
Volume of Streetworks 2023

To: Sevenoaks **18/09/2023**

Main Portfolio Area: Streetworks

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Classification: **For Information**

Ward: Division:

Summary:

Overall volumes of Permit applications have reduced this year but the proportion of Emergency works has increased.

1.0 Introduction and Background

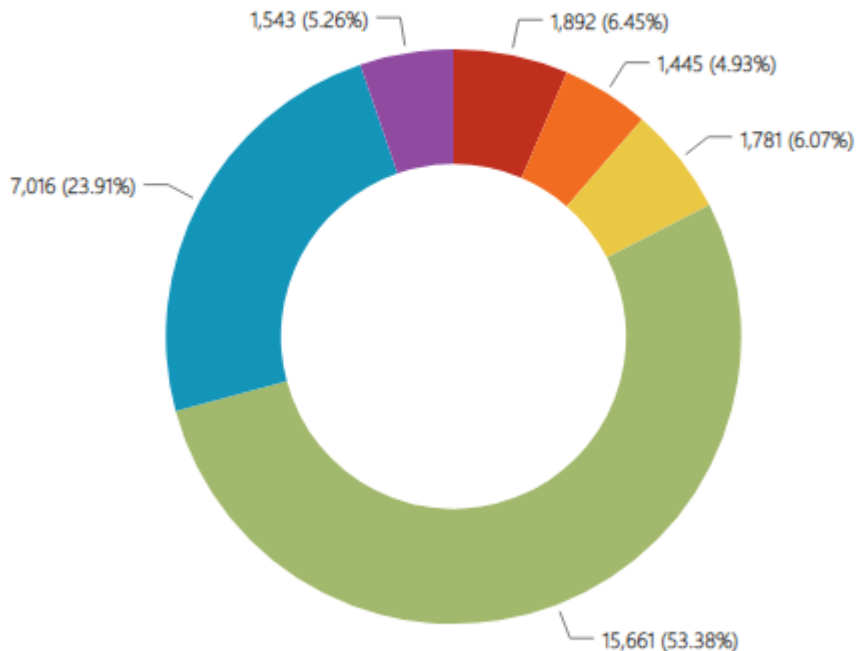
1. Introduction

- 1.1 A comparison of the volume of Streetworks in Sevenoaks compared to previous years and in the context of Kent with attention paid to Immediate works (Emergency and Urgent)

2.0 Body of the report

- 2.1 Using number of permit applications from Street Manager, the national street works system, to compare the volume of permits in Sevenoaks from Quarter 1 of 2022 and 2023. Relating these to activity volumes across Kent.
- 2.2 The Total volume of permit application for Quarter 1 for Sevenoaks reduced by 21.4% from 3,651 to 2,868 from 2022 to 2023 (across Kent reduced by 3.3% from 30,330 to 29,338). There were however shift upwards in the type of works.
- 2.3 The volume of Emergency works in Sevenoaks has increased by 5.9%, this increase is reflected across the county with an overall increase of 18.5% experienced.
- 2.4 Urgent works have seen a similar increase of 5.6% in Sevenoaks with a significant increase for the county of 27.4% increase.
- 2.5 Immediate works, either Urgent or Emergency, are submitted within 2 hours of works commencing. This allows no opportunity for coordination with other activities on the network. Often these application lack measures/ conditions to mitigate their impact, and Streetworks coordinators will impose conditions judged to be beneficial to traffic movements.
- 2.6 The below graph show the volume of applications by works category received in Quarter 1 this year across Kent.

Total Permits by Works Category



Works Category ● PAA ● Major ● Standard ● Minor ● Immediate - Urgent ● Immediate - Emergency

Street Works Power Bi Reporting

Data as of 03/07/23, 16:26

Filtered by Quarter (is Q1), Year (is 2023/24)

3.0 Financial

3.1 n/a

4.0 Legal implications

4.1 n/a

5.0 Conclusions

5.1 While the overall volume of Streetworks Permits has reduced when comparing Quarter 1 figures from 2022 and 2023 there has been a shift away from planned activities to immediate Emergency and Urgent works.

5.2 This is a pattern reflected in Sevenoaks from a trend being experienced across Kent as a whole.

5.3 Due to these works taking place without prior notice and often lacking arrangements to mitigate disruption such works have a significant impact on the network.

5.4 Streetworks teams hold regular performance meetings with utility companies and this shift to immediate work is being highlighted. Works promoters are being challenged to recognize that this shift in workflow show be matched within their business model to ensure that resources available to complete activities and return the highway to use without delay.

6.0 Recommendations

6.1 Officer recommendations relevant to the report

Future Meeting if applicable:	Date:
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Annex List

<i>Annex 1</i>	<i>Scheme Proposal / Plan</i>
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