

Douglas South By-election 2020

ELECTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY AND MANX UTILITIES PROPERTY

The Department of Infrastructure and Manx Utilities recognise that the campaign process for election candidates may include the siting of posters and banners, and will allow for these providing they do not adversely affect the safety of the Island's residents and visitors and those putting up the election material. Any campaign materials located at sites deemed by the Department to be hazardous to the public will be moved without reference to the candidate involved. The guidance below should therefore be observed by all candidates.

Timing

Banners or posters will be permitted from **Thursday 16th July 2020**, i.e. 6 weeks prior to polling day in the event of a contested by-election.

All posters and banners, including fixings, should be removed by **Sunday, 30th August 2020**.

Sizing

The maximum size of any material to be displayed is 15" x 24" (38cm x 61cm).

Siting

Banners and posters **should not** be affixed to or installed on the following:

- Traffic signals
- Regulatory signs, *such as* 'Stop', 'No Exit', 'Give Way' and speed limit signs

- Railings and guard rails
- Roundabout islands
- In any location which could cause hazard or reduced visibility for road users.

Local Authorities

The appropriate local authority should be approached for permission to affix banners and posters to street lighting and furniture or to place election material on any land in their ownership, for which each individual local authority is responsible.

Utility Companies

There is potential danger of electrocution in affixing banners and posters to Manx Utilities' electricity poles and sub-stations. Similarly there may also be dangers in relation to pumping stations and service reservoirs. Permission must therefore be sought from Manx Utilities prior to attempting to display material.

Private Property

This note does not cover the siting of election material on private property. In these circumstances permission must be sought from the property owner prior to the placing of election material.

Enquiries should be directed to:

Department of Infrastructure:

Tel: 850000

Manx Utilities:

enquiries@manxutilities.im