

New guidance for works affecting the Highway – What’s Changed?



In August 2019 updated guidance was adopted by the Minister for Infrastructure for the Government of Jersey to cover all works affecting the highway as a result of new Planning Applications.

The **Access onto the Highway – Standards and Guidance: A Technical guide for the preparation of Planning Applications** (August 2019) replaces the previous version last issued on the 4th October 2016, *Access Standards for Small Housing Developments*.

The guidance has been updated to reflect industry best practice in highway safety including lessons learned from recent works in Jersey. It will be considered to assess any proposal that involves works affecting the highway. Failure to meet any part of the guidance is likely to result in a proposal being objected to on highway grounds.

The updated guidance is not a complete new document - updates include clarifying, but not changing, thresholds where specific requirements are applicable, diagrams to better explain requirements, and an improved layout. We hope this will be more straightforward helping Applicants to gain a Permit, then complete any work affecting the highway as part of delivering their own proposal.

The Changes	General	Early highway consultation is advised to avoid delays and costs where over 5 dwellings All residential frontage parking proposals require approval, for the avoidance of doubt.
	3.0 Single Residential Dwelling Applications	Advice has been clarified.
	4.2 Access Road Widths	The minimum access width for up to 4 dwellings is 3.1metres, or 3.7metres where the drive is over 50m long, to comply with that mandated for emergency service vehicles under building by-laws
	4.8 Access Construction	The distance an access should be hard bound from the edge of the footway / carriageway increases from 2metres to 5metres, except for single dwellings.
	5.4 Visibility	On Government administered roads, the minimum “Y” distance from the access point is 25metres, the equivalent of 20mph, regardless of any 85 th percentile speed.
	5.9 Accesses Near Junctions	Where an existing access is within 20metres of a junction, unrestricted visibility to that junction and any vehicle at the junction heading towards the access, is required.
	6.3 Cycling	Clarification on implementing Island Plan Policy TT3 on and off a site and visibility.
	6.4 Cycle Parking	Clarification of the type and amount of cycle parking – 1 appropriate stand / storage place per residential bedroom, or 1 per 150sqm for non-residential developments.
	6.5 Public Transport	3.6m x 1.8m bus shelter (with area to allow for maintenance) dimensions provided.
	6.6 Bus stop relocation	Strict criteria to meet if a proposal involves relocation of an existing bus stop.
	7.5 Signage and Advertisements	Information for signing overhanging footways and illuminated signing is provided.
	8.2 Approval of work	Information on the process to follow and when to provide it.
	8.3 Implementing works affecting the highway	Information on the process to follow and when to provide it.
	9.0 Information required with a Planning Application	Details of types of documents and plans Highways require to assess a proposal.

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