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Recent Prosecutions of Vodafone by Transport for London for Streetworks Offences

As you will already be aware, Vodafone has been convicted for nine streetworks offences in the last two years and ordered by the courts to pay more than £18,500 in fines and costs following four separate prosecutions during this period. Vodafone was also issued with 84 Fixed Penalty Notices within the same period.

The latest prosecution was for two offences committed in the course of executing streetworks in Archway, London, in May 2016, when Vodafone failed to serve required statutory streetworks notices following commencement and after completion of works. The notices were required to effectively coordinate streetworks and to minimise traffic disruption.

The court fined Vodafone a total of £3,340 for both offences and ordered it to pay TfL's investigation and prosecution costs of £2,750. In the course of sentencing the lead Magistrate remarked that:

"I have taken into account TfL's submissions and reasons for prosecuting these offences and also mitigation provided by Vodafone. I also considered that Vodafone was only recently prosecuted by TfL for various other offences and it is for that reason that we feel compelled to impose a fine we feel should send a strong message to Vodafone that lessons should be learnt and to take their responsibilities more seriously".

I do not want us to have to keep taking cases like this to court when instead we should be working together to minimise the disruption to London's road network while ensuring there are the right opportunities for necessary streetworks to take place.

We are successfully collaborating with other major utility companies to find ways to reduce road traffic congestion and adopt good practice when executing road works. I ask that you give urgent and meaningful consideration to how Vodafone can follow suit, and I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you in the near future.

Yours sincerely



Mike Brown MVO