

Street Manager

NEWSLETTER



Street Manager is a digital service by the DfT that is in use by every utility company, highway authority and their contractors in England for planning, managing and communicating street and road works, minimising disruption and improving journeys.

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1. Welcome

Finally, it is the start of April. The biggest mark on the calendar for Street Manager since go live. The time has arrived. S.74 functionality, Duration Challenge Non-acceptance and S.58s are all go. See section 8 of this very newsletter for more info and we'll be hosting some webinars soon to gather feedback and answer questions on those features.

Many of you know that we have been procuring a new contract covering the next three years. We're pleased to say that it has been awarded to Kainos. We will be sending out more info soon about payments for 2022/23, where to send your purchase order numbers and how you can pay.

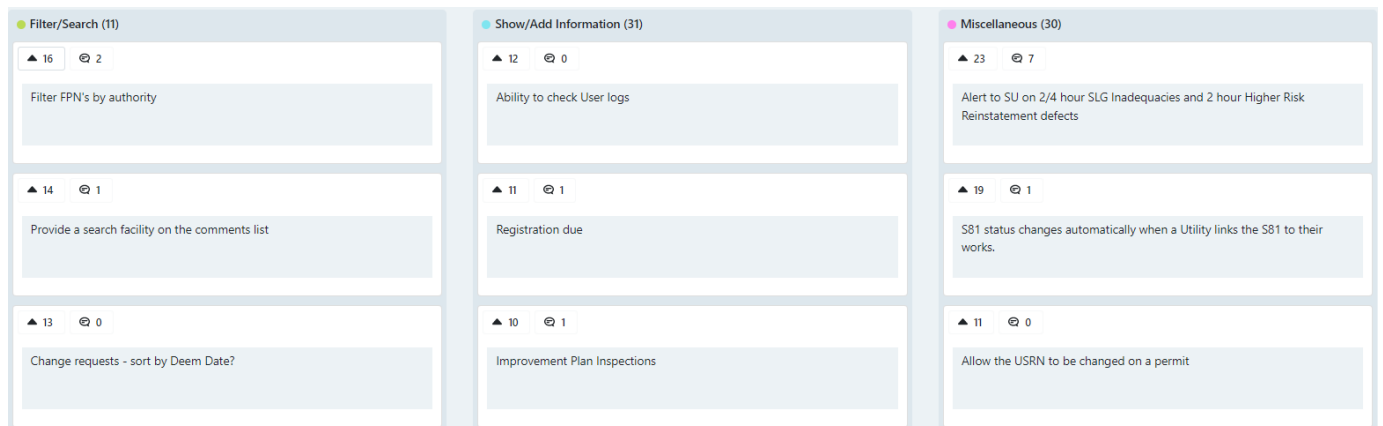
Also, just to say for those of you waiting for the Government's response to the street works consultation – this will be published just after the local government elections in early May due to Parliamentary recess and then there is a three-week period before the elections when we're not allowed to publish anything. But it will be out very soon...

2. Ideas Board

Long-time subscribers might be thinking "oh, you don't hear much about the Ideas Board these days do you..." and it's true that it hasn't been much updated lately, but it has been hugely useful for the team in prioritising work. It's influenced us to introduce the measuring tool, to add the HA/Promoter filter to the list pages and told us search was a big priority for you. The only snag is you have ideas quicker than we can implement them! I've got a lot of ideas stacked up, ready to go on the board and during April will be refreshing the board and sending ideas that didn't get

enough votes to go and live on a farm upstate. So do go and have a look around and see if anything catches your eye.

<https://streetmanager.roadmapper.app/ideasboard/view/0/>



3. Obfuscation



Something that was regularly mentioned by people was the ability to blur faces and number plates. The Street Manager Ts&Cs ask for these to be excluded but some of you pointed out how difficult this was on a busy street, and naturally, users want to get a photo with some context, rather than a close up of a site or some apparatus. Here's an old video where we talked about this: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWGNhCSbrz0>

We're very pleased to have recently introduced this blurring or obfuscation. It was a very interesting piece of work for the development team to do. We had

to do an initial exploration of the market to see what was available and what would be the best fit for the service and then integrate that into Street Manager. So, it's up and running, you don't need to do anything, it works if you use the User Interface or the API. But please remember, it isn't a 100% guarantee that a face or number plate will be blurred or blacked out. It's designed as an addition to a HA or Promoter making their best efforts to avoid including faces and plates in their photos in the first instance.



4. Open Data

Organisations should only give access to API users for their own data. If a third party wishes to access data beyond that of the parent organisation, they should do so only via the open data stream.

Since October 2020, we have been publishing open data for anyone to download and use. Street Manager data covers all utility street works and highway authority road works on the public road network in England. It includes additional optional data on highways activities, such as special events and other road closures.

To access the data, you will need to create an account through the roadworks API service. You can register via the following link: [Plan and manage roadworks - Open Data - Create account \(manage-roadworks.service.gov.uk\)](https://manage-roadworks.service.gov.uk)

For a full list of the information available via the open data stream, visit [Find and use roadworks data - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

5. Account Deactivation

We would like to make our users aware that accounts are automatically disabled when there has been a 6-month period of inactivity. Individual user accounts can be re-activated by the admin for your organisation. This is done by simply adding a user as if for the first time. Admin accounts that have been disabled can only be reinstated by logging a ticket with the service desk. You can see a full demo of how to add a user in Street Manager here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOD3BLNauYk&t=202s>

6. Street Manager Governance

Over the last 6 weeks we have been taking applications and votes for membership of the 2022-23 governance group and we are pleased to announce that we have a new panel. Our new representatives will be:

Highway Authority representatives

- Sarah Norgett – West Sussex County Council
- Tommy Clee – Hertfordshire County Council
- Kevin Ferguson – Durham County Council
- Tony Hemmingway – Transport for Greater Manchester
- Sarah Widdows – Cambridgeshire County Council – remains the standing member

Utility representatives

- Luke Meaton – Openreach
- Richard Boissieux – UK Power Networks
- Mark Whittaker – Cadent
- James Kenney – Severn Trent Water

HA Promotor representative

- Emma Oakley – FM Conway

Contractor representative

- Daniel Abbott – Kelly Traffic Management

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the successful applicants and to say thank you to all those who applied. We would also like to send our congratulations to Paul Gerrard on his retirement. We thank Paul for his many vital, creative, and practical contributions to the project during his time as a subject matter expert, and we extend our best wishes on his retirement.

7. Subsuming

You'll be Subsuming a lot sooner than you might think:

You don't often get an unexpected bonus in software development. You plan, you design, you build, and you generally know exactly when a feature will be delivered. But sometimes, you can be pleasantly surprised. Turns out subsuming reinstatements will be possible in the User Interface in about a month's time if all goes to plan and that has really crept up on me. It's not a huge change for us and no doubt some API developers will be up and running pretty soon after that and this will be another little item we can tick off our To Do list.

8. YouTube Content

We have some training videos to help you navigate the new functionality on our site.

First, we have The Hole Story: Episode 28. In this episode we demonstrate the s74 functionality which launched on April 1st.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9uv0-0jxsw>



Next, we have The Hole Story: Episode 29. In this episode we explore the new s58 functionality which also launched on April 1st. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QuPZjtIVIFk>

We also have The Hole Story: Episode 30. In this episode we demonstrate the new Duration Challenge Non-Acceptance functionality which launched on April 1st.

Be sure to also check out Diggin' Deeper: Episode 17, where we give a demo of the new measuring tool. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yKFKh9gzd8c>