

COVID-19 AND ROADWORKS

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Statement from the Scottish Road Works Commissioner:

“I am acutely aware of the challenges facing all organisations due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation, the announcement by the First Minister is unprecedented and this is an uncertain time.

We should all endeavour to work within the rules that have been set out by government, however it is understood that many of you are undertaking essential works under a significant amount of pressure with reducing workforces.

In general terms, I would ask that you endeavour to maintain the most achievable level of performance possible for all areas of road works performance.

At this time, I am asking that roads authorities afford a degree of understanding when considering the application of an FPN. As always, safety must not be compromised. Organisations will be doing their best to undertake required works in line with their duties. Please think carefully about the application of an FPN for administrative failings.

I would also ask utility companies to be understanding when considering their duty to co-operate and try to reduce the burden on roads authorities.

Road Works Performance Monitoring

Clearly, at some point in the future, it would be unrealistic of me to assess organisations road works performance solely on their statistics during this unprecedented time.

Consideration of the necessary restrictions placed upon us by government will of course be considered.

Any further updates concerning the above will be provided on my website.

Thank you for your understanding at this difficult time.

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