



## SEHAUC WG -

- AH/ JP – SEHAUC website – bid put into KLRS which was approved, AH/ PD putting together people to sit on the website WG, with some new faces & new ideas! GSp suggested examples of signage (both COVID & Red book) onto the website. DL advised that HAUC app is on cusp of being ready. PD mentioned the survey of priorities that was carried out last year, with the top 3 being collation of local authority costs, SEHAUC website, & collation of Permit scheme evaluation reports/ Lane Rental interests.

## Event Working Group –

- AH advised that the Sept event is now cancelled, with a new date of 27 April 2021 proposed. Planning for this will start in 2-3 months. A lot of exhibitors have paid, and 2020 booking & deposit has been rolled onto next April. Speakers include Matt Jezzard & Jeff Elliot on Lane Rental, Elgin, and Mark from West Midlands.

## HAUC(England) Update –

RC has circulated minutes from DL to all – main points:-

- Only small handful of HA's not permitting
- Operational Guidance on Permits – Piece of work ahead of the new co-ordination CoP for DL/PL to carry out for SM, which will end up as an appendix to Co-ord CoP.
- No HAUC (England) referrals for mediation, but some 'wise words' needed.
- Lane Rental forum is back on track & aiming getting guidance out next April. IAck sits on this as representative for the South West.
- DfT have confirmed that Street Manager will go live on 1/7/20. 'Playing nicely' document – DL confirmed this has been included in 009 Advice sheet (which RC circulated recently).
- Inspections CoP has currently stalled, as the DfT rep has moved on. Will wind back up in the future.
- Co-ordination CoP – Chapters 8, 12, 13 currently out for comment - won't become statutory until after Street Manager goes live.
- SRoH – Decision taken that new version should be released early doors so that the new materials can be used before the Code becomes statutory next year.
- DL mentioned that he would be grateful for any feedback on COVID bulletins. JP mentioned that some HA's (not in the SEHAUC Region) are saying that work can't take place in some areas due to COVID which leads to confusion. DL mentioned that the guidance says that carrying on as usual won't always be possible in all cases, and that each case has to be taken on its own merits. JP agreed & mentioned that the latest version re-iterates this (since circulated by RC). GSp found the bulletins very useful, and asked if there will there be anything added around signage & maintaining widths on wider walkways etc. DL suggested there will be, but asked for real live examples of working around 'pop up' facilities (photos, risk assessments, and examples 'what good looks like') for further updates. WS mentioned that he will be looking for Site Specific Risk Assessment, & that gangs know about the additional SLG required. DL suggested with SLG around social distancing doesn't specify 2m in case this changes – 'Keep your distance' may be preferable. JP mentioned that Utilities are not

supposed to be in charge of social distancing, and DL confirmed that HA's do not have powers to enforce social distancing (i.e. there are no Permit conditions for social distancing). If during an Inspection, the HA has 'moral duty' to mention any issues relating to social distancing, and if nothing is done by the Promoter, then the HA can mention to Police, but cannot and does not have powers to enforce 'COVID' compliance. MC agreed that the HA has a 'civic duty' to assist people. AD agreed with JP, and mentioned that Permit Conditions or SLG Cat A's should not be used for COVID compliance. DL mentioned the guidance agreed with this, and emphasised that people need to talk to each other.

- T&A – RHud mentioned no official movement yet, and with that onus is on the cardholder to get in contact with SWQR if any issues.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

AH updated the Group. Outgoings for the deposit for Event, Dec SEHAUC meeting & Website maintenance. Income received from exhibitors, along with monies from KLRS for the website development. Balance still very healthy.

8. HIGHWAYS ENGLAND REPORT / ISSUES

- LP updated the group & has had confirmation from HE that they will be looking at permitting in the future.
- Also recent issues with EToN – all EToN notices sent to Highways England need to be using the TLS 1.2 protocol. LP asked if you think your organisation is affected please let her know ASAP. HE are currently investigating a work around until Street Manager goes live.
- Area 4 – Asset support contract – migrated to several diff contracts in Nov. various contracts out for tender. Traffic follows likely to be back up to 66% shortly (25% at start of lockdown)

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9. AGENDA ITEMS & ISSUES TABLED FOR DEBATE

- Materials & Sustainability – SD updated the group on the main SROH v4 changes, such as clarification of the Guarantee period staying at 2 years for the present, new microtrenching spec, more information on large diameter cores, coal tar arising's & recycling, small excavations definition changed from 2msq to 4msq. A lot more information on rigid roads & dowel bars, a wider range of new materials, overbanding now added to edge requirements section. Air void values not changed, Appendix 9 simplified & timescales reduced. SD confirmed that any change of Guarantee period would throw out whole the document, therefore if changed, the whole document would need a further revision.
- Lane Rental updates – Surrey CC – MJ confirmed that SCC 'actively pursuing Lane Rental. MJ met with SCC members & the DfT, and is going to Cabinet on the 23rd June, which is likely to be a 'rubber stamp' of the proposed scheme. This will be followed by formal consultation. Timescales likely to be - formal consultation July for 12 weeks, then submission to DfT in October, Scheme approval around end of November, ideally with Go Live on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021. MJ confirmed 1<sup>st</sup> month of operation will have no charges. All subject to DfT timelines and approval. WSCC – J confirmed similar timelines to SCC. Weekly meetings have been taking place, but currently stuck on Data &

identification of Lane Rental Streets, as will need evidence of how these were identified for the end of year report. JE needs NSG to tie into travel time information, with a reliable methodology for the evidence. JE suggests another month of data crunching required, followed by 3 month consultation period. After that, proposed scheme will then go to Cabinet. Hampshire - IAck confirmed that progress on Hants proposed scheme has currently stalled due to COVID, along with the Permit Scheme 1<sup>st</sup> year permit report. Timescales for LR will be a year later than SCC/WSCC, and IAck will look at both schemes & pick the best. RHud mentioned the possible impact of COVID as to being unknown whether roads will be busier or not, as more people may work from home, or may not. DFT will probably take this into account, with Data analysis ongoing.

- Permit Scheme updates – Portsmouth CC – Informal consultation followed by formal consultation, which ends 18<sup>th</sup> June. DC mentioned was a bit light on responses (SEJUG responded at the informal stage), with Go Live on 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Reading BC – are looking at getting something done after Street Manager, and probably go to Nil charge permits in Street Manger, but concentrating getting Street Manager in place 1<sup>st</sup>. Island Roads - JP reported that she spoke to Iain the previous evening about the issues & understanding of conditions (which differ from what is expected in the SE Region). May take a while to get sorted out, but PD & JE aware of the issues.
- Current Consultations - Chapters 8, 12, 13 of the Co-ordination CoP currently out for comment, with feedback required by 6<sup>th</sup> July.
- Streetmanager Transition – DfT have confirmed that definitely going ahead on 1<sup>st</sup> July. Clarity needed around the usage of the Environmental Health Notified tick box, and how this should be used compared to the out of hours box. Does not appear to be any common understanding (TMcD raised with RC, but could not be raised during the call) - under review & for consideration. Temp Traffic Signal Applications in Street Manager – is there a consensus on how we proceed in the region and do we have a standard form we can all use? (MAC raised with RC, but could not be raised during the call). PD has mentioned post meeting that some HA’s are happy with a works comment with TM supplier contacts, or alternative could be to use template from the ETS & add as an attachment – JE has mentioned post meeting that he would support a move to as standard an approach - under review & for consideration.
- **Venues for future meetings:**
  - Fri 18th September - South East Water, Snodland – likely to be via MS teams & call
  - Fri 11th Dec -Easthampstead - Confirmed

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10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- RF asked about dates for the next meeting. Was originally planned for 25/9, but moved to 18/9 due to clashes. SEW Snodland is booked, but likely to be via Teams/ conference call.
- IAck struggling with 1<sup>st</sup> year Permit report, which will be done, but will be delayed.
- JP mentioned the Manchester HAUC(UK) conference, which will now

be moved to May 2021. Street Works UK conference still planned to go ahead in November.

- TMcD (unable to raise during call) - Utility Apparatus tool on SEHAUC website - does this need updating or even highlighted on the website? SEW are getting a lot of section 81's that are not only not section 81's but also not SEW apparatus. Are the inspectors aware of this valuable tool?
- TM mentioned that following months of review and investigation the TTRO/TTRN fees in East Sussex would over the coming weeks be increased once they have been signed off by ESCC. Whilst it is appreciated this timing is not ideal given the current circumstances, months of preparation work including business cases had been undertaken during this fee review and the subsequent increase is unfortunately coinciding with a return to more normal circumstances.
- TM also advised that East Sussex were having problems with our one. Network adapter into Street-manager, and has been using Street-manager live since April for our own works but currently the adapter is showing refused permits on one network. Could anyone planning and submitting works in East Sussex read the pop up street-works box carefully in case it is a refused permit showing on one. network. Elgin are currently working to resolve.

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**11. SUBMISSION DATE FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 2020

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**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Sept 18<sup>th</sup> SEW in Snodland or via MS Teams/ call (TBA)