Street Manager

NEWSLETTER

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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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1.5 weeks to go

Welcome to the first of our weekly newsletters as we count down to the kick-off of for the new regulations coming into force on 1st April (inspections changes) and 3rd April (everything else). We'll be here every week pointing you towards training materials, videos we've produced as well as tips and reminders about what to do during March and early April.

And first things first, note that we have added a banner into the Street Manager user interface to flag up the upcoming changes to everyone. Even if you don't use the user interface, you may want to save the page we link to as this will be regularly updated as the weeks go by: <u>https://department-for-transport-street-manager.github.io/street-manager-docs/articles/changes-to-street-works-regulations-2023</u>

2. Responding to an inspection

In Street Manager right now, today, you have the ability to respond to an inspection and either accept or dispute an inspection. This functionality will become vital once Performance Based Inspections come into force on 1st April 2023. We have a Hole Story video explaining this functionality: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5KIKtMPifYY</u>



The next job for the Street Manager team is to look at treating inspections that have not been responded to as agreed. Note that this is only for calculating the failure rate for Performance Based Inspections. You could very well have a scenario where a defect is rightfully disputed after 10 days but, for calculation purposes, it will be counted as a failure in that quarter's figures. The 10-day period is being included in the new Code of Practice for Inspections.

3. Inspection units - points to note

Some users have told us they are confused about the 5% minimum for inspection units, so let's have a look at an example or two to make sure we're all on the same page.

Average no. of inspection units: 1200

Starting rate of Inspection: 30%

Total number of inspections to be done in the year if all done at 30%: 360

Current world split for A/B/C - 120/120/120 (10% each of average no. of units)

If we think now about our 2023/24 examples, 90 inspections to be done in quarter 1.

5% minimum in each category = 15 in the quarter. (60 for the year).

Then inspection rate becomes 25% - 300 inspections for the year. 75 for the quarter now.

Your 5% minimum is still 15 for the quarter, because it is based on the average no. of inspection units and doesn't change during the year.

Well... I hope we all enjoyed that and let's hope my numbers are all present and correct. The key point is that you need to do 5% of the average number of units.

4. Training guides

We have produced some step-by-step training guides to assist our users to navigate new functionality. The first user guide will be available on our GitHub page by the end of this week in our useful documents section: <u>Useful links - Plan and manage roadworks information (department-for-transport-streetmanager.github.io)</u>

We will be uploading new training guides each week as we count down to go-live.