

# Highway Works during Coronavirus

## Are we allowed to carry out roadworks during the lockdown?

We are permitted to continue delivering Highway Maintenance works whilst the lockdown remains in place. The Government has made it clear who it considers to be “Key Workers” and specifically for transport workers their advice states “This includes those who will keep the air, water, **road** and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.”

## Why are roadworks essential?

By maintaining a safe highway network we are ensuring that other critical services can continue to be delivered effectively. This includes emergency services, food deliveries and enabling other key workers to commute to work.

We also need to look to the future when the lockdown is over when there will be a need for the economy and people who have been staying at home to get moving again. We need the road network to be ready and in good condition to help with this. The work we are doing now will be vital in helping things ‘normalise’ as quickly as possible.

We are monitoring the situation on a daily basis, aiming to strike the right balance between delivering vital works during this difficult time whilst also adhering to all government advice.

## What are we doing to minimise the spread of Coronavirus?

We are working strictly in accordance with the latest government and industry advice to ensure our workers and the public remain safe. We review each task and only carry out those that are possible to do so in line with this guidance.

For example: we are planning works to minimise contact between workers, workers are travelling to site alone and working at a safe distance from each other. They are regularly washing their hands and using hand sanitiser and we have enhanced cleaning procedures for vehicles and equipment.

There may be times when the workers are unable to work 2 metres apart. However, in line with Government guidance for construction, these occasions have been minimised and whilst it may not always be immediately obvious, our workers will still be following the guidance and taking all precautions possible.

## Who can I contact if I have any concerns?

Whilst we appreciate residents may have concerns, we are satisfied that we are correctly following government guidelines and we have no plans at the present to change the way we are working. However, if Government guidance changes we will review what we do and how we do it to reflect any changes.

Our staff are human and just like us all, they may make a mistake from time to time but if you have concerns that our workers are not adhering to government guidelines appropriately, please let our Customer Team know either online at [www.eastsussexhighways.com](http://www.eastsussexhighways.com) or 03456080193.

Please remember, it is not okay to abuse our staff who are already working in difficult circumstances. All calls are recorded and our staff are well within their right to terminate or walk away from any conversation which is abusive.

If you would like further information, the Department for Transport has produced further guidance with links to other leading industry documents about the safe delivery of works.



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