

Where the coned off area is simply protecting a hazard, it may be possible to temporarily reduce the size of the working space. In this case however, dimensions L, S and T will still be required, even though no works are taking place.

Warning: Where the width of the usable carriageway does not permit the necessary sideways clearance to be maintained and a full road closure is not practicable, a safe method of work must be agreed before starting work. Such agreement must be between the works promoter and the appropriate highway authority.

Exit taper

An exit taper is normally required and should be at 45° to the kerb line or road edge. However, for works on a dual carriageway where a works vehicle exit is needed, the exit taper may be omitted as long as the end of the works is properly signed as a works vehicle exit.

Information board

An information board must be displayed at every street and road works site except mobile works, short duration works and minor works that do not involve excavation. Information boards are still highly desirable at these sites where it is safe and practicable to provide them. This board should be placed so that it does not obstruct footways or carriageways but can be clearly read by pedestrians, and any drivers who have stopped close to the board.

The information board must give the name of the organisation undertaking the works, any principal contractor and an emergency contact telephone number. Wherever practical, it should also contain other information that will be helpful in explaining to the public why the work is being done, how long it will take and a message apologising for inconvenience.

