



East Midlands Highways Authorities & Utilities Committee
Minutes of the Meeting Held on Tuesday 20th June 2017 at
Western Power Distribution
Deacon Road,
Lincoln.
LN2 4JB

1.0 Present

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Company</u>
Elaine Coope	(EC)	Derbyshire County Council (Chair)
Martin Bailey	(MB)	Virgin Media
Joanne Brocklehurst	(JB)	Openreach
Samantha Brothwell	(SBr)	Western Power Distribution
Chris Brown	(CB)	National Grid Gas
Ronnie Cawley	(RC)	Leicester City Council
Adam Chambers	(AdC)	Northamptonshire County Council
Stuart Goldby	(SG)	North Lincolnshire County Council
Richard Groombridge	(RG)	Geoplace
Dave Haxby	(DH)	North East Lincolnshire County Council
Liz Hiskens	(LH)	Nottingham City Council
James Houghton	(JH)	Lincolnshire County Council
Rhiannon Jones	(RJ)	Network Rail
James Kenney	(JK)	Severn Trent Water
Dave Martin	(DM)	Rutland County Council
Chris Nesbitt	(CN)	Vodafone
Josh Pemberton	(JP)	Leicester City Council
Hilary Powell	(HP)	Leicester City Council
Mandi Robinson	(MR)	Lincolnshire County Council
Paul Smith	(PS)	Severn Trent Water
Pete Warren	(PW)	Nottingham City Council
Bernie McGuckin	(BMcG)	Nottinghamshire County Council (Secretary)

2.0 Apologies

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Company</u>
Andy Chatfield	(AnC)	Anglian Water
Steve Burley	(SBu)	Anglian Water
Ian Darbyshire	(ID)	Northern Powergrid
Raj Kataria	(RK)	Leicester City Council
Simon Havill	(SH)	Western Power Distribution
Tim Patel	(TP)	Leicestershire County Council
Bob Woodland	(BW)	Openreach

Minute No.	Agenda Item	Action
		HA = All Highways SU = All Utilities
3.0	<u>Any Other Business Items</u> l) Reasonable Time Scales for Section 74 challenges – S Goldby	
4.i	<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting – Accuracy.</u> Item 7.0 b date should be say the contacts for Network Rail are Louise Venables and Rhiannon Jones, not Rob James.	
4.ii	<u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting - Matters Arising.</u> Item 4.ii done. Item 9.0.ii done Item 9.0.iii – Awaiting Nottingham District Heating details	LH
5.0	<u>Performance Enhancement Group (PEG)</u> Last meeting was on 31 st March 2017. a. EMHAUC website EC has the website password and has successfully updated the website, with some details. All to check the new website (http://emhauc1.wixsite.com/road) to see if their organisations contact details need to be updated. Please pass these to EC. BM will ask Clive Wood to put a message on the old website, with a link to the new website. b. There was a request for any new items for PEG to look at, as some items have now been taken over by National Groups.	
6.0	<u>HAUC Updates</u> <u>HAUC UK – HAUC England – Permit Forum meetings</u> a. Road Adoptions and Private Streets There is a White paper out in Autumn. b. HAUC UK the way forward There was a meeting of the various group chairs, to pull the work together. With Brexit on the way, there will be very little time for HMgovt legal team to spare for Primary Legislation. The Department are looking to HAUC to be self-governing and have more ‘Task and Finish’ groups Inspection Code – Coring Statutory Guidance Note will be out soon, when the Minister has been appointed following the recent election. c. Co-ordination Group Working Party Temporary Traffic Lights Noticing guidance note should be out soon. The Co-ordination Code will also be reviewed.	

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d. GEOPLACE

GEOPLACE have fed back on software issues.

e. Road Narrows Boards issue

This was an issue between LANTRA and NRSWA interpretations.
The DfT have said that the Safety at Street Works Code of Practice is correct.

f. SROH Group Working Party

This continues, there are more changes to come out soon.
These will be updates to the existing Code, rather than a full new edition.
The first Advice Note is flowable materials around inspection covers (out for consultation).

g. Prosecutions

Prosecutions highlighted at HAUC were,
London Borough of Enfield v various Utilities.
On section 60, 65 and 71.

h. Street Works Lane Rental

Transport for London (TfL) have a fund of money built up from their Lane Rental scheme, Authorities and utilities can bid for monies for projects that will bring a benefit to all. For further details see the TfL website. (www.tfl.gov.uk/lanerental)

i. Permit Scheme evaluation

The DfT have commissioned Ecorys to carry out an evaluation of permit schemes. This should conclude in the Autumn.

j. Street Manager Project

The DfT have decided to review the data systems currently in place that form the basis for our noticing/permitting activities. This could replace ETON6. The Conservative Manifesto said they were committed to make roadwork detail available to the public.

They are following the Government's Digital Service protocols. The 'Discovery Phase' led by external consultants to capture what we use the data for, in order to assess a suitable solution is now complete.

The Alpha Phase, to design a suitable solution, has not yet been approved by the new Minister; but if approved there will be a procurement stage preceding the actual Alpha Phase. This would then be followed by further Ministerial approval to move to the Beta Stage, which will be the build of the solution.

The DfT have suggested that Authorities will need to be registering their own works and have a good quality NSG to move to a new system.
This is leading to possible real time noticing and changes to the working day definition. i.e. so works on a Friday evening, currently do not need to be Noticed until just before Monday afternoon at 16.30 hours. The world of technology and public demand has moved on.

k. National Permit Forum

At the National Permit Forum on 9th June the DfT raised some other considerations that have impacts for noticing as well as permits.
This included the possibility of reviewing the permit fee matrix, permit conditions, co-ordination process and definition of major works. These issues will be discussed at either a Permit Guidance Group meeting on 5th July or the next HAUC(England) on 27th July.

6.0 (ctd)	I. HAUC Conferences West Midlands HAUC 21 st September 2017 in Wolverhampton.	
7.0	<u>Organisation Updates</u> National Grid Gas Are now called Cadent Gas. All contacts and staff remain the same. Lincolnshire James Houghton is the Permit Manager for Lincolnshire. Lincolnshire are moving to Orchard Street, which is opposite their old offices. Leicester City – Hilary Powell is retiring and Josh Pemberton is taking over her role. We wish Hilary a happy and long retirement and thank her for her contribution to East Midlands HAUC. Virgin Media Martin Bailey is the new EMHAUC representative, taking over from Tim Ingman. Openreach Openreach will be rebranding soon, due to the ‘ring-fencing’ of Openreach as required by OFCOM. Openreach will be a separate company to BT. Openreach will be a telecoms network operator, with their various customers which now include BT.	
8.0	<u>Any Other Business</u> i. Section 74 – duration challenge. SG stated that North Lincolnshire send out a ‘draft’ invoice for any Section 74 charges, then at the end of the month, they send an invoice, as most challenges should be sorted within a month. Some Utilities are still challenging the Invoices months later. The Utility representatives said that they are the point of contact for any escalation of invoicing problems. ii. Depth of Ducts Leicester City wished to raise the issue of the depths of ducts in carriageways again. NUJG 10 is a guidance document showing the ideal placement of the various Utility Apparatus in a newly constructed footway. Unfortunately, the reality is that most of the City and Town centre streets and footways are already congested with apparatus, and we all face having to place apparatus in the best (or least worst place) possible.	
11.0	<u>Next Meeting</u> Tuesday 31 th October 2017 to be held at Western Power’s Derby Office, Trafalgar Business Park, Victory Road, Derby. Start time 10.00 hrs <u>EM Permit Forum followed this meeting after lunch was taken</u>	