

Conditions for the use of portable traffic light signals

Upon receipt of the completed application form, North Ayrshire Council will, if specific site approval is required, issue the approval, together with a plan and signal timings for use by the applicant (if required). If site approval is not required, North Ayrshire Council shall take the application as notification of the intention to use two-way Portable Light Signals and confirm that specific site approval is not required.

North Ayrshire Council must be notified if:

- any change is made to the date or time on the application
- the work is in the vicinity of any permanent signals including Pelican crossings
- the work is in the vicinity of a level crossing (Network Rail must also be consulted)

Where emergency or urgent works require portable light signals to be set up out with office hours, the Undertaker shall:

- obtain verbal approval from North Ayrshire Council
- provide retrospective notification/application for written approval on the next working day; and
- provide details of the works location, nature of works, portable light signals layout, and both the Undertaker's and Contractor's contact phone numbers to North Ayrshire Council

At least seven working days' notice shall be given for all works other than emergency and urgent works. For emergency and urgent works (that is, when circumstances arise which could result in immediate danger to the public or serious damage to the road) this notice must be sent within 2 hours of work starting. Where a portable traffic light signal design is requested the minimum design, period is 2 weeks prior to approval of portable traffic light signals. North Ayrshire Council must be notified within 48 hours of signals being removed from carriageway. Any changes to start and finish dates must be notified and approved in advance.

Wherever signal control is to be used at a works site, which contains or is near a junction, two scaled plans showing the proposed temporary site layout must accompany this application. -It is a statutory requirement for North Ayrshire Council to issue written site approval before signals are installed, in these instances.

Signal operation:

- working day is taken to be 7:30am to 7pm
- 24 hours is taken to be continuous use for duration of the works
- overnight is taken 7pm to 7:30am
- off peak is taken to be 9:15am to 3:30pm (Monday to Friday)

The signal equipment and traffic signs must satisfy fully all the requirements set out in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002, and all other relevant regulations, directions, and technical memoranda. Procedures, layouts and operations shall be in accordance with 'Safety at Street Works and Road Works - A Code of Practice' and 'Traffic Signs Manual - Chapter 8'.

All apparatus whether hired or owned by the user will be subject to a 'beck and call' maintenance contract. The user must establish a safe working method of traffic control within 2 hours of notification of a fault or defect. The apparatus must be inspected and tested before delivery to site and the user must satisfy North Ayrshire Council and Police that the equipment meets all the necessary requirements and that a competent person has made the pre-delivery check. Stop/Go Boards must be on site, and in a fit state for use. At all times that the site is manned.

When the site is in an urban environment, the apparatus must be of a type, which produces a noise level maintained below the first action level 85 dB(A). This will ensure that noise produced is kept to a minimum thus reducing the risk and any harmful effects to the public.

The completed application form should be returned to:

- address: North Ayrshire Council, Neighbourhood Services (Roads), Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE
- email: roadspermits@north-ayrshire.gov.uk
- telephone: 01294 310000