

UNDERTAKING ROAD WORKS IN SCOTLAND - UPDATE

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Dear Colleagues

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support over the last 9 months in ensuring that essential and planned works continue in line with the restrictions placed upon us.

Unfortunately our normal practices continue to be constrained by the current health risks associated with the Covid- 19 pandemic and in recent weeks we have seen a tightening of restrictions. The Scottish Government has given clear advice that we should reduce interactions as far as possible. Current guidance for construction is available at the following link: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): construction sector guidance - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/resources/consultation-papers/coronavirus-construction-sector-guidance/). In addition, I would like to provide some further guidance for the road works sector at this time.

MATERIALS AND REINSTATEMENT

In order to reduce interactions and personnel on site, first time permanent reinstatements should be considered at all sites. In order to assist with this, I request that all roads authorities consider all applications to use alternative materials favourably, provided they meet the requirements of the Specification for the Reinstatement of Openings in Roads (SROR). Agreed alternative permanent solutions, that are available and meet the specification, should be considered on a case by case basis. Please note that the general principles of the SROR will still apply and further information is available in [RAUC\(S\) Advice Note 24](#) (with particular reference to local agreements).

If you intend to make a departure from the standard reinstatement expected in line with the above, your organisation **should** identify this on the Scottish Road Works Register in the works description field using the following text “**Local Agreement – Covid- 19**”. This will allow the reason for the change to be easily identified in the future, in particular with respect to potential coring.

I consider that appropriate alternatives should be considered and agreed until further notice to reduce interactions.

Should you wish to discuss this matter please do not hesitate to contact my office by email (enquiries@roadworks.scot).

Yours sincerely



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