

Gloucestershire Highways
Vallets Wood
Cannop
Gloucester
GL16 7EH

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Dear Sir,

I wish to seek compensation from Gloucestershire County Council relating to the Traffic Calming carried out by Gloucestershire Highways week commencing 8th March 2010 in Long Street Wotton-under-Edge.

I believe that you failed in your duties under The Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Procedure Regulations 1992. Under those regulations you have a duty to inform the General Public of forthcoming traffic issues in the locality and that you failed to advertise these works and Traffic restrictions in a local newspaper as you are required to do in law.

In addition to your statutory obligations you failed to comply with your own conditions associated with the issuing of a Temporary Traffic Order. The most important being condition 3. Applicant must erect advanced warning notices (7008) at least 7 days before works commence.

The last time major works were carried out in the High Street during 2006, where the road was closed for a week for resurfacing, the impact on trade was damaging.

Based on this knowledge, had proper, legal, notice been given of the works scheduled for 8th March 2010, I could have taken action to mitigate my losses.

Table showing running costs:-

A. P&L costs per week 2009 accounts. Suffered whether open or closed.	£xxx.xx
B. Weekly Wages pro rate 2009 accounts	£xxx.xx
C. Light & Heat per week pro rate 2009 account	£xxx.xx
D. Other costs incurred by being open (or specially ordered stock)	£xxx.xx

It can be seen from this table that the additional costs incurred by remaining open, due to lack of notice equals £B+C+D. I am therefore seeking £B+C+D in damages.

I look forward to a 14 day response and I need to let you know that I intend to take action on the Small Claims track at Gloucestershire County Court if this claim is not settled satisfactorily.

Yours faithfully,

Local Trader