Street Manager Newsletter No.9

Latest news

Street Manager will be a new digital service that will transform the planning, management and communication of street and road works through open data and intelligent services to minimise disruption and improve journeys for the public.

This is the ninth edition of our newsletter.

What's new in Street Manager

Welcome to our regular section of the Street Manager newsletter which highlights an aspect of Street Manager that differs from the EToN technical specification.

Two types of early start

User research suggests that there are two distinct types of early start - those that have been agreed in advance and that have not. Different authorities often prefer one type or the other, so Street Manager will provide for both. The system will detect that you have not given enough advance notice and give you the choice of a pre-approved early start where you can enter the details of who you agreed it with (see screenshot). Or a non-pre-approved early start where you enter the details of why you are requesting one. Over time, Street Manager could add a page where authorities would provide details of contacts.

Apply for permit or PAA

Do you have pre-approval for an early start?

◉ Yes   ○ No

Pre-approved by

Pre-approval details

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APIs

Focus on APIs has accelerated since the workshops in December. The project has been working to ready a pilot phase, build environments and onboard its first API users.

We also held another in our series of API workshops on 14th February. The purpose of this was to understand in more detail the needs of system integrators. Topics covered include:

- Timeliness and availability of data.
- Integration patterns and approaches.
- Pull vs Push for data, inc notifications.
- Summary notes and outputs from the workshop are attached to this newsletter and will be on Slack.

Behind the scenes, the team has also been working hard to test the non-functional aspects of the API service. With an initial focus on performance, we are also finalising plans for external penetration [security] testing.

In the coming weeks we aim to:

- Complete the onboarding of our first API users (within the next week).

- Complete the next iteration of the API documentation.
- Facilitate the next in the series of API workshops. This is now confirmed for 28th March. Please click below to book a space.

Thursday 28th March, London [for technical/APIs/developers]:

- https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/street-manager-roadshow-devdevops-london-tickets-55631179355

What we did in the last few weeks

In the last few weeks we have:

- Begun the program of Spring Roadshows. Thank you to those who have attended so far and we look forward to seeing those who are booked in to attend over the coming weeks.
- Enabled Street Manager to auto-detect the category of work depending on duration and if a TTRO is required.
- Added the ability to raise a PAA.
- Introduced the map view for the highway authority.
- Added the ability to make a change request to already proposed works.

What we will be doing in the next few weeks

In the next few weeks:

- We have over 450 booked to attend at 5 roadshows across the country.
- We will finalise agreements around which organisations will take part in Private Beta.
- We will holding a tech workshop.

- We'll be building workstreams which is the Street Manager equivalent of the district code. (Look out for more on this in a future 'What's new in Street Manager column'.)
- Continue making more improvements to the mapping.

New team members

We have welcomed three new members of the street manager team. Bisha Chakravorty, Daisy Butler-Gallie and Aleksandra Aleksandrova have joined us to work on the business change support.

They will be helping everyone on the transition to Street Manager and on training. You will meet them at the roadshows where they will be explaining more about their plans.

We know that, for many of you, moving to Street Manager might seem like a challenging change and we want to help you make the transition as easy as possible. So, to gain a better understanding of your concerns and the support you might need from us, in the next week or so we will be sending out a short survey focused on business change. You will get this via email and will also be able to access it on Slack. Watch this space and take the opportunity to share your honest opinion. We would really love to hear your thoughts

Roadshows

We have started the latest round of roadshows. There are still places available. Please see the links below if you would to come along.

Thursday 21st March, Stevenage:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/street-manager-roadshow-stevenage-tickets-55630552480

Friday 22nd March, London:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/street-manager-roadshow-london-tickets-55630451177

Tuesday 26th March, Newcastle:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/street-manager-roadshow-newcastle-tickets-55630995806

Tuesday, 2nd April, Manchester [fully booked]:

Friday 5th April, Doncaster:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/street-manager-roadshow-doncaster-tickets-55631307739

Thursday 25th April, Exeter:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/street-manager-roadshow-exeter-tickets-55630501327

Contact details

Many thanks to everyone who has sent in their contact details.

If anyone would still like to be added to our list, please send to this email streetmanager@dft.gov.uk

- The name of your organisation
- The Street Works manager (name and email address)
- Others who would like to receive this newsletter directly
- Your key IT contacts

Keeping in touch

We are pleased that so many of you have signed up to our Slack channel. We now have 543 members. Please sign up as we are using this to answer questions, give updates and ask you some detailed questions. Users will also be able to share knowledge amongst themselves.

You can also get it as an app, and it's a free forum. Just to note, when signing up, please put your organisation in your display name as that helps identify you. Please also ask questions and generate discussions.

There is also now a document store where you can find previous newsletters and slide decks.

Please sign up here