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SCOTTISH ROAD WORKS COMMISSIONER

COVID-19 AND ROAD WORKS

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Statement from the Scottish Road Works Commissioner:

Dear Colleagues

You will no doubt have seen the latest guidance from the Scottish Government advising that all non-essential construction activity should stop to reduce the spread of Covid-19. However, there are some essential areas where work needs to continue to ensure that vital services are provided including electricity, gas, heat, water, transport and telecommunications networks.

In terms of road works, in my statement of 27 March 2020, my guidance was that only works falling within the emergency and urgent works categories as defined in the Code of Practice for the Co-ordination of Works in Roads were likely to pass the test of being essential for the wellbeing of society. For the avoidance of doubt, this may include the provision of vital electricity, gas, heat, water, transport and telecommunications works to assist in the management of Covid-19 and mitigate its spread.

Thank you for your continued co-operation at this difficult time.

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