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Councillor Ricky Henderson

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Dear Councillor Henderson

## **TEMPORARY TRAFFIC LIGHTS IN CURRIE AND JUNIPER GREEN**

Thank you for your email of 15 October 2008 regarding the above. I apologise for the delay in responding.

The council has a statutory requirement to co-ordinate all road works and occupations of the carriageway. There is often a need to occupy the road in order to facilitate construction or to provide a public utility service. The Council, as far as possible, allows these works to proceed in such a way that traffic disruption is kept to a minimum.

Parties wishing to excavate or occupy the public carriageway must inform the Roads Authority through a notice or permit, which is reviewed by the area Roads Engineer and approved or declined on the basis of various factors. This includes the presence of road occupying works in the nearby area, the combination of which may have a serious effect on traffic flow.

Unfortunately, in this case, due to a staff shortage caused by the sickness of a key staff member, the notice to commence work at Juniper Green was not reviewed by this Department. Had the notice for these works been reviewed, the application to begin work at the same time as in Riccarton Mains Road would have been rejected.

The staffing shortage which ultimately led to this oversight has now been resolved; however please accept my most sincere apologies on behalf of the Southwest Roads Team for any inconvenience caused to your constituents.

I trust this is of assistance. If you require further information or would like to discuss this in more detail please contact me on 0131 469 5583.

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Yours sincerely



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