

Road Works Consultation: Improving quality and raising the standard of Road Works

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Scottish Road Works Commissioner

What We Do

- Independent Public Official
- Reports to the Scottish Ministers
- Monitors performance, promotes and encourages good practice across both utility companies and roads authorities
- Can impose financial penalties



Building on existing strengths



“.....I have also taken this opportunity to commission a review of the Office and functions of the Scottish Roadworks Commissioner to **build on our existing strengths.....**”

Derek Mackay, then Minister for Transport and the Islands –
August 2015

The Barton Report

- Jim Barton looked sector wide to do his brief justice
- He made 21 recommendations
- The gist of the report was that the system was not broken but could be improved

Scottish Government Consultation

- The Scottish Government undertook a 12 week public consultation
- “Raising the standards, and improving the quality of road works in Scotland”
- Consultation closed on 12 October 2017
- There were 88 responses
- Broad support for most measures, although some were split on usual lines

Transport Bill

- The First Minister announced in the Programme for Government for 2017-18 that there would be a Transport Bill including road works and improvements to my Office
- Due to parliamentary protocol, Scottish Government Officials are unable to divulge in detail what it contains
- However, here is what the Scottish Government said it was planning to do in response to the Barton report...

Quality Street (Works)



Expect improving quality to be a central plank of Bill proposals with requirements for quality plans

Site Safety



“The Red Book” should apply to Roads Authorities works as well as utility works

Professional Qualifications



Roads Authority operatives and supervisors should also be qualified in Signing Lighting and Guarding as well as Location and Avoidance

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- Improvements to my Office
- New enforcement options
- Wider use of Direction type powers

Latest from the Minister



Humza Yousaf  @HumzaY... · 13 May 

Just cleared (v lengthy) draft Transport Bill. Good stuff in there for both transport nerds like me & erm normal people!

Full detail when intro to Parliament next month. Have said publicly will include measures on Buses, Footway/Double Parking, LEZs, Roadworks & Smart Ticketing

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Any Questions?