

Street Manager

NEWSLETTER



Street Manager is a new digital service by the DfT that is transforming the planning, management and communication of street and road works. Using open data and intelligent services, its aim is to minimise disruption – and improve journeys for the public.

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1. Governance group – applications now open

As you may know, a user governance group for Street Manager was formed in April 2020 with representatives from the industry to ensure that the Street Manager service continues to develop in line with user need. The main purpose of the group is to decide what should be built and in what order from the backlog of improvements that we have, and will continue to be raised over the next few years. Those appointed to the group are expected to serve for one year, and the current membership is due to expire in March 2023. We are therefore opening applications for users to form the new panel from April 2023 until March 2024.

Applications are open to all users including contractors. There are 10 positions available, which will be formed of 4 HA reps, 4 utility reps, 1 HA contractor rep and 1 utility contractor rep. Meetings are held via Microsoft Teams. Applicants must be willing to commit to attend and actively participate in a monthly meeting lasting approximately 2 hours. The successful candidates will be voted in by you, the users.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Street Manager governance group, please request an application form by emailing streetmanager@dft.gov.uk applications close at 5pm on Wednesday 15th February 2023.

Details of how to vote for your favourite candidates will be announced in the coming weeks!

2. Business rules updated

If you are one of the many Business Rules fans out there, have we got a treat for you: <https://department-for-transport-streetmanager.github.io/street-manager-docs/articles/business-rules-version-1-43.html>

Version 1.43 is out and it's the biggest and best edition yet, with rules around some of the regulation changes coming up in April being added for the first time. My personal highlight would probably be section 3.6, but I'm sure we'll all have our own favourites.

3. Upcoming webinars

Thank you to those who have attended our recent webinars. In our last webinar, we had a record number of attendees, and we have had feedback from our users that these sessions are useful. We will be continuing to host these over the next few weeks, and you can find the links for our upcoming events below:

Tuesday 7th February, 11:00-12:00 – *'Performance based inspections'*

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MzhlODEwODMtYTU4Ni00NmI1LWFhN2UtNzYxNjRiZjFkMjkx%40thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22%3A%2228b782fb-41e1-48ea-bfc3-ad7558ce7136%22%2C%22Oid%22%3A%2236f698ed-be83-48a9-8212-451eb3606778%22%2C%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3Atrue%2C%22role%22%3A%22a%22%7D&btape=a&role=a

Tuesday 14th February, 11:00-12:00 – *'Inspection units and ancillary information'*

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YTU3ZDgzYWMtMmVhZS00MDVhLWE0ODYtYjQwOTY3OGU1MmNm%40thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22%3A%2228b782fb-41e1-48ea-bfc3-ad7558ce7136%22%2C%22Oid%22%3A%2236f698ed-be83-48a9-8212-451eb3606778%22%2C%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3Atrue%2C%22role%22%3A%22a%22%7D&btape=a&role=a

We were also joined by the development team for an API webinar. Some important updates were communicated during this event, so if you missed that webinar you can watch the recording here:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ODYwNjhlODktNmMxZC00YmFiLWlWnZMtN2YwZDc1ZjdkZjBi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22%3A%2228b782fb-41e1-48ea-bfc3-ad7558ce7136%22%2C%22Oid%22%3A%2236f698ed-be83-48a9-8212-451eb3606778%22%2C%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3Atrue%2C%22role%22%3A%22a%22%7D&btape=a&role=a

4. New training video

You may have noticed that the Street Manager YouTube channel has been quiet lately. This is because the focus in Street Manager Towers pre-Xmas was on the API. Now it's the reverse and we'll soon be up to our ears in new front end features to show you. To kick off, we've righted a wrong by recording a Hole Story video on contractor access and working for multiple promoters. This isn't new, but it does come up as a pretty Frequently Asked Q. and hopefully some will find this useful:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EtMrJk3hB7Q>



5. Changes to inspection unit process

We made changes to the inspection unit calculation method last year, in preparation for the changes coming in April this year. We did it for boring reasons around different versions of the API and it was included in the release notes as normal, but we didn't make a big announcement about it or talk about it in any newsletter or webinar or suchlike. This was because, if users kept their current practise of simply

recording units, the changes would have no effect. We have since had a report of users not recording a number for the units and, as such, the service will calculate a number that will be accurate as of April, but not under the current calculation methods. Please take this under advisement and pass on to any colleagues who record units. We will be communicating this to users via email in the coming weeks.

6. New functionality

Now, when carrying out a reinstatement re-inspection in Street Manager, you will no longer need to re-tick your boxes or re-write your explanation as to why a site has failed. We will pre-populate that for you. Should make life easier for inspectors creating inspections on the go. Next thing to do is pre-populate the current time (you'll be able to change it if required), to save that needing to be filled in each time.

As many of you will have seen on the recent webinar, we have introduced the ability to respond to an inspection. This is to help with data accuracy on Performance Based Inspections from April onwards.

Inspection outcome response

Accept Inspection

Dispute Inspection

[Submit response](#)

New filters are already in the service to help you manage your responses:

Promoter response	<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted	<input type="checkbox"/> Disputed	<input type="checkbox"/> No response
HA response	<input type="checkbox"/> Promoter accepted	<input type="checkbox"/> No response	
Apply filters Clear filters			

Keep your eyes peeled for our next Hole Story video where we will be giving viewers a demo of this functionality.