



## INFORMATION SHEET – TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A RIGHT OF WAY (TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER)

A right of way which appears on the Definitive Map is legally protected and cannot be diverted or closed without a legal process involving making a Public Path Order. It is possible to temporarily close a right of way by means of a Traffic Regulation Order.

Closures may be for one of the following reasons:

- Because of works being done on or near the highway
- Because of the likelihood of danger to the public or of damage to the highway
- To enable the duty to clean the road or clearing litter to be carried out.

Landowners or other parties may apply for a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) to close a right of way for one of the reasons stated above. However, the Authority will have to satisfy itself that the closure is necessary, and will not automatically be granted upon application.

Please note that

- we will require at least **eight weeks notice** before a closure order can be put into effect, but if you are able to apply earlier, this will be beneficial
- your application must be accompanied by a map clearly indicating the section of the path which you require to be closed.

The Authority charges for processing and making an Order for a temporary closure and we will also require reimbursement of the cost of meeting the statutory requirement to place two public notices advertising the order in local newspapers. We may also ask you to reimburse us for other costs we may incur in making and processing the Order (e.g. for additional site visits).

The current Fees and Charges for making and advertising Public Path Orders are available on our website.

**Please Note - The maximum duration of a TTRO is six months. This can be extended prior to the expiration of the Order subject to approval by the Secretary of State in which case additional charges will apply.**