

HAUC (England) Report January 2022

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MAIN TOPICS OF DISCUSSION/INTEREST

Covid Guidance

UK wide monthly catch ups less frequent. Latest bulletin holds good but continue to watch events.

Lane Rental.

The HAUC England established Lane Rental Forum has produced guidance to assist those who are considering developing and operating LR schemes. This document is now finalised, has been signed off and published on HAUC UK website. It will be highlighted at the HAUC England meeting on 25th January.

Street Manager

Membership of the Governance Group and SME's recently refreshed and new participants established. SM team are now looking forward and prioritising plans.

Inspections and Co-ordination CoP's – The Coordination working group is continuing to work with the Insp's group to finalise some topics of mutual interest following a "brief" given to them by HAUC-England. Priorities for future workstreams to be agreed with chairs of WG's and Peter and David. Outcome from recently closed DfTconsultation will require some further adjustments to the documents to reflect the changes DfT enact. This may also be impacted by any "mini consultations" initiated by the DfT. See group reports for detail.

SROH.

This came into full force in May 2021, HAUC England slides prepared by the chairs of the SROH WG badged HAUC England to highlight the significant changes and assist with the transition to the new Specification now on HAUC UK website.

Regional HAUC referrals to HAUC-England. Referral for mediation resolved, answer rested within statutory guidance.

HAUC (England) Plans across 2022.

We continue to monitor Covid, impact and the developing situations here.

The DfT consultation results have been published and we will be fully engaged again with the final outcomes assisting where possible, covering fibre issues, legislation, and inspections to review the outcomes and proposed actions as a result of the consultations. At the 25th January meeting three topics/documents will be referenced, namely Lane rental guidance, Collaboration Toolkit, and revisions to the HAUC England Permit scheme Operational Guidance.

Next HAUC (England) Meeting – 25th January 2022 this will be MS teams meetings.

The Highway Authorities and Utilities Committee UK

