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# HAUC UK DfT priorities

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# Plan for drivers

- Published 2<sup>nd</sup> October
- 30 commitments
- 5 relating to street works and traffic regulation orders (TROs)
- Remains focus of work



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Policy paper

## The plan for drivers

Published 2 October 2023

Applies to England

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### Foreword

There's nothing wrong with driving. Most of us use a car and, for many, life would not be liveable without their car. For those in rural areas, it is a lifeline. A car can hugely expand the independence of a younger person, as well as keep older people connected to key services and their families.

Walking, cycling and public transport are necessary in a multi-modal transport system and we support their continued growth, but they are not the right choice for everyone's journey. Being pro-public transport does not mean being anti-car. The easy political choice is to vilify the private car even when it's been one of the most powerful forces for personal freedom and economic growth in the last century. Used appropriately and

# Consultations

- **Street works**
  - Surplus lane rental funds
  - FPN levels and overrun charges
  - 475 responses being analysed
  - Response to be published
- **Allowing EV chargepoint operators access to permits and street manager**
  - 90 responses being analysed
  - Response to be published

## We are analysing your feedback

Visit this page again soon to download the outcome to this public feedback.

## Summary

Seeks views on proposals for reforms to street works legislation covering surplus lane rental funds, fixed penalty notices and weekend overruns.

This consultation ran from  
**15 January 2023 to 11:59pm on 11 March 2024**

# Plan for drivers: other guidance

Guidance

## Lane rental schemes: guidance for English highway authorities

Updated 17 March 2024

Applies to England

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### Foreword

This government is keen to make life easier and safer for everyone who uses our roads:

On 2 October 2023, we published our [Plan for drivers](#). In support of smoother journeys for all road users, we announced ways of fixing roads faster and encouraging more efficient street works.

The plan set out 2 measures to specifically support lane rental rollout, aiming to reduce the amount of drivers' time lost and the stress caused by works by:

Guidance

## Issuing section 50 street works licences

Published 5 February 2024

Applies to England

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### What this guidance covers

This good practice guide is aimed at highway authorities and those organisations that need to carry out street works using licences issued under section 50 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (NRSWA). It provides advice on:

- the legislative background
- when licences should be used
- good practice for dealing with applications
- other issues, for example, asset ownership and maintenance, and fines and penalties

# Research projects

- Review and update of safety code of practice
- Review of street works qualifications regime/regulations
- SROH – Cross pavement solutions for EV charging



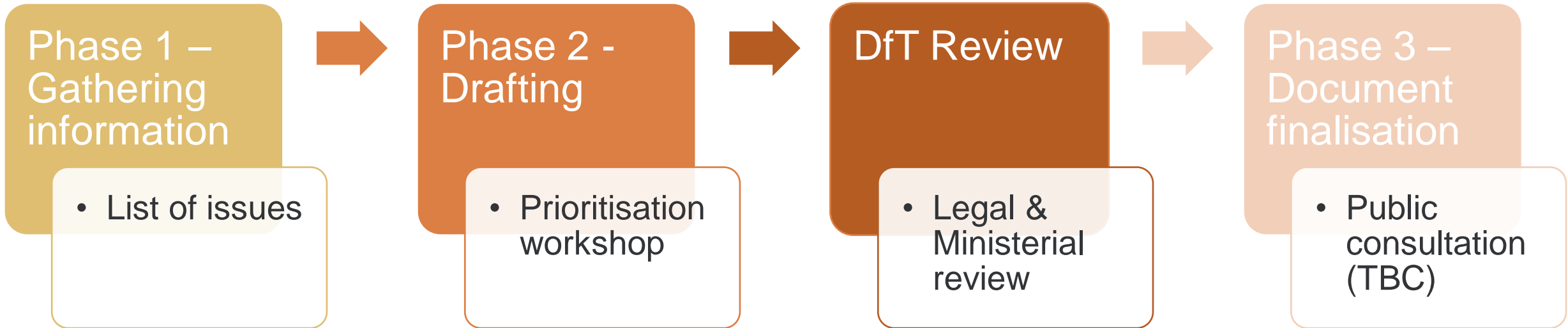
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O2 Excavation in the road/highway	22/07/2018
O3 Reinstatement and compaction of backfill materials	22/07/2018
O4 Reinstatement sub-base and base in non-bituminous	22/07/2018
O5 Reinstatement in cold-lay bituminous materials	22/07/2018
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O7 Reinstatement of concrete slabs	16/03/2020
O8 Reinstatement of modular surfaces, concrete footways	16/03/2020

# Safety code review

- Clarify where requirements are mandatory or advisory
- Reduce any ambiguity
- Fully comply with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 (TSRGD)
- Consistent with Inclusive Mobility, Transport Scotland's Cycling by Design, Active Travel Design and Active Travel Act guidance (gov.wales)
- Ensure upholds safety standards and enables works promoters to safely carry out SLG
- Ensure safety of all road user groups
- Identify where guidance applies to specific countries



# Safety code timeline



2024

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
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Draft code issued to DfT for review

# Flexi permits

- DSIT funding trials
- Design in development by RSM/ORR
- Will be looking soon for trial participants – HAs and utilities
- Let us know if you're interested in taking part



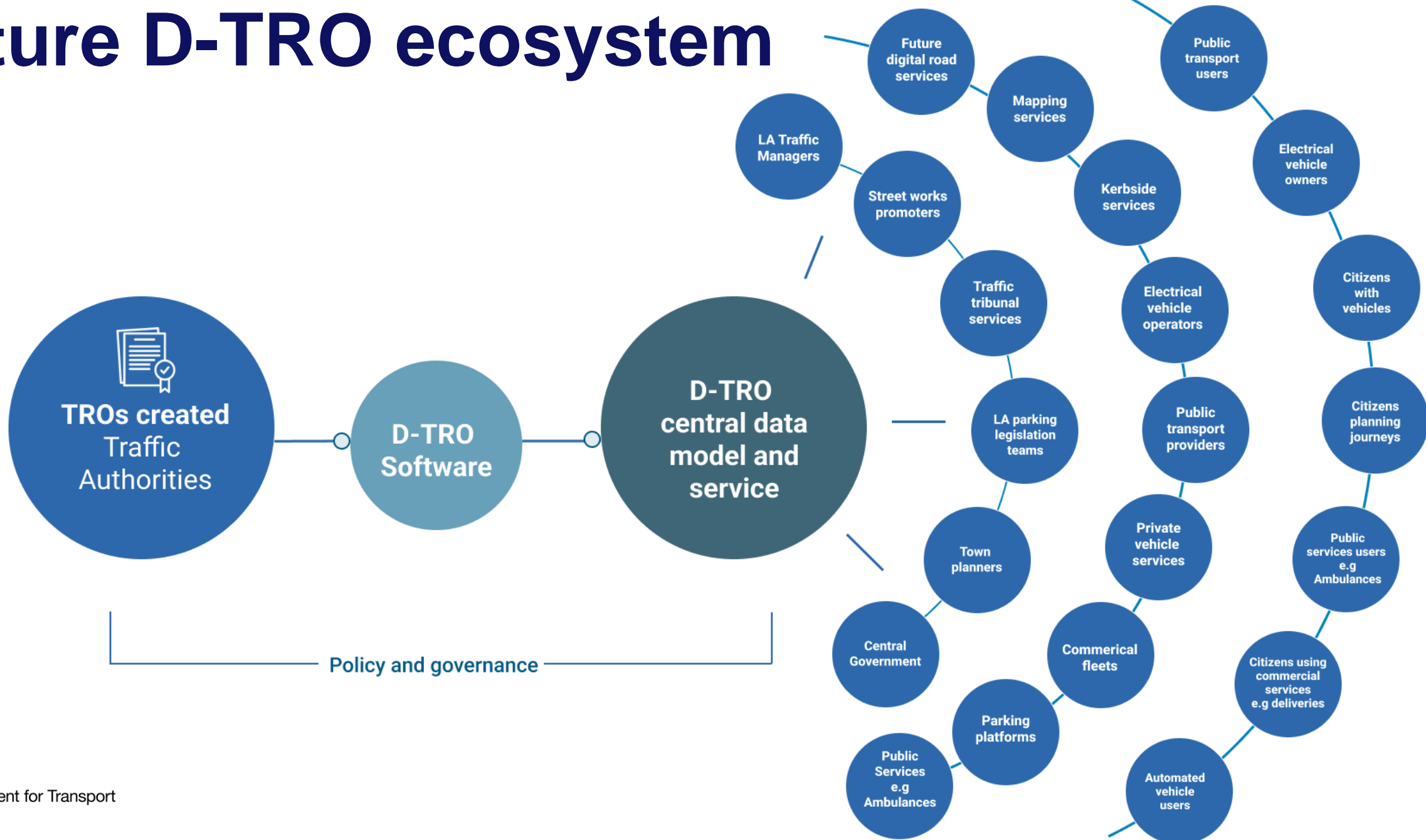


# Digital Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs)

- Clause 93 Automated Vehicles Bill
- Will give SOS power to make regulations to require any authority that makes TROs to send them digitally to a central publication platform
- Remaining Bill stages should be completed in May
- Plan to consult on draft regulations autumn 2024



# Future D-TRO ecosystem



# Digital Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs)

## D-TRO

The D-TRO project has entered Beta build phase after a successful Alpha.

- Private Beta
- Public Beta
- Looking for volunteers
- Will be lots of publicity
- Webinar May 1st - 2pm



# Street Manager Roadmap

Overview of Street Manager scope and release dates

Updated February 2024



Expand boxes for more information



**Disclaimer:** This roadmap is for informational purposes only and is not a binding commitment. Please do not use this information in making any major decisions as future versions of the product may have different functionality and release dates. We share it to shed some light on the direction we are heading with Street Manager



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# Street Manager



## Performance Based Inspections

- Fixed inspection units for 2023/24 and automating the moving up/down 5%
- Ability to move organisations up and down by more than 5% has now been added
- Adding sample expiry dates
- Adding ability to see previous quarter performance
- Set new orgs to zero Cat Cs

## Other News

- Material Classification work
- Private streets will become notifications not permits
- Non-compliance management to give more control over defects
- Under-assessment
- Moving from pulling data to pushing it in 2024 to improve system performance

