

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
18 SEPTEMBER 2014  
NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Councillor David Simpson to move the following, seconded by Councillor Bruce Tennent:**

“This council notes the high proportion of road works which are classified as Emergency or Urgent works by particular Utility companies (see table below) and therefore not subject to the usual advanced warning and programme notification to the County Council. These are disruptive and cost residents and the country a lot of money in lost time and fuel wasted which damages our economy.

Therefore:

Hampshire County Council calls upon those Utility companies who have the highest proportion of roadworks listed as Urgent or Emergency to explain to the Council what steps they are taking to improve their regular maintenance and works planning to reduce the proportion of works classified as emergency or urgent. Furthermore the Council will review the relevant provisions of the New Roads and Streetworks Act and consider whether the Secretary of State should be asked to strengthen any of the Highway Authority powers in this regard.”

Immediate Works Data for 2013 (Main Utility Companies Only – which carry out majority of street works)

Utility	Total number of works	No of emergency works	No of emergency works with a closure	No of Urgent works	No of Urgent works with a closure	Total Number of 'Immediate' Works	Number of Closures arising from Immediate Works	%age of Immediate works	%age of works for Immediate Activities that Require a Road Closure
BT Openreach	5675	195	0	2169	11	2364	11	41.7%	0.2%
SGN	2802	1350	5	101	0	1451	5	51.8%	0.2%
Portsmouth Water	3775	3	0	852	1	855	1	22.6%	0.0%
Southern Electric	2805	1	0	1749	1	1750	1	62.4%	0.0%
Southern Water	8961	6	2	1581	16	1587	18	17.7%	0.2%
South East Water	6009	0	0	4084	26	4084	26	68.0%	0.4%
Sembcorp Water	1535	3	0	257	3	260	3	16.9%	0.2%
Thames Water	485	11	0	332	0	343	0	70.7%	0.0%
Virgin Media	4718	28	0	105	0	133	0	2.8%	0.0%