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Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Construction Logistics and Cyclist Safety (CLOCS) Standard and the Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS)**

I am writing to raise awareness of the Construction Logistics and Cyclist Safety (CLOCS) Standard and the the Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS), and to inform you of the steps the County Council is taking to adopt and promote the standard.

The CLOCS Standard brings the construction logistics industry together to manage work related road risk and ensure a road safety culture is embedded across the industry. The standard helps companies to follow effective practice in the management of their operations, vehicles, drivers and construction sites. Each requirement has been developed to reduce the risk of a collision between construction HGVs and vulnerable road users such as cyclists and pedestrians. More information can be found at [www.clocs.org.uk](http://www.clocs.org.uk)

FORS is an industry led accreditation scheme designed to help road freight operators improve operational performance and safety. Analysis of collision data shows that in 2012/13, FORS operators reduced injury collisions by 41% and total collisions by 21%. There are three levels of accreditation - Bronze, Silver and Gold and the CLOCS Standard is aligned to the Silver accreditation. More information can be found at [www.fors-online.org.uk](http://www.fors-online.org.uk)

The County Council has recently agreed to adopt the CLOCS Standard for its own vehicle fleet and drivers. It has also adopted a policy to improve awareness of CLOCS with construction related suppliers and intends to work towards only engaging suppliers in 2020 who meet the Standard. The Council will apply for FORS Bronze accreditation in 2016/17 and will then aim to achieve Silver, and ultimately Gold.

We intend to promote the use of CLOCS and FORS through our work with groups such as the North East Freight Partnership. We will also work with operators and representatives such as



yourselves. I would therefore be grateful if you could give this issue your attention and consider adopting the Standard.

One of the requirements for both CLOCS and FORS is attendance at a "Safe Urban Driving" course. The course provides drivers with defensive driving techniques and introduces vehicle technologies that are able to detect the presence of vulnerable road users. It also includes a practical 'on-road' cycle training module to give drivers a 'real life' experience of a cyclist's perspective. The North East Freight Partnership is currently providing the training free of charge and I would encourage you to take up this offer. More details can be found on the Partnerships website [www.northeastfreightpartnership.info](http://www.northeastfreightpartnership.info)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. A. Laux". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

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**Head of Technical Services**