



# Hampshire County Council

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY PERMIT SCHEME (HCPS)

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# Background

- All works currently coordinated using a system of notices
- The County Council has a legal duty to coordinate
- Permit schemes introduced in the Traffic Management Act 2004
- Two thirds of all Highway Authorities now run permit schemes
- Portsmouth City Council is the only neighbouring Highway Authority not using a permit scheme
- Government is encouraging transition to permit schemes
- Schemes must focus on minimising traffic congestion

# Key Benefits

- Increased resource to manage works (paid for by permit fee)
- Improved liaison with passenger transport operators
- Improved liaison with local councils for major works
- Improved controls to regulate works
- Likely reduction in volume of works (less temporary repairs)
- Benefit to the local economy

# Key Points of the HCPS

- Permit fees charged for all works except minor or emergency works on residential / minor rural roads
- Discount fees for innovative working that minimises disruption
- Controls and permit conditions apply to County Council works and utility works alike
- Permit fees and scheme structure very similar to existing, well run, schemes

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