

**EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
LEAD MEMBER - TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT
POLICY SUMMARY**

PS 8/3	Obstructions on the Highway	
<p>Purpose of Policy</p> <p>East Sussex County Council (ESCC) recognises the vital role played by the local highway network.</p> <p>The purpose of this policy is to control the obstruction of the highway so as to minimise the inconvenience and danger to users.</p> <p>In carrying out this policy ESCC will meet its statutory obligations and will also support the Council's Priorities, Local Transport Plan and Highway Service Outcomes.</p>		
<p>Policy Statement</p> <p>1. The Traffic Manager shall issue, where appropriate, statutory licences permitting the following obstructions:-</p> <p>[a] Temporary Building Works e.g. deposit of building materials, parking of builders' skips, erection of scaffolding/hoardings, etc;</p> <p>[b] Temporary Highway Obstructions e.g. private drain/sewer connections, etc [but see PS4/3 for Statutory Undertakers Works];</p> <p>[c] Permanent Highway Furniture e.g. roadside seats, bus shelters [see also PS4/23], etc;</p> <p>[d] Amenities on certain highways as provided for under Section 115 [a] to [k] of the Highways Act;</p> <p>2. A statutory notice shall be served, where appropriate, upon the owner of overhanging trees/hedges, projecting roots, etc, requiring removal of the obstruction. Subsequent action shall be taken, if necessary, to secure the removal.</p> <p>3. A statutory notice shall be served, where appropriate, upon the owner of trailers, caravans etc, or any other object causing an obstruction on the highway, requiring removal of the obstruction. Subsequent action shall be taken, if necessary, to secure the removal.</p> <p>4. Action shall be taken, where appropriate, to secure the removal of unauthorised obstructions, eg, posts, chains, stones, advertising boards, merchandise, etc, erected or placed by private individuals.</p>		
<p>Supporting Information</p> <p>The Highways Act, 1980</p> <p>New Roads and Street Works Act, 1991</p>		
<p>Version control</p> <p>Highways & Transportation Committee – 25 March 1975 Agenda Item 8</p> <p>Highways & Transportation – 30 March 1976 Agenda Item 8</p> <p>Lead Member for Transport & Environment – agenda item 5, 16.10.2017</p>		<p>Date of last review:</p> <p>02/01/2020</p>