

Road Closure Application Under Town Police Clauses Act 1847 Guidance Notes

Application requirements

1. We must receive the completed application form with Signing Schedule (detailed below) at least **6 weeks before the event**, to allow sufficient time for consultation and drafting of the Order.
2. Before making an application, we advise that the event organisers discuss the proposals with the local Police.
3. We will require the event organisers to consult with any residents, businesses, bus/taxi companies which may be affected by the closure and confirm in writing that they have done so.
4. Event organisers will be required to provide a **“Signing Schedule”**. This should consist of:
 - a. **a map indicating positions of road closure/diversion signs, barriers, first aid provision**
 - b. **a map indicating the positions of marshals/stewards etc. (Organisers are required to provide trained marshals/stewards at events)**
 - c. **a list describing the wording/size/colour of the road closure/diversion signs and type of barriers used.**
5. Forest of Dean District Council cannot give permission to set up stalls on the highway. Please contact Gloucestershire Highways in this instance.

Our process

1. We will acknowledge in writing (by post or email) the application within 5 working days.
2. We will aim to write to the list of consultees within 5 working days, giving at least 3 weeks for response. We will let you know if we aren't able to consult within this time and will give a new expected time frame.
3. Please note that if the Police and/or the Highways Authority object to the proposals, we will not proceed with the Order.
4. If no objections are received, a copy of the Order will be sent to the applicant 10 days prior to the event.

Conditions

The Order will be subject to the following conditions:

1. Vehicular access for emergencies being available at all times.
2. Road closure and diversion signs being erected at the cost of the event organisers and removed by the end of the temporary closure.
3. The event organisers being responsible for stewarding the event. Each road closure barrier must be supervised and maintained at all times by a clearly identifiable person under your authority and control.
4. The event organisers being responsible for clearing the highway after conclusion of the event and for any damage which may be occasioned to the highway, including street furniture, during the entire period of preparation, the event and cleaning up operation.
5. No claims will be entertained by the county council (as highway authority) the district council, the town or parish council or any statutory undertaker in respect of any accident, damage, loss or injury sustained as a result of the event.
6. If your event is to be held on land belonging to the district council, your organisation must provide public liability insurance cover for this event of at least £5m. Please forward a copy of the insurance cover with your application.
7. The event organisers being responsible for notification to all those affected by the order, especially any bus companies and those properties fronting the road(s), in writing at least 14 days prior to the event.
8. The event organisers must arrange for copies of the Order to be displayed on all affected routes no later than 7 days prior to the event.