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INTERRUPTED WORKS

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INTRODUCTION

There are two main types of Interrupted works. These are:

- **Unplanned Interrupted Works**
This is a situation where when it is not anticipated when lodging the initial notice that an interruption will be required. There are many reasons why this might occur such as:
 - Unexpected need for specialist equipment, parts or plant which would not be available for a significant period.
 - An external event requiring the road to be restored to normal traffic.
 - The onset of severe weather when the decision is made to close the site and complete the work at a later date.

- **Planned Interrupted Works**
In this situation it is known that the works will be interrupted when placing the advance notice. Examples would include:
 - Where a known event requires an interruption e.g. for a Christmas embargo.
 - Weekend working over a number of consecutive weeks.

This advice paper sets out how both types of interrupted works should be dealt with when creating notices for the works.

UNPLANNED INTERRUPTED WORKS

Version 3.5 of SRWR includes a method for denoting such works as interrupted.

Users will be familiar with the concept of "works phases". Currently if the "Create New Phase" function is selected on a works which has a status of "WORKS CLEAR" the operator is given the option to create a new phase as "PERMANENT" OR "REMEDIAL". In version 3.5 there is now a third option of "INTERUPTED WORKS".

The process should be operated as follows:

1. Initial phase noticed as normal.

2. If an interruption is being considered this should be discussed with the roads authority at the earliest possible opportunity.
3. On clearing the site for the interruption the status is set as "WORKS CLEAR".
4. The operator then immediately creates a new phase "INTERRUPTED WORKS" stating within the notice the anticipated date when the works will recommence. Depending on how far away the date is set, it might be necessary to use the early start procedure.
5. When the works actually start, a start notice is issued as normal.
6. In the unlikely event of a further interruption being required, stages 3, 4 and 5 would be repeated.
7. When the works are finally completed the works would be closed as normal setting as "WORKS CLEAR" if a temporary reinstatement or "WORKS CLOSED" if a permanent reinstatement.

PLANNED INTERRUPTED WORKS

The new flexibility in version 3.5 does not work for planned works as it is not possible to include all of the periods within a notice. [SRWR Management Group recognises that having individual notices with separate works periods is something which it should investigate in the longer term.]

This means that there are two ways in which planned interrupted works can be shown of the SRWR. These are:

1. One notice covering the whole period including the times when the road is clear.

The following diagram shows how a single notice would cover four consecutive weekend works.

Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23

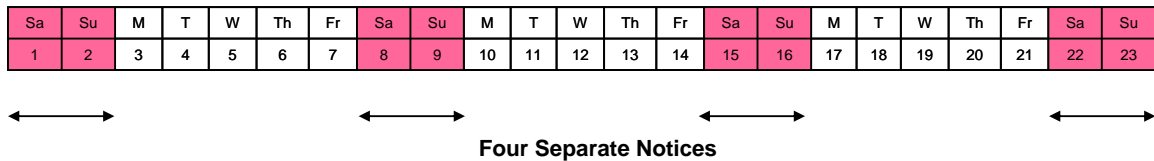


Period of Notice With Works Periods Shown on Pink

In this case the works promoter would be expected to set out in the “notice text” box the periods when work would and would not be taking place.

2. A series of individual notices.

The following diagram shows how four consecutive weekend works would be covered by four separate notices.



Given that the majority of such works will fall into the Major category, the works promoter should discuss them at an early date with the roads authority to agree the best solution in the circumstance of each individual works location.

It is accepted that notices covering the whole period might give a misleading picture to members of the public using the public facing web-site, however I am content that given the limited number of interrupted works, that this would be acceptable.

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