

Williams, David (ROADS)

From: Williams, David (ROADS)
Sent: 09 June 2025 08:32
To: McKibbin, Gareth
Subject: RE: Barriers to Trip Hazards on Rugby Road

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Gareth

To date we have carried out the inspections ourselves and requested barriers to be re-erected when necessary. However, CH8 requires the TM company to fulfil this duty but given the cost and low likelihood of the barriers being interfered with I did not request that this be done. However, I can include that aspect now if you think it would be better.

I have an email to Robert Kennedy drafted and will send today.

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From: McKibbin, Gareth [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 June 2025 20:19
To: Williams, David (ROADS) [REDACTED]
Cc: Torney, Joe [REDACTED]
Subject: Barriers to Trip Hazards on Rugby Road

David,

I'm a bit unclear here.

Your draft email to WMQ suggests it is the Contractor's responsibility to undertake checks on the temporary barriers, but you have also indicated that we are doing it ourselves. Does O&M have barriers that it can put in place if WMQ withdraw and hand the site back.

I have to say that I have some sympathy for the Contractor in this situation as instructed works cannot be completed until the Department decides on the way forward.

Did you get any joy from the Planners regarding the potential extension of the Conservation area?

Regards,
Gareth

From: Williams, David (ROADS) [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 June 2025 21:17
To: McKibbin, Gareth [REDACTED] Torney, Joe [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Barriers to Trip Hazards on Rugby Road

Gareth

We paid for the installation, and I have my own staff carrying out a weekly check. There has only been one instance requiring an instruction to reinstate some of the barrier boards.

Kind regards,

David

From: McKibbin, Gareth [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 7, 2025 2:54:57 PM
To: Williams, David (ROADS) [REDACTED]; Torney, Joe [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Barriers to Trip Hazards on Rugby Road

David,

Are we paying for these barriers and the ongoing checking?

Gareth

From: Williams, David (ROADS) [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 June 2025 05:36
To: McKibbin, Gareth [REDACTED]; Torney, Joe [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Barriers to Trip Hazards on Rugby Road

Again, with this one.

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your recent correspondence.

To confirm, where traffic management is placed on site at the Department's instruction, it remains the responsibility of the contractor to carry out suitable and regular checks on that traffic management. These checks should reflect the level of risk that equipment may be interfered with, displaced, or otherwise rendered ineffective.

The frequency of these checks should be commensurate with the assessed level of risk at the specific location, including the likelihood of interference, vandalism, or displacement by weather or traffic. Whilst staff from Belfast South Section Office have been carrying out these checks, I am content discuss alternative methods, technologies, or monitoring routines you feel would strengthen control or reduce exposure, I would welcome that input and am happy to arrange a meeting or call to agree a proportionate approach.

It is important to highlight that Rugby Road remains a highly sensitive site, both operationally and politically. Ongoing internal discussions are taking place, alongside continued engagement with residents, elected representatives, and other stakeholders, with a view to identifying a long-term and balanced resolution.

In the meantime, please ensure that any TM deployed on site is monitored appropriately, and that any issues are escalated without delay.

Please ensure your teams are fully briefed and that arrangements are in place to monitor and respond accordingly.

Should you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

David

Williams, David (ROADS)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 May 2025 16:17
To: McCutcheon, Ken
Cc: Williams, David (ROADS)
Subject: RE: Rugby Road

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Ken,

We will get those additional barriers placed tomorrow morning and reset others as requested.
I will send through photos when this is done.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]



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From: McCutcheon, Ken [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 May 2025 12:38
To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Williams, David (ROADS) [REDACTED]

Subject: Rugby Road

[REDACTED]

Could you arrange for traffic barriers at No. 53 and 57.

Could you also fix up the sites where some barriers have knocked over.

Thanks

Ken

Williams, David (ROADS)

From: Williams, David (ROADS)
Sent: 13 June 2025 09:48
To: [REDACTED] Gilmour, Jim
Cc: McCutcheon, Ken; [REDACTED] McCutcheon, Ken; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Barriers to Trip Hazards on Rugby Road

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Jim – please note.

Thanks

David

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 June 2025 09:44
To: Williams, David (ROADS) [REDACTED]
Cc: McCutcheon, Ken [REDACTED] Gilmour, Jim [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
McCutcheon, Ken [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Barriers to Trip Hazards on Rugby Road

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David,

Please find attached quotation for maintenance of the footway at Rigby Road.

This is based on 2 x daily checks per day, given that this is in a relatively busy pedestrian area at times and with it being a student area and at times late night activities, this is what we believe is reasonable.

The info signs are an option – highlighting the uneven surface.

With regards to the barriers we will look about more barriers with anti-trip feet and set up where these are best required.

If you are content with this we can start this maintenance in place fully tomorrow.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]



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Gilmour, Jim [REDACTED]
McCutcheon, Ken [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Barriers to Trip Hazards on Rugby Road

Thanks David,

I am meeting with our TTM contractor at some stage today, and we will reset any barriers which have been moved.

We will get back to you today on the maintenance schedule.

Are there any additional areas which need to be barriered off, or just the existing highlighted areas?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: Williams, David (ROADS) [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 June 2025 11:41
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: McCutcheon, Ken [REDACTED] Gilmour, Jim [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] McCutcheon, Ken [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Barriers to Trip Hazards on Rugby Road

[REDACTED]

Further to your email below, the temporary traffic management has been installed on Rugby Road to protect road users from defects on the footway while consultations on the longer-term resolution continue. Given the sensitivities surrounding this location, it is essential that the traffic management in place remains intact and effective at all times.

To mitigate any risks or potential liability issues, your TM contractor should carry out regular site checks to ensure the system remains secure and fit for purpose. These checks should be commensurate with the level of risk, particularly given the likelihood of interference or movement by the public in this urban location.

Please review the site conditions and advise what you consider to be an appropriate frequency for these inspections and the associated cost. Your assessment should consider factors such as traffic volumes, pedestrian activity, the nature of the equipment used, and any known incidents of tampering or displacement.

Once agreed, please confirm your proposed inspection schedule in writing and ensure appropriate records are maintained for audit purposes.

Many thanks

David

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 June 2025 18:03
To: Williams, David (ROADS) [REDACTED]
Cc: McCutcheon, Ken [REDACTED] Gilmour, Jim [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Barriers to Trip Hazards on Rugby Road

David,

We had been instructed to place temporary barriers on Rugby Road footways to cordon off tripping hazards on 25th March 2025.

These barriers remain in place today, some 10 weeks later without any further instruction other than to add more barriers and reset barriers that had been moved by others on a single occasion.

Given this timeline and without any further developments from yourselves, we believe that a more permanent solution is required. We cannot continue with the current situation with our barriers on site, this was originally an arrangement on goodwill with a view to a quicker resolution.

With issues around liability, regretfully we are left with no alternative other than to remove measures currently in place and hand the area back to DfI on the afternoon of Friday 13th June to allow time to make other arrangements.

Should you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact us.

[REDACTED]
Senior Contracts Manager

[REDACTED]



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DATE: June 13, 2025
Quotation No: Q180
Customer ID: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Quotation valid until: September 11, 2025
Prepared by: [REDACTED]

Location of Works: Rugby Road, Belfast

Anticipated Duration: TBC

Description	Unit Price	AMOUNT
Manufacture of 8 x special worded warning signs.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Fri 13th June 2025. Re-set site with new and additional barrier.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Mon-Fri - Carry out 2 x daily maintenance on set-up. Rate per week. Checks will be recorded digitally with photos also.	[REDACTED]	
Sat & Sun - Carry out 2 x daily maintenance on set-up. Rate per weekend. Checks will be recorded digitally with photos also.	[REDACTED]	
Price includes TTM plans, permit application and liaising with DFI Roads Please note that additional charges may occur in the event of equipment being lost/ damaged.		Sub-Total [REDACTED]
		Vat @ 20% [REDACTED]
		TOTAL [REDACTED]

If you have any questions concerning this quotation, Contact us on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]