

# Trench Reinstatement Training

# TRENCH REINSTATEMENT TRAINING

## Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads

### Guidelines for the Opening, Backfilling and Reinstatement of Openings in Public Roads





**HAVE YOU EVER DONE ONE OF THESE :**















6<sup>th</sup> February 2019

RW 05 of 2019

Re: - Guidelines for Managing for Managing Openings in Public Roads (2017)

Dear Director of Services,

In relation to the above Guidelines for Managing Road Openings, issued by way of Department Circular RW 5 – 2017, as part of which the Department advised of phasing in arrangements. In that regard the Department now sets out the following requirements in relation to Training and Roles and their effective dates for completion:-

1. In relation to the requirement to have suitably trained personnel on site for the carrying out of works (Section 5.4) the Department now confirms that this requirement will be mandatory from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019. All required personnel shall have been trained in accordance with the LASNTG Basic Trench Reinstatement Course.
2. In relation to the requirement to have suitably trained personnel on site in relation to the carrying out of oversight/monitoring/inspection/sign of reinstatement works (Section 5.4) the Department now confirms that this will be mandatory from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019. All such personnel shall have been trained in accordance with the LASNTG Advanced Trench Reinstatement Course.

Details in relation to training are available from LASNTG (Local Authority Services National Training Group) [www.lasntg.ie](http://www.lasntg.ie) or your relevant Regional Training Centre.

You are asked to bring this to the attention of all those who carry out roadworks (including road openings) in your city/county.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Harrington  
Roads Division

c.c. All Chief Executives  
All Senior Engineers



- Persons working in Excavation and trench reinstatement shall be suitably trained and training is mandatory from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in accordance with the LASNTG (Local Authority Services National Training Group) Basic Training Course

- Persons working Overseeing /Monitoring /Inspections of Excavation and Trench Reinstatement shall be suitably trained and training is mandatory from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in accordance with the LASNTG (Local Authority Services National Training Group) Advance Training Course

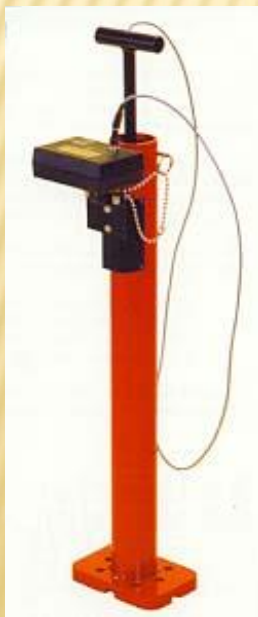


We (Local Authority Services  
National Training Group) are  
rolling out Basic ( 2 Day Course )  
and Advanced (1 Day Course)  
courses in Road Opening and  
Reinstatement on Public Roads  
in all Regional Training Centres  
Nationwide



Version: February 26<sup>th</sup> 2018

# Road Opening and Reinstatement – Basic ( 2 Days)



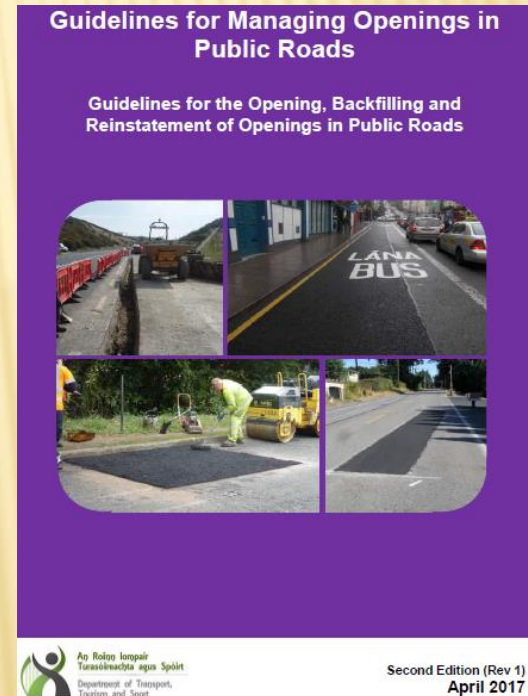




# Road Opening and Reinstatement - Advanced ( 1 Day)

# REASON FOR REVISION OF GUIDELINES

- National Consistency
- Updated Standards & Codes
- NRA (TII) Standards
- New Legislation
- Online Licensing (MRL)
- Compliance Required
- Reduce impact on road network
- Environmental/Economical factors
- Broadband, National Utilities







# BENEFITS OF THE MRL SYSTEM

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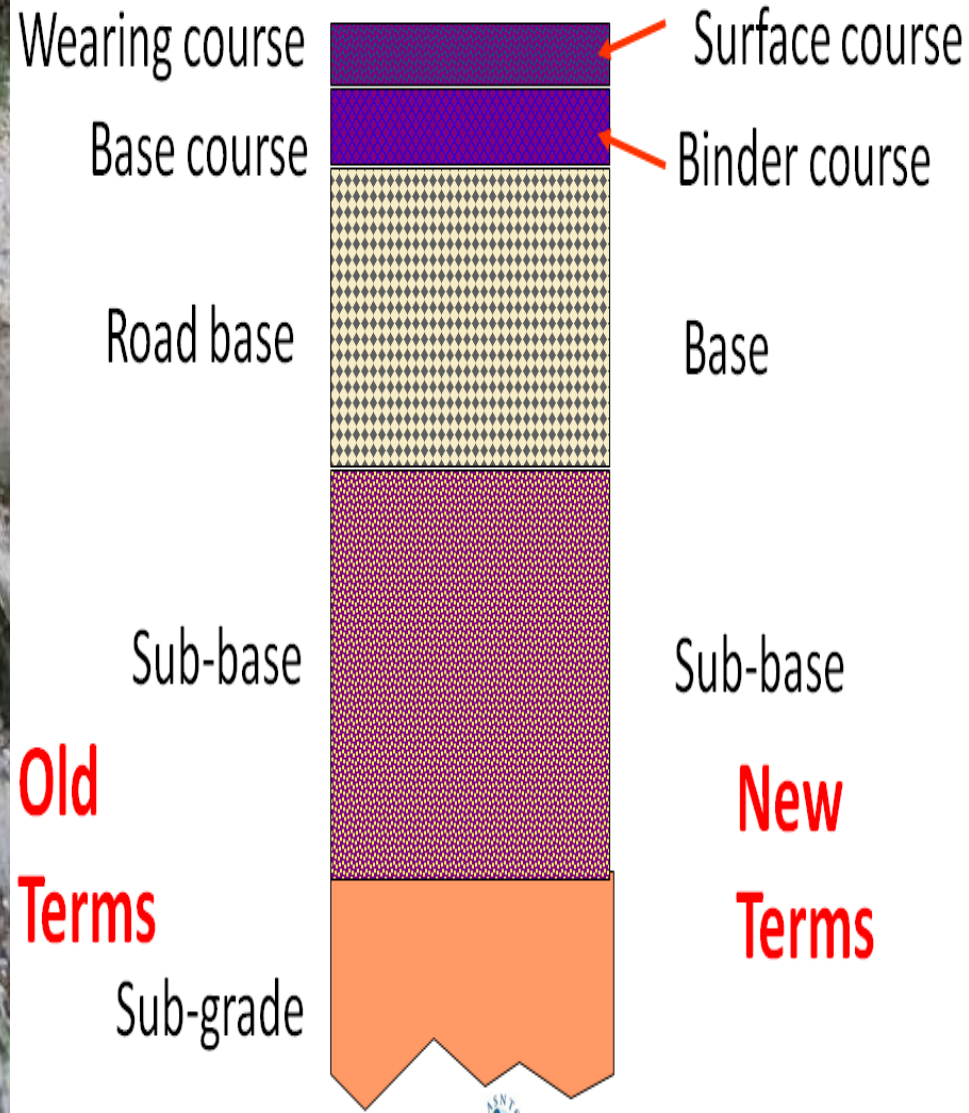
- Consistent National Approach
- Specific Authority and Applicant Responsibilities
- Communication between Applicant and Authority
- A Work Management System for Road Openings
- Unlimited capacity for Applications and Storage
- Increased Knowledge / Control of Roadworks
- Links to Local Authority Asset Management Systems
- Monitor Applicant and Authority Performance
- Reporting functionality for Applicant and Authority
- On-going development and improvement of processes



# History of Roads



## Macadam Roads (Design)



- **Correct methods of excavation**
- **Material appreciation**
- **Reinstatement methods:  
Temporary / Permanent to  
public roads and footpaths**
- **Compaction equipment /  
methods**
- **Reinstatement of Ironworks,  
Access Chamber, Street  
Furniture, Edges and Joints**









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# Consequences of Incorrect Procedures

- Road accidents
- Public liability claims
- Damage to services
- Waste of public resources















# WHY IS THIS HAPPENING ON OUR ROADS



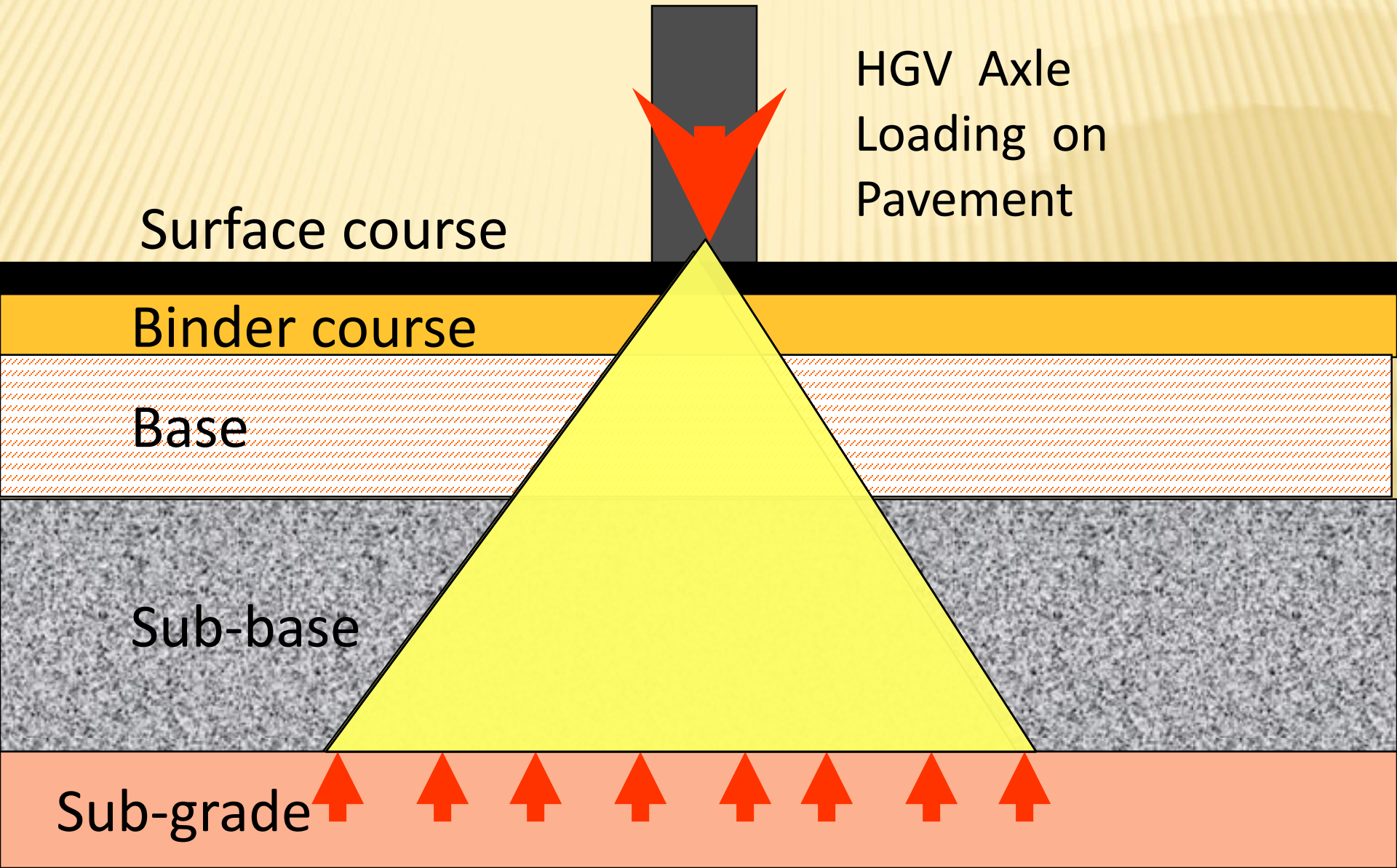


# MAIN CAUSES OF DAMAGE TO OUR ROADS

- causes of damage to road structure are Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV)
- 1 HGV = 10,000 Cars



# LOAD DISTRIBUTION







**RAMP**

**CAUTION  
RAISED  
MANHOLES**







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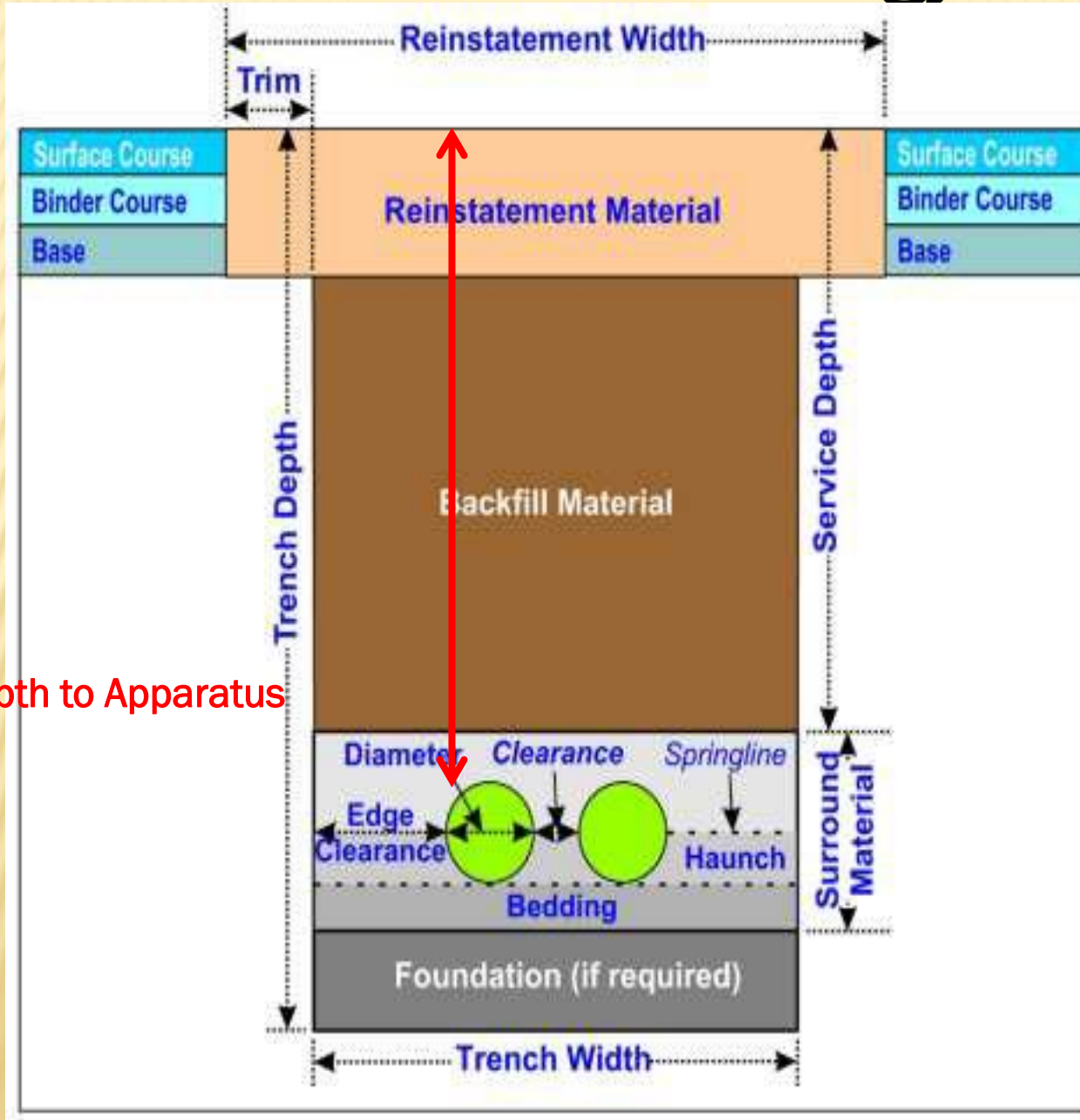
# WATER ENTERING THE ROAD STRUCTURE





## 6.3.5 Trench Terminology

Depth to Apparatus









Assessment of  
Ground  
Conditions at  
Base Level  
Penetrometer  
cone test









# Compaction Traditional Method



# MODERN COMPACTION

- ✖ Material should be compacted in layers by mechanical means using either Vibratory Rollers, Vibrating Plate, Vibrotamper
- ✖ Compaction plant should be selected carefully to give the best results on the material used





# Compaction

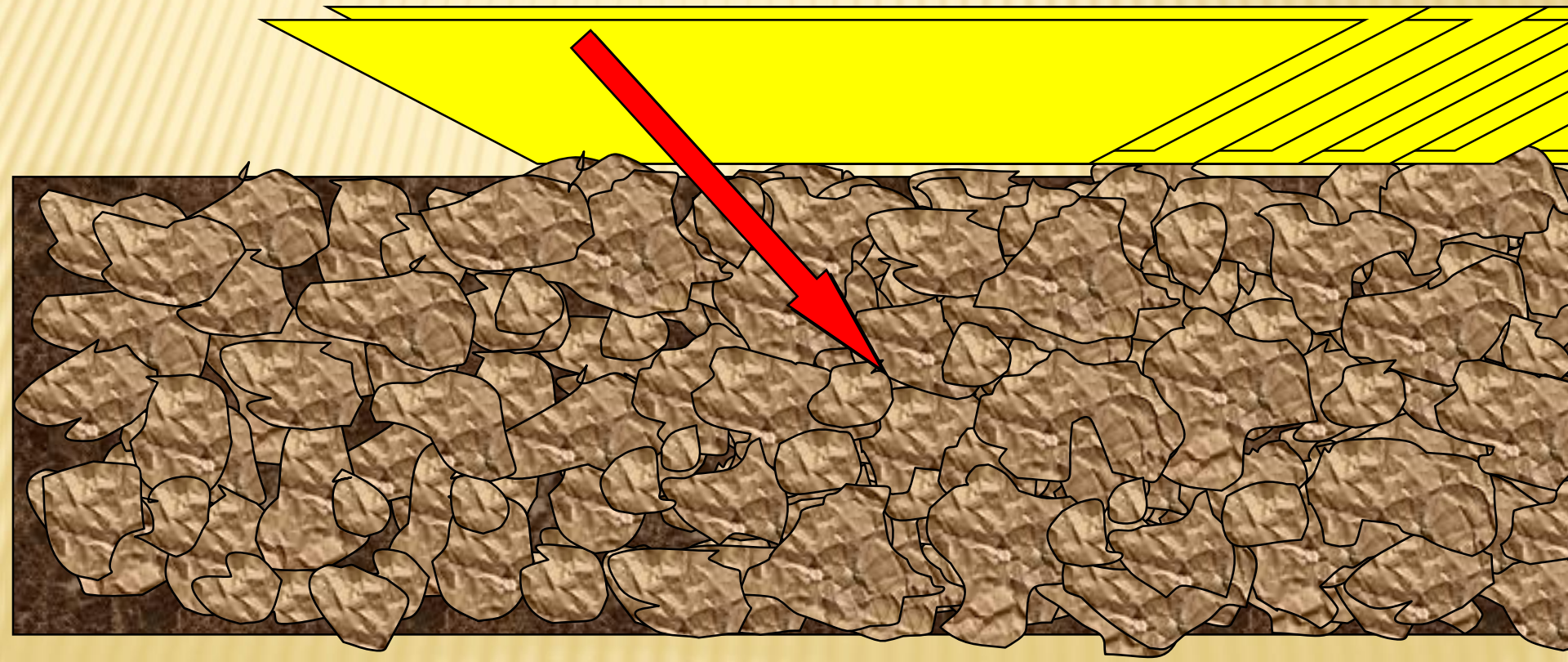
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## WHY?

- ✗ Consolidates materials
- ✗ Removes air voids
- ✗ Increases density and load bearing capacity of material
- ✗ Will prevent settlement

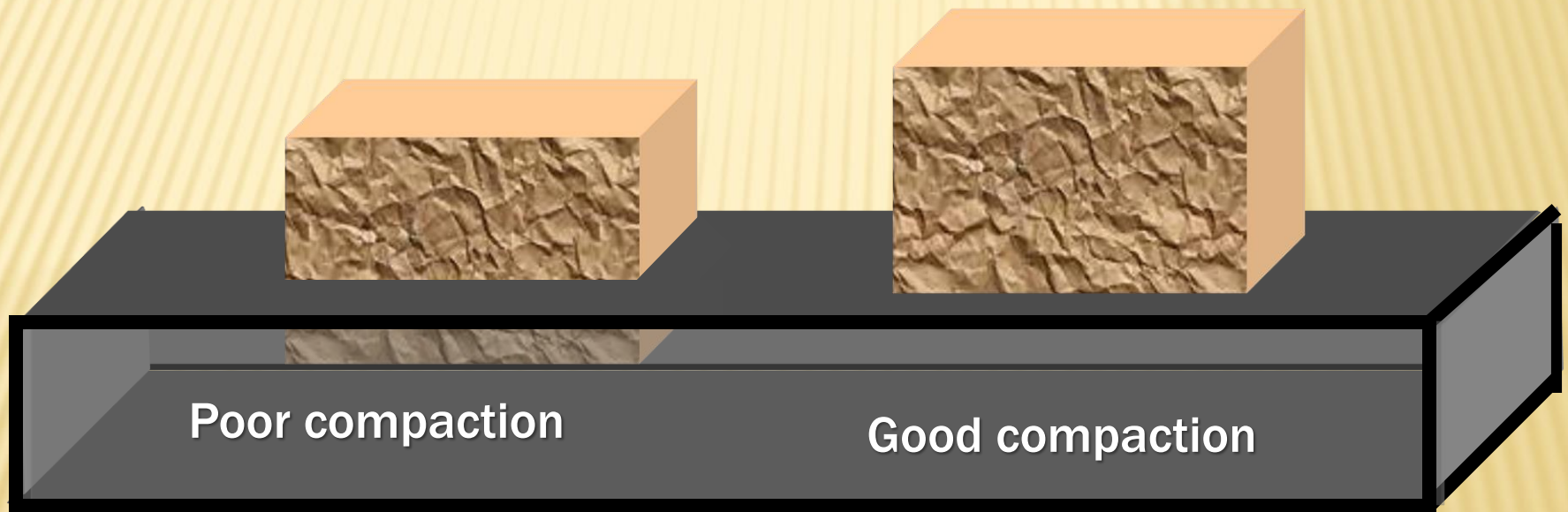
# Compaction of granular soil using a vibration plate

Note how particles become realigned closer together for greater strength.





# LOAD BEARING CAPACITY INCREASES



# METHODS OF CHECKING COMPACTION

**CBR - California Bearing Ratio**

**Impact Soil Tester**

**Nuclear density test**





**Table 6.5.4 Compaction Requirements for Unbound Materials/Bituminous Mixtures**

Type of Compaction Plant	Weight Category	Minimum passes per compacted lift thickness						
		Unbound Material			Bituminous Mixtures			
		100 mm	150 mm	200 mm	40 mm	60 mm	80 mm	100 mm
Vibratory roller; Single Drum	600 - 1000 kg/m	16	NR	NR	10	12	NR	NR
	1000 - 2000 kg/m	6	16	NR	6	10	NR	NR
	2000 - 3500 kg/m	4	6	10	5	7	8	NR
	Over 3500 kg/m	3	5	9	4	6	7	NR
Vibratory roller; Twin Drum	600 - 1000 kg/m	6	NR	NR	5	7	NR	NR
	1000 - 2000 kg/m	3	6	NR	4	5	6	8
	2000 - 3500 kg/m	2	3	4	3	4	4	6
Vibrating-plate compactor	1400 - 1800kg/m <sup>2</sup>	8	NR	NR	6	NR	NR	NR
	1800 - 2100kg/m <sup>2</sup>	5	8	NR	3	5	6	8
Vibro-tamper	50 - 65kg	4	8	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	65 - 75kg	3	6	10	NR	NR	NR	NR
	over 75kg	2	4	8	NR	NR	NR	NR
Power Rammer	100 - 500kg	5	8	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	over 500kg	5	8	12	NR	NR	NR	NR

**Alternative Compaction Plant for Areas of Restricted Access**  
(including small excavations and trenches less than 200 mm width)

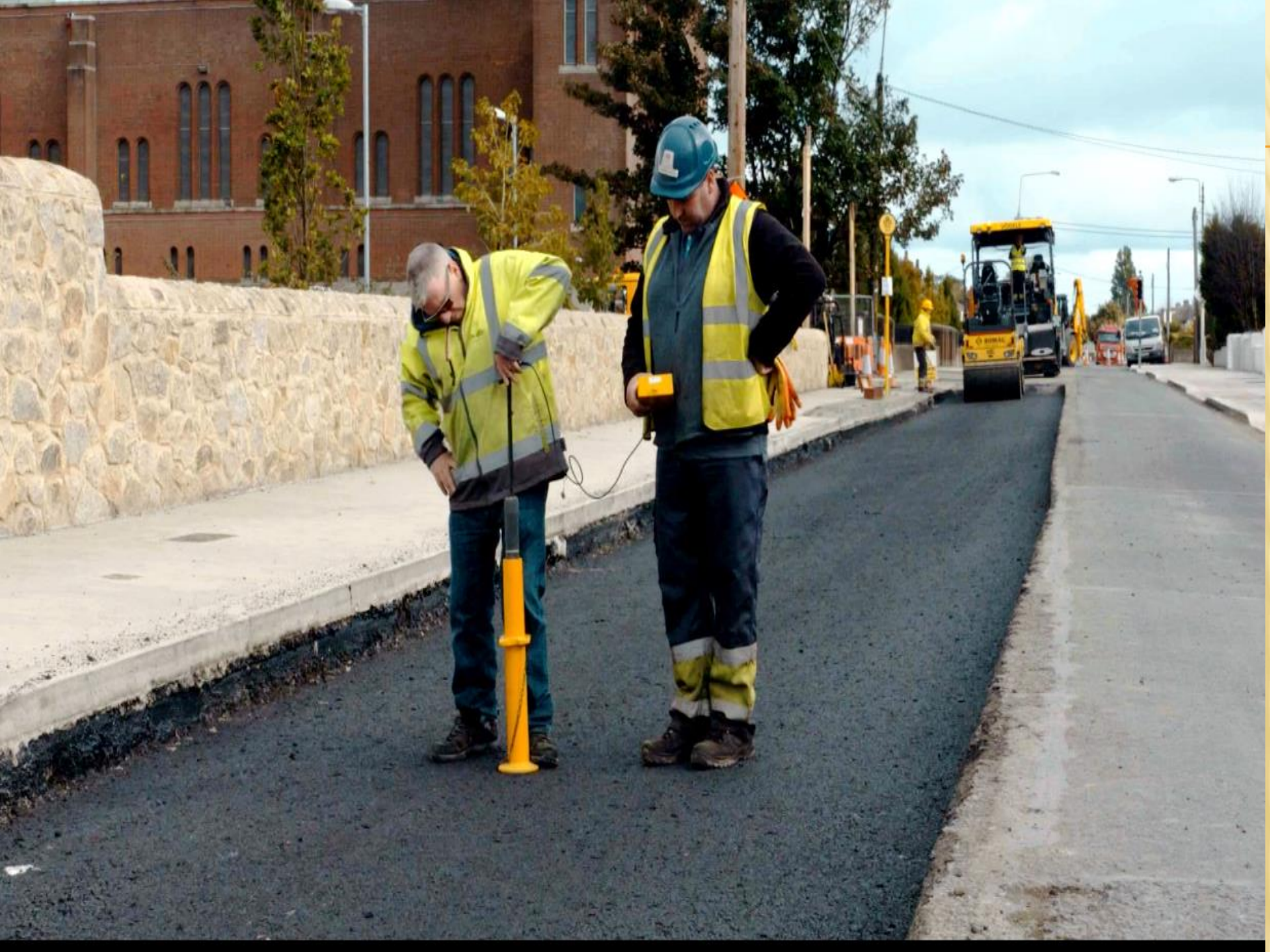
Vibrotamper 25 kg minimum	Minimum of 6 compaction passes Maximum of 100mm compacted lift thickness	Minimum of 6 compaction passes. Maximum of 75mm compacted lift thickness.
Percussive Rammer 10 kg minimum		

1) NR = Not Recommended

2) Twin drum vibrating rollers are preferred for compaction of bituminous mixtures

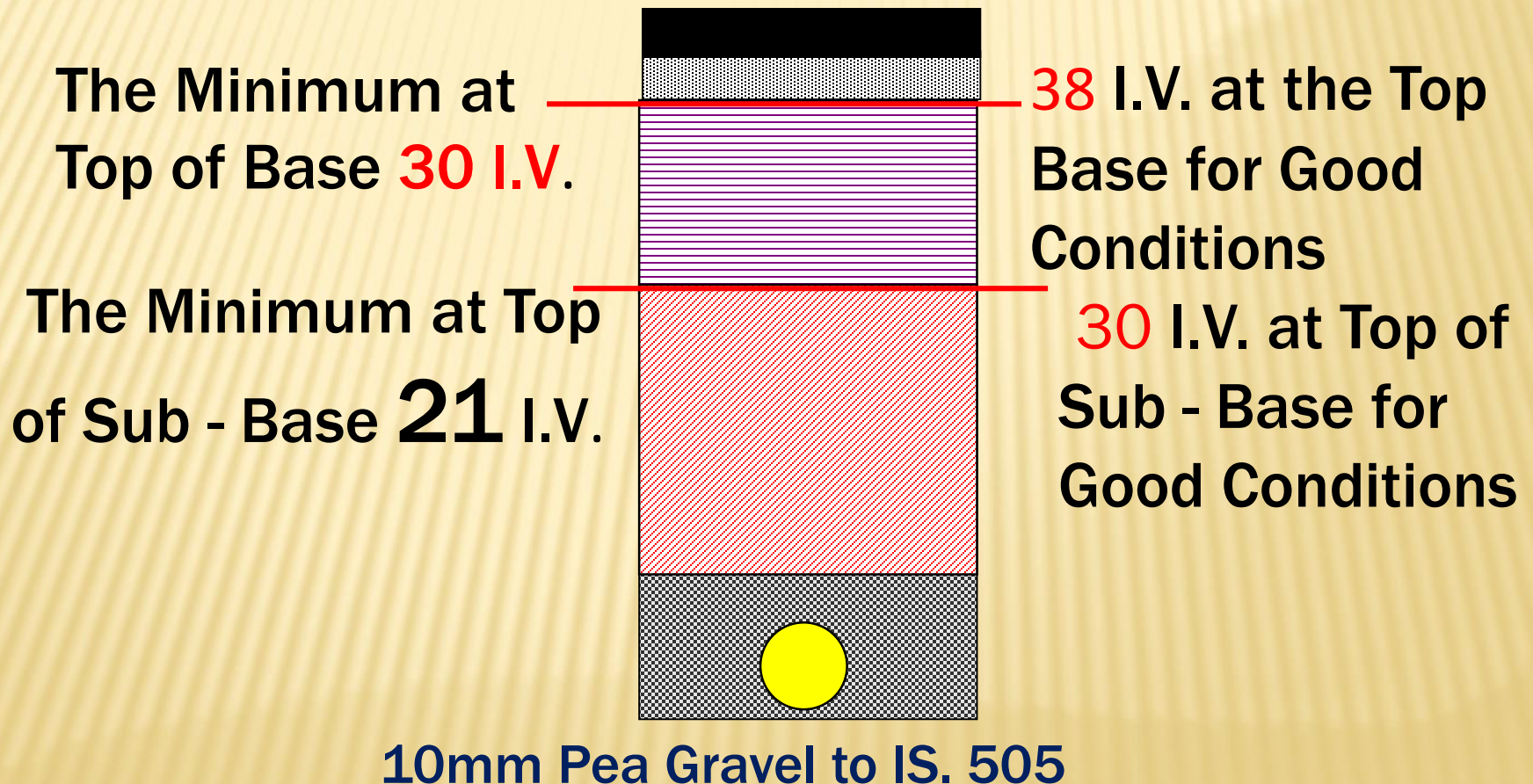
3) Single drum vibrating rollers are vibrating rollers providing vibration on only one drum

4) Twin drum vibrating rollers are vibrating rollers providing vibration on two separate drums





# Target Impact Values (I. V.) for Flexible Carriageway





CLEGG IMPACT SOIL TESTER

TYPE D51 2kg

22.10

IMPACT VALUE

DROP

ON

SDI<sup>®</sup>

SIMON DEAKIN INSTRUMENTATION

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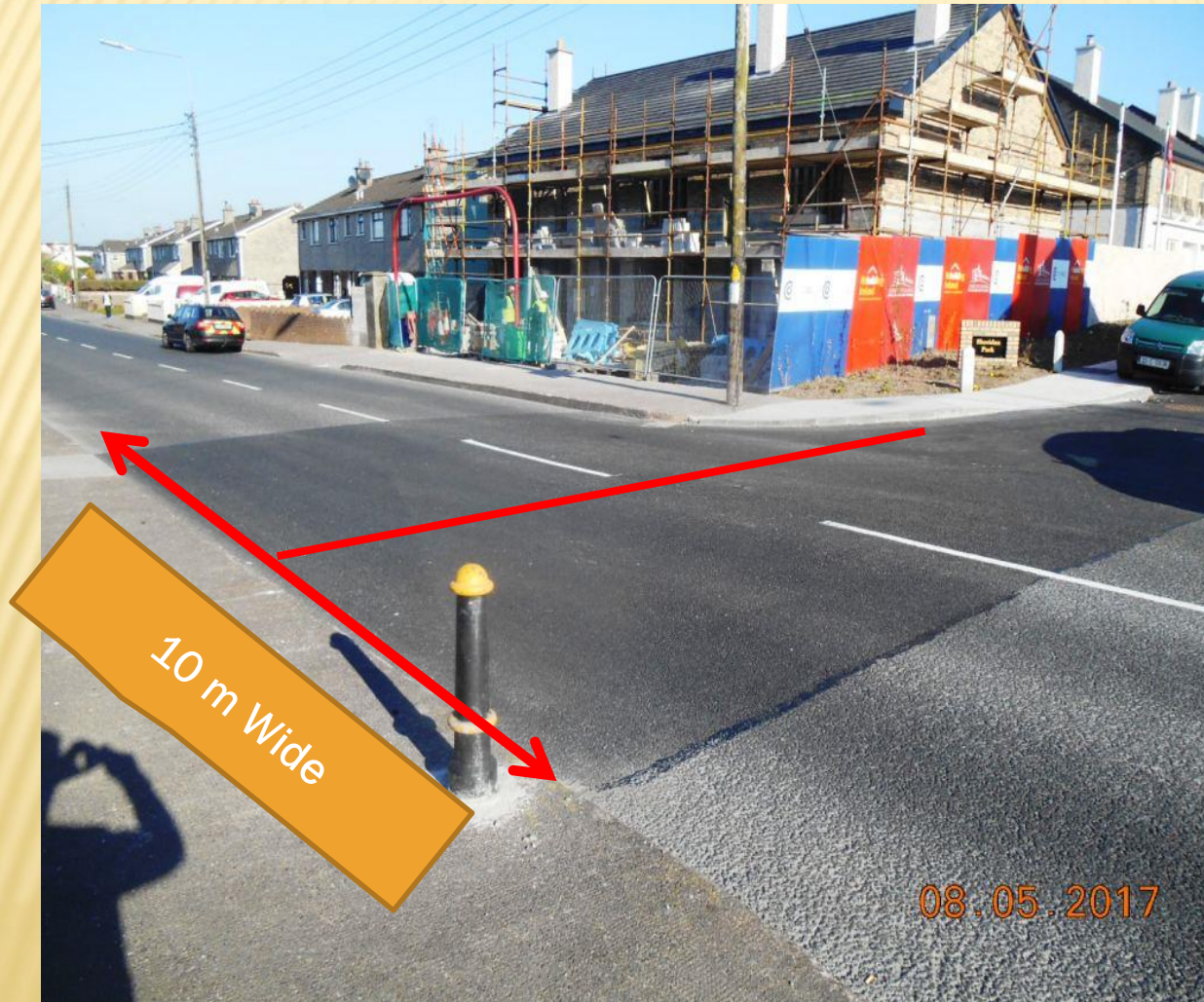


# Reinstatement Temporary and Permanent





# Additional Areas of Reinstatement



For transverse roadway crossings within the Protected Period

Full width reinstatement is required for a distance of 5m either side of the crossing.

# Additional Areas of Reinstatement



For transverse crossings within the Protected Period

Full footway bay reinstatement is required





<400mm

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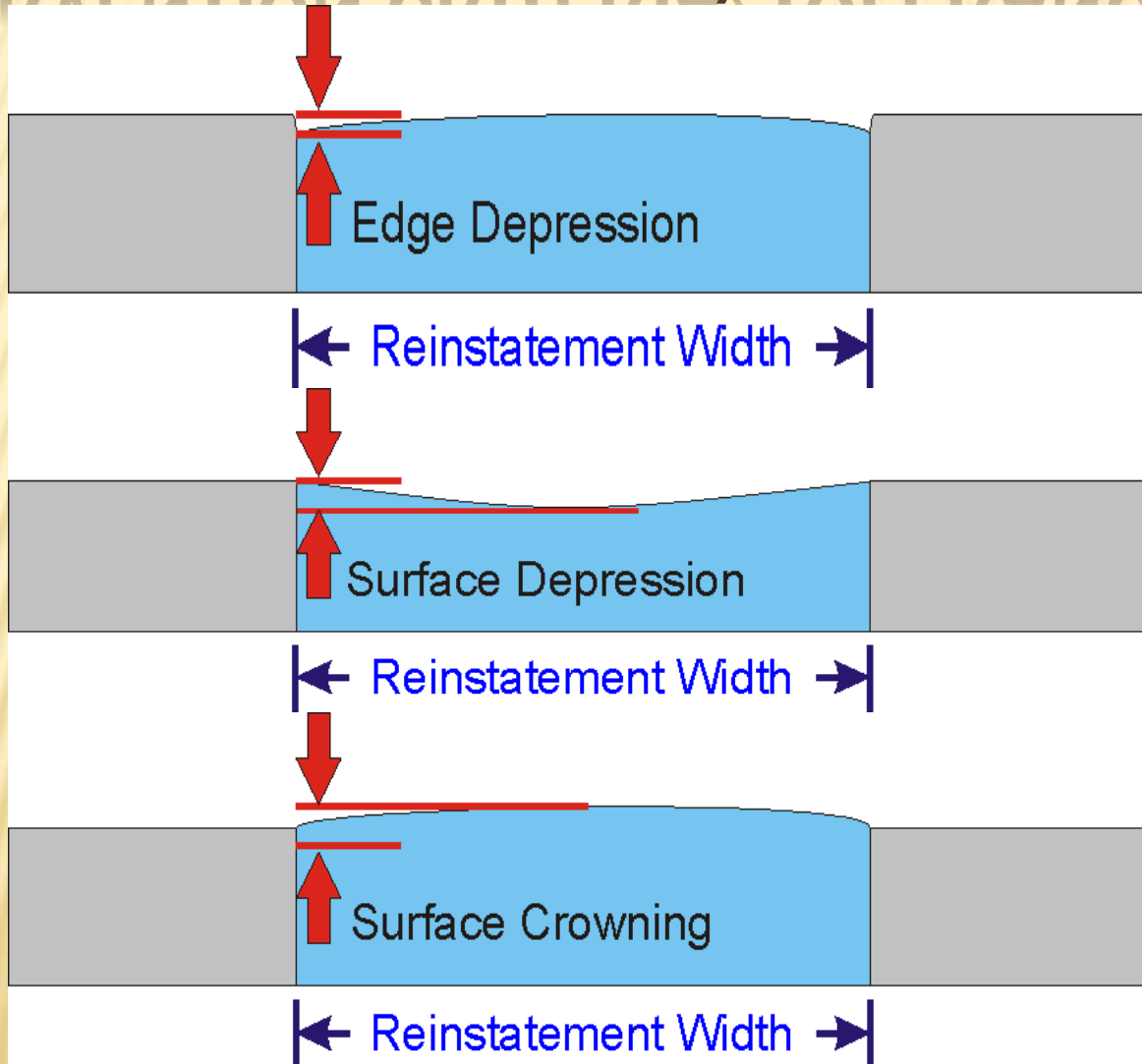
# JOINTING / OVERBANDING TAPE

- ✗ Joints sealed with hot bitumen and topped with fine sand/grit to get a minimum 55 skid resistance value and shall not exceed 3mm depth and 50mm width or other method approved by the road authority





# QUALITY CONTROL (INTERVENTION CRITERIA/TOLERANCES)







# INTERVENTION LIMITS FOR BITUMINOUS SURFACES

## TABLE 6.8.2 INTERVENTION LIMITS

Intervention	Reinstatement Width (mm)						
	≤400	>400 & ≤500	>500 & ≤600	>600 & ≤700	>700 & ≤800	>800 & ≤900	>900
Edge Depression	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Surface Depression	8	10	11	13	15	15	15
Surface Crowning	8	10	12	15	15	15	15
Combined Defect	10	10	10	12	12	12	22

# Defects

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## Surface Defect

- Ravelling
- Bleeding
- Wear and Polishing
- Pop-outs
- Scaling

## Pavement Deformation

Rutting  
Surface Distortion  
Faulting



# RECORD SHEET

## Basic Trench Reinstatement – Site Record Sheet

<b>Note:</b>	This record should be completed to demonstrate and record compliance with the requirements of the Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads. To ensure that adequate records are retained for the Approved Certifier, at least one site record sheet should be completed per: Licence <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Type <input type="checkbox"/> Single trench <input type="checkbox"/> 20 metres of trench <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
<b>Record Sheet Completed by</b>		<b>Date of Backfill</b>	
<b>Site Location</b>		<b>Date of Permanent Reinstatement</b>	
<b>Licence Number</b>		<b>Weather Conditions</b>	Wet <input type="checkbox"/> Dry <input type="checkbox"/> Freezing <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Client</b>		<b>Additional Information:</b> Location of cutting changes, Other Services, Underground structures	
<b>Standard Drawing No. (Purple Book)</b>			

Trench/ Opening Dimensions		
Length(m)	Width(m)	Depth(m)

Record of materials used on Site						
Layer	Date	Material	Supplier	Docket Ref	Quantity	Temperature °
Permanent Surface						
Base						
Backfill						Moisture content Correct Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Apparatus Surround						

Record of Site Tests			
Test Location	Test Type	Chainage (m)	Result
Formation	Penetrometer	1)	1)
		2)	2)
		3)	3)
During Backfill	Clegg Test	1)	1)
		2)	2)
		3)	3)
Top of Backfill	Clegg Test	1)	1)
		2)	2)
		3)	3)

<b>Comment(s)</b>	
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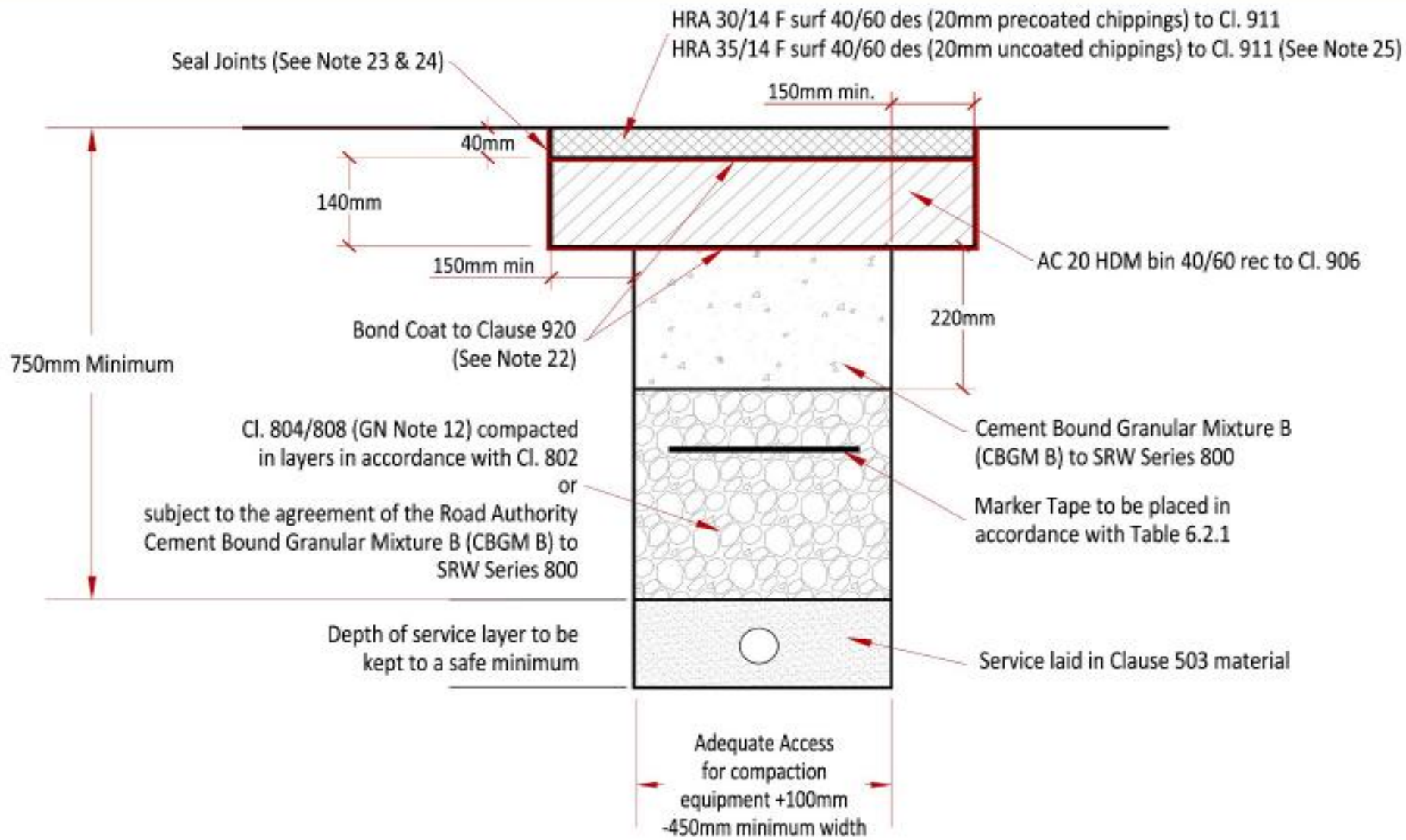
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# 14 STANDARD DRAWINGS

## Roadways: Longitudinal Openings at Heavy Duty Locations Permanent Reinstatement

Standard Drawing  
SD6





# General Reinstatement Notes ( GN1)

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Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads

General Reinstatement Notes	General Reinstatement Notes GN1
to be read in conjunction with Chapter 6, General Arrangement and Standard Drawings	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Compliance with these drawings and details are mandatory. Dependent on circumstances and where drawings provide options/alternatives, road authorities may specify one option only as being applicable. Where a utility has an approved equivalent detail for bedding and surround this may be substituted for the bedding and surround detail shown in the Standard Drawings, provided it is agreed with the road authority in advance.</li> <li>2. Full width/lane/bay reinstatement works shall be machine laid with materials used in accordance with TII Specification for Road Works and use materials and depths of reconstruction to match the existing surface. <i>Note: Surface Dressing does not constitute full width reinstatement unless the structural Asphaltic Concrete (AC) layer is provided over the full width.</i></li> <li>3. On approach to the works site, the name of the contractor and Licence Holder must be clearly displayed with a 24 hour contact number.</li> <li>4. All works shall have a temporary traffic management plan, which shall be available for inspection on site, and shall comply with the Traffic Signs Manual and health and safety requirements.</li> <li>5. Prior to any excavation works taking place, the location of all underground and over ground services must be identified and marked by a competent person trained in the use of cable detectors. Contact shall be made with all relevant service providers in this regard.</li> <li>6. All works and materials shall comply with the TII Specification for Road Works. Series 900 of that specification will be the March 2011 version. All other Series will be to the current version.</li> <li>7. Excavation on a road should not be closer than 500mm to the kerb line in order to prevent undermining of the adjacent footway. The trench should be located so as to avoid surface joints being located in the wheel track as far as reasonably practicable.</li> <li>8. All bound (or concrete) edges shall be saw cut to expose the full vertical thickness of each layer prior to excavation. All edges shall be essentially straight, smooth and vertical.</li> <li>9. Excavations shall be sufficiently protected to avoid harmful effects caused by weather or adjacent wheel loading.</li> <li>10. Refer to Chapter 6 for requirements on pipe/duct type/colour and marker tape.</li> <li>11. The method of work shall ensure proper compaction and such compaction may be tested by the road authority. To ensure adequate compaction, minimum clearances must be maintained vertically and horizontally between individual ducts or services installed in a group.</li> <li>12. CI.808 to be used within 500mm of cement bound materials, concrete pavements, concrete structures or concrete products. Otherwise CI. 804 may be used. Foamed concrete to CI. 1043 may only be used as a bedding material or backfill material with prior approval of the road authority. Cement Bound Granular Mixture B shall have a minimum strength class of C8/10, unless otherwise directed.</li> <li>13. Where steel plates or other trench covers are used, they must comply with Section 6.3.7.</li> <li>14. Hand laying of hot bituminous mixtures shall be restricted to the following circumstances: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. At the edges of the layers of material and at gullies, manholes and other ironwork.</li> <li>ii. In confined spaces where it is impracticable for a paver to operate.</li> <li>iii. At the approaches to expansion joints at bridges, viaducts or other structures.</li> <li>iv. Transverse reinstatements less than 4 metres in width.</li> <li>v. Longitudinal reinstatements less than 20 metres in length.</li> <li>vi. Surface course reinstatements of longitudinal excavations less than 1 metre in width.</li> <li>vii. Temporary reinstatement</li> </ol> <p>The method of laying shall be such that the finished surface is free from dragging, tearing and segregation of the material.</p> </li> <li>15. All surface course aggregate shall have a minimum PSV of 60 declared unless otherwise specified by the road authority. Temporary surfaces to be managed in accordance with RLS8/2007.</li> <li>16. Any damage to the road structure or areas adjacent to the opening and resulting from the works shall be repaired and included within the area to be reinstated.</li> <li>17. Where there are exceptional circumstances not covered by the drawings, the reinstatement specification must be agreed with the road authority.</li> </ol>	

- **4. All works shall have a temporary traffic management plan, which shall be available for inspection on site, and shall comply with the Traffic Signs Manual and health and safety requirements.**
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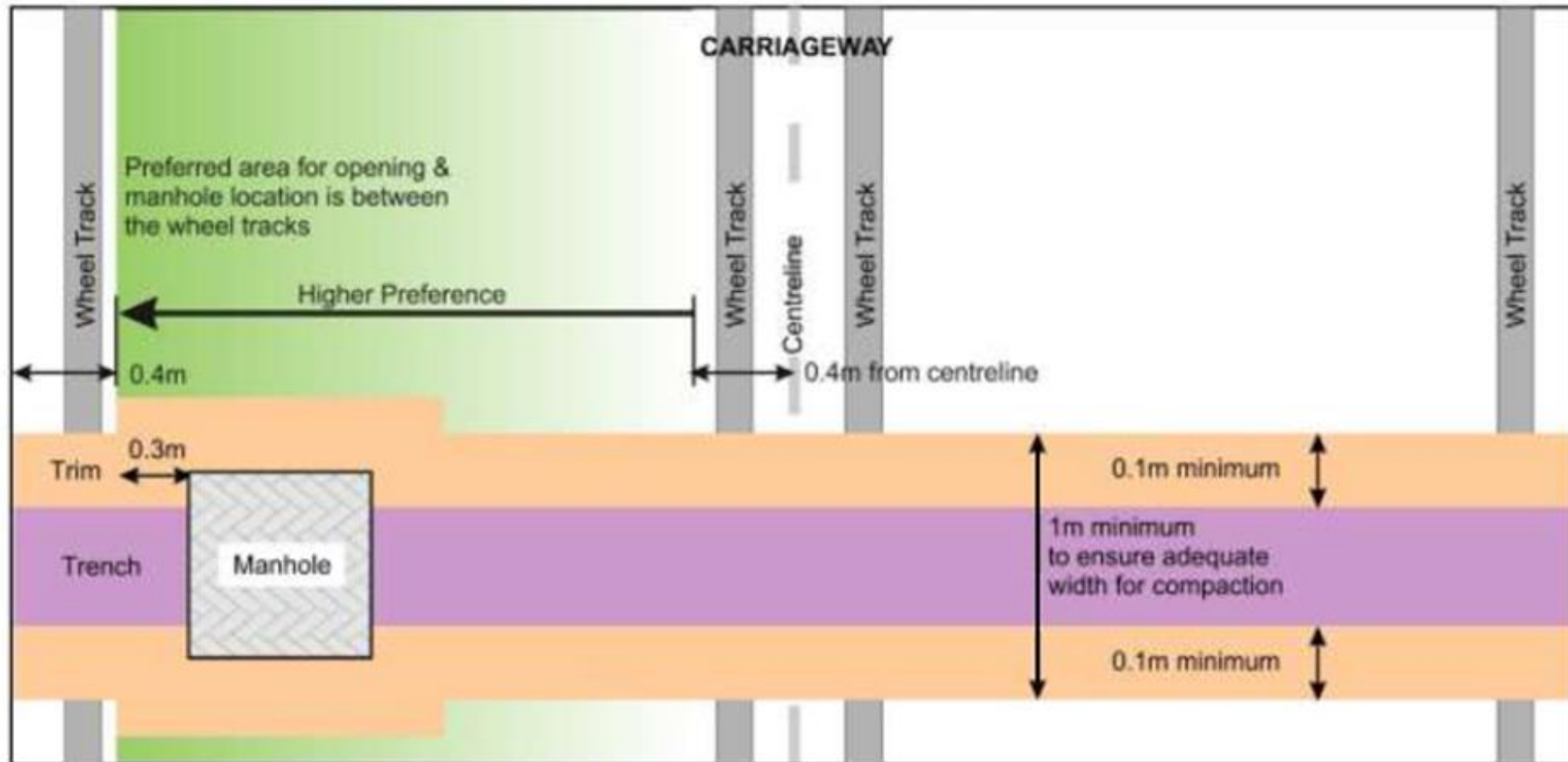


# 5 General Arrangements

## Transverse Opening

GA2 p85

Illustration shows 6m carriageway



# **Advanced Course will consist of :**

- **Key Elements of the Guidelines and Relevant Legislation**
- **MapRoad Roadworks Licensing System (MRL)**
- **Site Records**
- **Site Inspection(s)**
- **Dealing with Non-compliance and Unauthorised Work**
- **Completion of MRL Sign-off Actions at T5**



# OVERVIEW OF ENTIRE PROCESS

## Application

Purpose of Excavation

Location

Works Programme

Road Engineering Assets Affected

Road Traffic Asset Affected

Proposed Traffic Management

Declarations

Processed Conditions attached  
Fee/Charge Paid and Receipted

## Works

Updated with works if required



Jan-15						
Week	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
25	5	6	7	8	9	10
26	12	13	14	15	16	17
27	19	20	21	22	23	24
28	26	27	28	29	30	31

- > Works Programme Notification
- > Works Start Notification
- > Works Complete Notification

Works Programme

T5 Submission

Post Works Process

## Guarantee Period

If Intervention works required



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Proposed Traffic Management

Works Programme

**Role of T5 Approved Certifier**

License Closed

# Licence Holder Inspections:

**Shall be done by Applicant <4.5.7, 4.5.10, 5.2.1, Table 5.3>**

- To identify existing defects
- To record type and condition of Road Assets
- To check existing services
- Photographic Record

Pre- works

- For Quality Assurance
- To support T5 signoff
- To record any services or culverts encountered
- To provide as-built records (inc line and level)

During Works

- Re-measure reinstatements
- To certify reinstatement has been completed in accordance with the licence
- Condition of services is satisfactory



Post Works  
Signoff - T5

- For Quality Assurance (During)
- To closeout the licence <4.5.10>

During and at  
end of  
Guarantee  
Period



# Defects – Road Authority

- ✘ The Road Authority may carry out inspections on the performance standards during the Works and Guarantee Period, including an inspection at the end of the Guarantee Period
- ✘ Any defect identified during these inspections will require corrective action on the part of the Licence Holder prior to any take-over of responsibility by the Road Authority
- ✘ Any defect identified during the guarantee period will require corrective action on the part of the Licence Holder

# SITE INSPECTION CHECK LIST

- ✗ Location
- ✗ Geometry

The screenshot displays a software interface for site inspection. On the left, a map shows a residential area with a road and a river. A red line on the map indicates a trench, with a red arrow pointing to it from a red box labeled 'Trench'. A blue pin on the map indicates a point excavation, with a red arrow pointing to it from a red box labeled 'Point Excavations'. A pop-up window on the map shows details for an excavation with code PMY83Q.

**Trench**

**Point Excavations**

Excavation Code: **PMY83Q**  
Footway / Off Road Cycleway – Concrete  
Length (m): **2.00** | Width (m): **1.00** | Depth (m): **2.00**  
Kerb Affected (m): **2.00**  
Reinstatement Incomplete

Excavation Code: **PMY83Q** Close X

**Manage Reinstatement**

The details provided here must reflect the actual works that took place. Please update any excavations where the specifications have changed during the works. To proceed click 'Complete' on any excavation that has been reinstated. You can 'Reopen' a completed excavation to update the specifications.

*\*Length x Width x Depth – [Kerb] (Metres)*

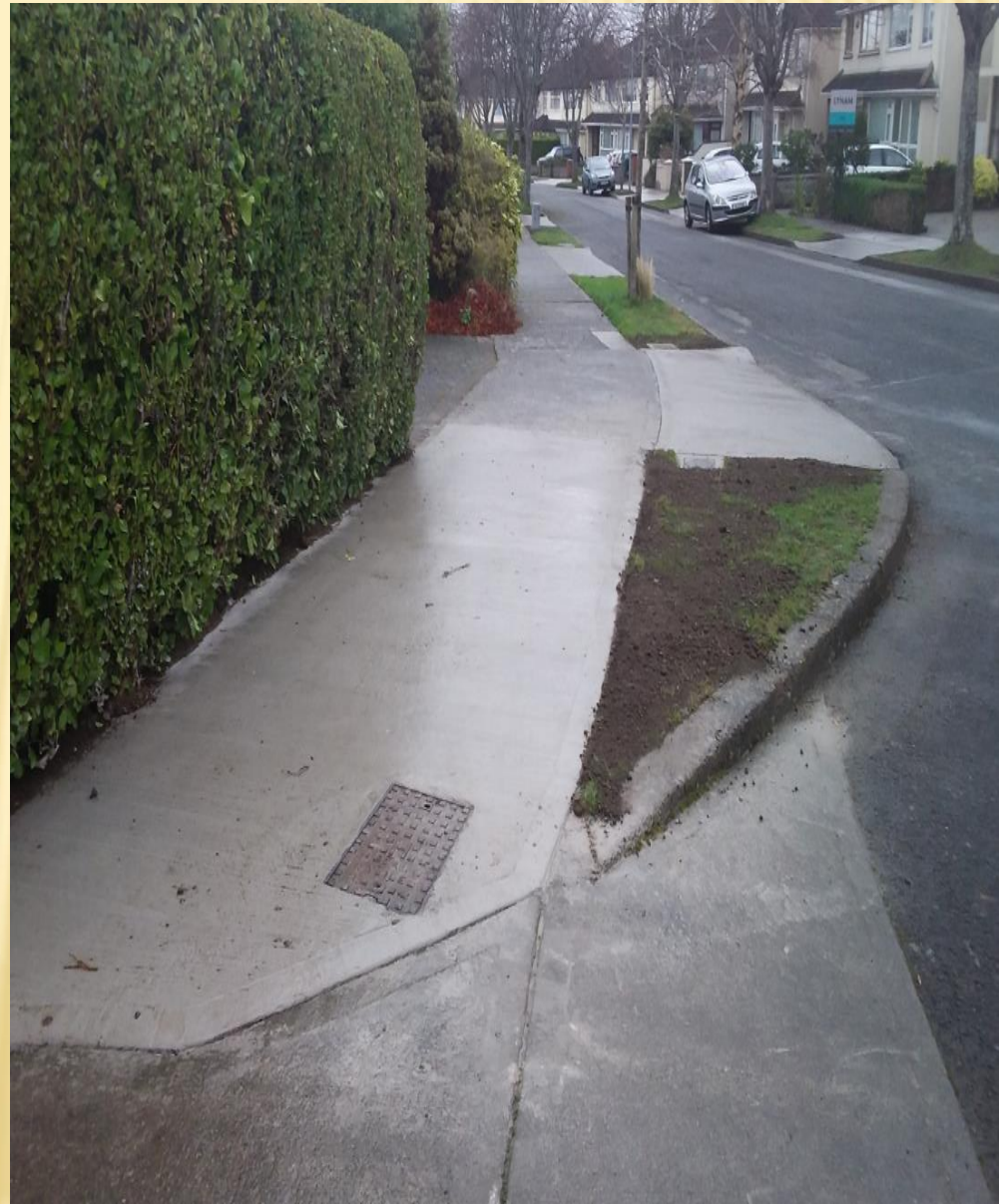
Footway / Off Road Cycleway – Concrete  
Measured: 2.00 x 1.00 x 2.00 – [2.00] Edit Complete

GPS | ING | ITM Latitude: 51.660458 Longitude: -9.260374



# Conclusion

- **Improve on current standards**
- **Consistent implementation**
- **Better compliance**
- **Reduced costs**
- **Everyone trained to a basic standard**



**So lets keep the Cowboys out !**





# Get Trained on the Basic and Advance Reinstatement Courses



## Roscrea Training Centre



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## Ballycoolin Training Centre



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## Castlebar Training Centre



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## Ballincollig Training Centre



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## Stranorlar Training Centre

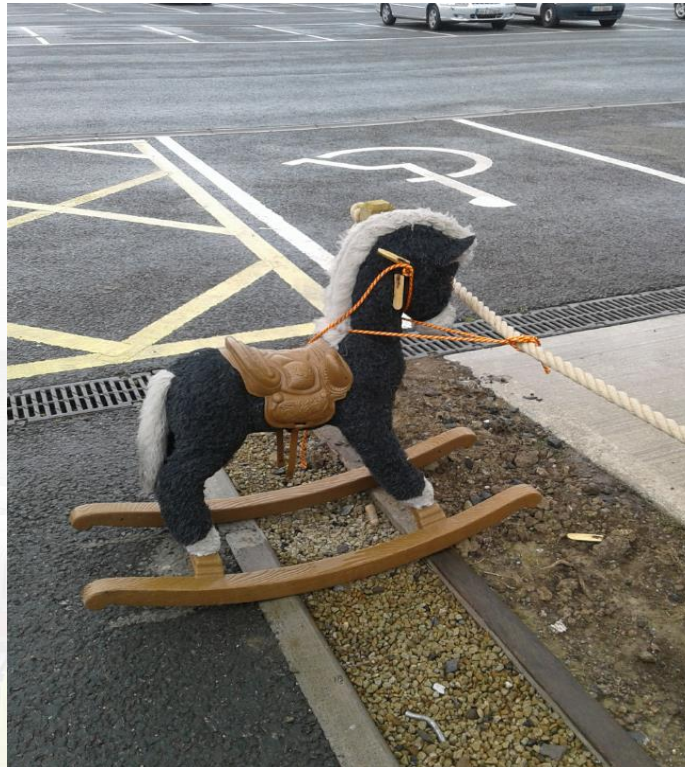


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# The Institute of Asphalt Technology Irish Branch



**Thanks Larry Carey DLR Co.Co.  
Keep on Rocking!!**