

Other Footway guidance

The topic of “Other footways” was discussed in [newsletter 55](#) and we’d like to return to the issue again, because our feedback is that it keeps cropping up on a regular basis. JAG(UK) and Streetworks UK are working to get text on this into the next Coordination Code of Practice update. But in the meantime, please see the below as an update.

“Other footways” are public rights of way or footpaths that are not adjacent to a carriageway e.g. linking houses together or a link between two adjacent streets but no carriageway alongside. The permit fee matrix only accounts for a road category. “Other footways” don’t have a road category.

Permit Applications should still be sent for “other footways” for reinstatement purposes, inspections etc, but there is no permit fee associated with the assessment of these applications. The permit fee matrix that calculates the permit fees does not include permit volumes for “other footways” in the matrix, only road category 0-4 as defined in the SROH reinstatement categories, then split into TS and non-TS.

There may be instances in gazetteers where a road category and “other footways” have been added for a street either by mistake or to be used for other asset management purposes such as Highway Authority cyclical maintenance inspections unrelated to streetworks. If a works promoter sees a road category 0-4 AND “other footways” recorded against a USRN, the works promoter should select the road category even if the works are wholly in the footway. The road category determines the permit fee and is applicable. In the instance where a verge separates the footway and carriageway, the road category and permit fee still applies to the footway.

Without a road category for the street, eg a PRow, footpath or a footway that is not adjacent to a carriageway, the permit fee is not chargeable for “other footways”.

The Statutory Guidance for Permit Schemes fee table has *no mention of footpaths or “other footways”* nor does Street Manager and is clear that it refers to the reinstatement category of the STREET and even says “hierarchy of main and minor ROADS. No street, no Road category, no permit fee.

PRows and footpaths should have a USRN if they are maintained at public expense. If there is no USRN then the HA should update their gazetteer as it is not best practice for a HA to ask the works promoter to submit a permit on the nearest USRN. This leads to inaccuracies in Street Manager.

Maximum fee structure for each category of works and for a hierarchy of main and minor roads - road category refers to the reinstatement category of the street under the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (SROH)

Road category 0, 1 & 2 or traffic-sensitive		Road category 3 and 4 and non-traffic-sensitive
Provisional Advance (It is suggested this fee applies only where value has been added in processing the works)	£105	£75
Major activities – over 10 days, and all activities requiring a traffic regulation order	£240	£150
Standard activities	£130	£75
Minor activities	£65	£45
Immediate activities	£60	£40
Permit change	£45	£35

Manage fee matrix

Fee matrix

Manage organisations fee amounts and guidance on discounts.
Organisations fee matrix will be visible to all Promoters.

Category 0, 1, 2 or Traffic-sensitive

Major PAA	£105
Major works permit	£203
Standard works permit	£99
Minor works permit	£52
Immediate works permit	£52
Permit variation	£0

Category 3, 4 and non-Traffic-sensitive

Major PAA	£24
Major works permit	£71
Standard works permit	£25
Minor works permit	£10
Immediate works permit	£10
Permit variation	£0

Discount guidance

Discount guidance	30% discount for works carried out on a TS street wholly outside TS times 10% discount if 90% coring compliance AND 85% first time reinstatement
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[Update fee matrix details](#)

Comms from the DfT Street Manager Team.