



# Safety Alert

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## What Happened

There have been three occasions in the last month where safety at street works has been compromised due to inadequate space. All of them could have been avoided with good planning.

1 A technician observed that the work on a verge was so close to the carriageway that the gang did not have safety zones to prevent vehicle collision and this was on a road where the public were observed to be driving at speed inches from their heads. Fortunately the technician did the right thing and stopped the works until two way lights could be installed.

2 A member of the public reported a wheelchair user toppling over due to inadequate space on the footway and cracked tarmac.



3 Kent County Council revoked a permit due to poor safety on a developer services site within middle of a large housing estate in Maidstone. There were no safety zones and inadequate carriageway width, exactly the same observations as were raised in a previous revocation in Whitstable



## What Lessons Can Be Learnt?

We must plan for works to be undertaken safely. We know the widths required for traffic and pedestrians (including wheelchair users) and we know the safety zones required for our works. It is simply a matter of applying these rules when deciding what traffic management is required at out works.

## What Do You Need To Do?

- Never compromise on safety when planning works
- If you see works that are not set out right, make them right. If you cannot make them right stop the work and call your manager.

Safe Every Way

