



Ms Emma Reece
By email only

9 October 2024

Dear Ms Reece

Your recent enquiry-19494577

Thank you for your email of 30 September 2024, regarding the disruption in Newick caused by ongoing roadworks.

The works to Gold Bridge were lengthy, but necessary to be undertaken for the safety of road users. The placement of lights was considered a requirement, to ensure the safety of our workforce and all road users at that time. While we appreciate that traffic signals can be disruptive, we must prioritise safety above all other considerations.

During this time there were also various works undertaken by BT, using temporary traffic lights, to restore telephone services to residents. Under the New Roads and Street Works Act, utility companies have statutory powers to install & maintain their apparatus within the public highway, these works are often undertaken to ensure residents and businesses have essential services maintained.

Our Network Management team have confirmed that works undertaken at the developments had clear conditions on their permit, that temporary lights should be turned in at the end of the day and removed at the weekends, however, there will have been occasions when this was not possible due to the nature of the works. We will speak to the developer to query this.

In this instance it is unfortunate that we have had two sets of development works close together. The Network Management Team are notified of proposed development works which affect the network, once a planning agreement has been made, the team will liaise with the works promoter to accommodate and coordinate any roadspace requirements and the delivery of services to site. As with the location in question, there are competing demands for roadspace across the County, and in certain areas there may be multiple and continuing works at periods.

Our Network Management Team work closely with all works promoters, to ensure that all works and competing demands can be delivered as safely as possible, with impact to road users minimised.

While I sympathise entirely with the frustration felt by the parish council and its residents, I hope the above helps to explain the council's position as to why they were required.

Yours sincerely

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