLD CLASS STREET WORKS

NJUG Ltd. is the UK industry association representing utilities and their contractors solely on street works issues. We are the utilities arm of the Highway Authority and Utilities Committee representing the street and road works sector in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales that is known as HAUC(UK). Our list of Members, Associate Members and Affiliates can be found on the back cover.

Utilities undertake street works for four main reasons – safety, security of supply, to connect new customers / enhance existing customers' supplies, or to divert apparatus to facilitate major urban regeneration or transport infrastructure projects.

NJUG's key focus is on the promotion of best practice and innovation in safety, quality, sustainability, co-ordination and communication of works, as well as representing utilities and their contractors in discussions on street works matters with national and local governments and other key stakeholders.

NJUG believes that continual innovation is a major contributor to further drive up standards, and actively seeks out and promotes new ways of working from around the world, not just in the UK. Together, the NJUG Vision for Street Works; the HAUC (UK) Code of Conduct; and the LGA 'What Good Looks Like' represent excellence in the delivery of street works, and outline the issues that utility companies and their contractors need to focus on in order to make street works world class.

"I am very happy to endorse the approach commended in the new NJUG vision. It complements the priorities of the Department on Street Works, of delivering a good quality result first time, every time, doing so safely, whilst minimising disruption and environmental impact."

Robert Goodwill MP

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of Transport



Please visit the NJUG website
for the link to the HAUC (UK) Code of Conduct and
the Local Government Association 'What Good Looks Like'



NJUG's VISION FOR WORLD CLASS STREET WORKS

Safety

Having a competent, caring and responsible work force whilst carrying out street works to ensure sites are kept to a high standard, through compliance with the 'Safety at Street Works and Road Works' Code of Practice and working with other road users to minimise road occupation where safe and practical to do so.

High Quality

Continuously focusing on improvement and high quality, and the achievement of 'right first time' in all aspects of carrying out street works.

Minimise Disruption

Working with local authorities to minimise disruption through effective planning, co-ordination and delivery of works, including traffic management utilised for the right duration to avoid unnecessary occupation.

Keep the Public Fully Informed

Communicating effectively on all aspects of street works before they take place and whilst in progress, where they impact on the public and local business.

Sustainable Methods and Materials

Taking all practical steps to maximise the use of sustainable methods and materials and minimising the impact on the environment.

Avoid Damage to Underground Assets

Taking all reasonable steps to ensure damage to underground assets is avoided.

Innovation

Actively seeking, promoting and adopting innovative ways of working using new technologies, materials and equipment to reduce the impact of street works.

All of which contributes to our commitment to excellence in the delivery of street works and minimising road occupation where safe and practical to do so

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"Affinity Water recognises the value that NJUG provides promoting best practice and innovation in the delivery of street works. It is essential that all companies working in the communities we serve continue to improve their performance, and NJUG plays an important role in communicating the importance of continued infrastructure investment and maintenance."

Andrew McAlinden Director of Community Operations, Affinity Water

"Street works need consistency, professionalism and utilities and local authorities working together to minimise time spent in the road and costs to consumers. The NJUG Vision for Street Works focuses on driving up standards and reducing disruption, and promotes innovative and efficient methods of working. This is why Amey fully support the NJUG Vision for Street Works."

Dan Holland Managing Director, Utilities & Defence Division, Amey

"NJUG provides a unique pan-utility national focus for street works. United Utilities fully supports the drive to minimise road occupation through excellence in delivery, greater co-operation and innovative solutions and practices. We recently worked with a number of stakeholders to develop new materials for reinstatement in footpaths, and the support from NJUG underpinned the success of the project."

Steve Fraser Managing Director, United Utilities Plc

"The NJUG Vision reinforces the fundamentals of street works and values the importance of innovation. It is vital that the industry works collaboratively to improve the public perception of our operational activities, and working within the NJUG framework will deliver the expected standards. Virgin Media are committed to continual street works improvement and our continued involvement in the NJUG strategies allows best practice to be shared and implemented. The championing of the NJUG vision is key to the continued success of street works."

Sean Milsom Head of Civils Engineering, Virgin Media

"CUBIS Industries fully endorses the NJUG Vision for Street Works. CUBIS access chamber and ducting products are designed with the values of the NJUG Vision as the central focus. We look to work with our fellow members to raise the standards of street works in the UK to an even higher level."

Andrew Wightman Marketing Manager, CUBIS Industries

"CityFibre are pleased to be members of NJUG and fully support the NJUG Vision for Street Works. The goals outlined in the Vision are important to ensure excellence in the delivery of street works and something we as a company follow."

Greg Mesch CEO, CityFibre

"UK Power Networks, as a major electricity distributor within the UK, fully supports the NJUG Vision for Street Works. The key objectives outlined in the Vision are important to ensure excellence in the delivery of street works and something we, as a company, always strive to achieve."

Basil Scarsella CEO, UK Power Networks



NJUG AWARDS

The NJUG Awards have become a fixture in the utility street works calendar since its launch in 2008. It showcases examples of industry innovation in raising quality, sustainability, co-ordination, co-operation and communication with the aim of driving up standards, improving customers' utility supplies and reducing disruption.

Prizes are awarded for case studies that demonstrate their delivery of one or more of the objectives of the NJUG Vision for Street Works.

Entries are open to utilities, contractors, specialists and local authorities, and the winners are chosen by an independent panel of experts from national governments, local authorities, regulators, press and industry.



Please visit the NJUG website for more information about past and future NJUG Awards



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