

WHAT IS THE 'ABNORMAL LOADS LIAISON GROUP' (ALLG)?

- A group of industry Professionals and Technical Specialists, each engaged in the management of abnormal loads (Notifications and Movements) for their organisations
- Volunteers from a cross section of the notifiable authorities in England, Scotland & Wales to represent all such authorities (Councils, Highway Areas, Structure Owners, & Police Forces)
- Established formally in May 2015

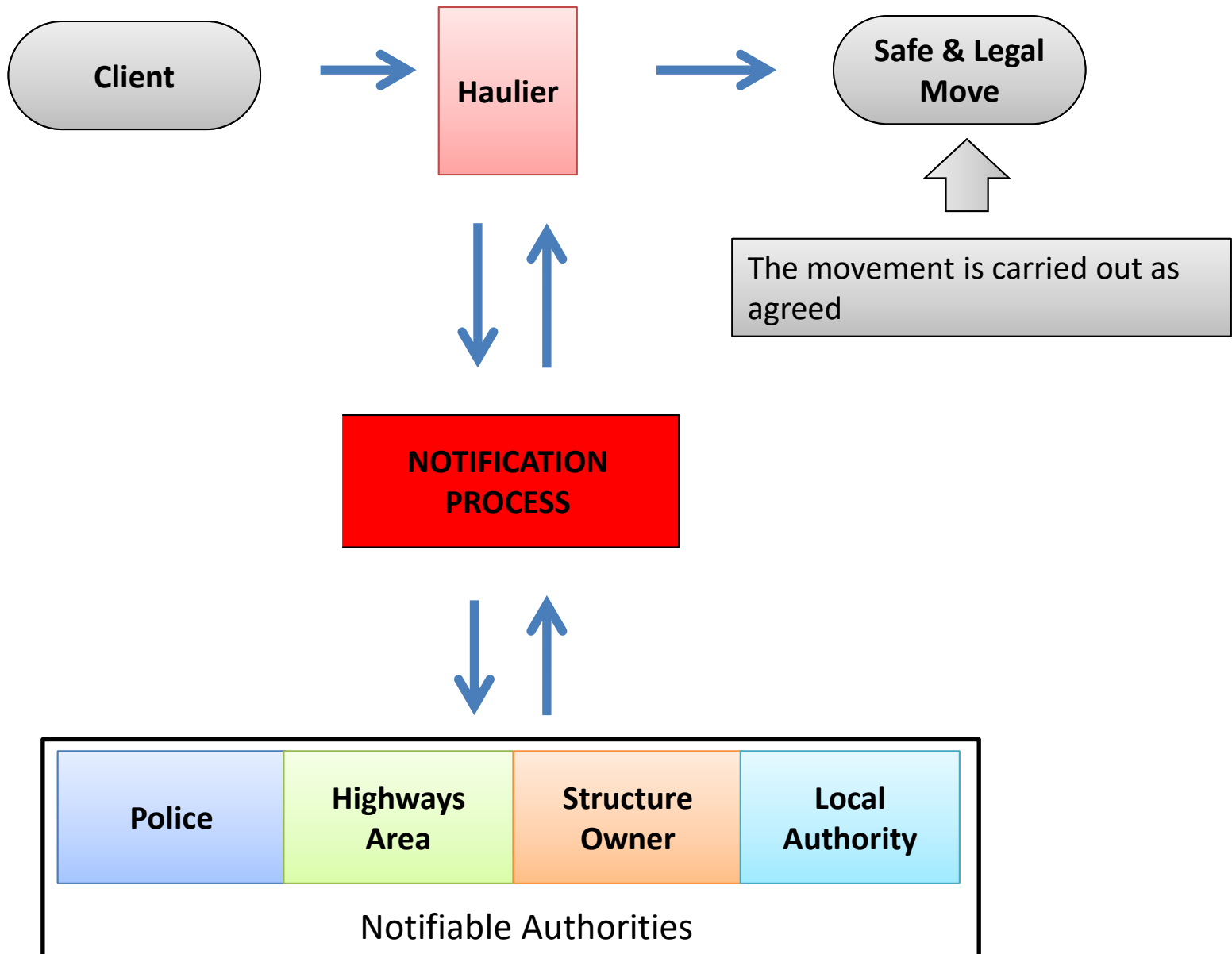
WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE ALLG?

- To provide a formal environment in which to improve the management of Abnormal Indivisible Loads, for the benefit of the Abnormal Loads Authority Community, the safety of the public and the protection of publicly funded assets and to support UK Plc

WHO ATTENDS ALLG MEETINGS?

- The 15 members of the Group and as many visitors as request to attend and can be accommodated by the meeting room size
- The ALLG welcomes visitors to its meetings 3 times a year and often has as many visitors as members in attendance.

Abnormal Loads – Why do we exist? – What Good look likes



Abnormal Loads – Why do we exist? – The Why



1. Client

Minimal awareness of obligations for a compliant movement

Hauliers not engaged until the last minute

No planning to ensure site suitability for Abnormal Load access

Too many non-compliant hauliers ready to move when problems arise

2. Haulier

Minimal chance of being caught

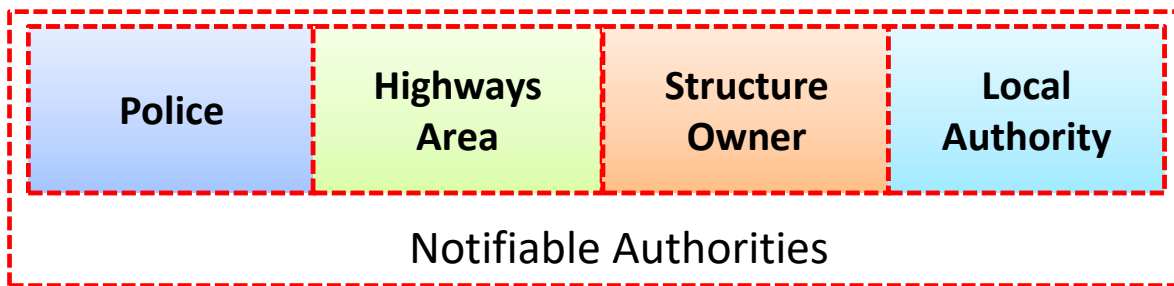
Minimal impact if caught

Conflicting authority policies place an unreasonable burden upon hauliers who attempt to be compliant

Legislation is ill defined, enabling many different interpretations of requirements



**NOTIFICATION
PROCESS**



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3. Police

Budget constraints have resulted in minimal, if any, policing of Abnormal Loads in large areas of the country

Lack of qualified officers and a lack of suitable training

Identifying non compliance is too time consuming

Penalties are insufficient deterrent

Lack of Intelligence provided by authorities



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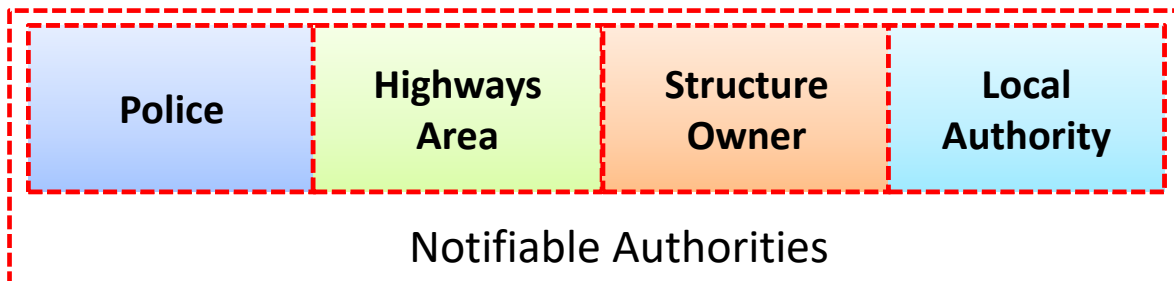
4. Highways Areas, Structure Owners & Local Authorities

Movements occur nationally but authority policies are frequently drafted in isolation.

Processes are either inconsistently implemented, frequently forgotten or changed, or conflict with neighbouring authorities.

Abnormal Load Officer often placed within structure teams, resulting in focus of process being on risk Mitigation, rather than on enabling Abnormal Load movements

Non-notification and minimal enforcement undermine the controls implemented and also create an un-level playing field for hauliers



ALLG STRATEGY TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUES

- **Establish a network of Regional Hubs to reach all authorities and encourage communication, collaboration and education**
- **Share best practice across the Notifiable Authority Community to develop a consistent approach**
- **Establish long-term solid links with haulage industry on which to base innovation and change moving forward**
- **Identify methods to improve & ensure haulier and crane operator compliance with the STGO Regulations**
- **Identify and consult with appropriate stakeholders both within and external to the abnormal loads community**
- **Facilitate the escalation of issues that lie outside the Group's reasonable control to appropriate bodies and organisations.**

CALL TO ACTION

Your individual organisations all receive abnormal load notifications from hauliers and crane operators

Whether there is a dedicated Abnormal Loads Officer who deals with them, or the task has been subcontracted to a third party,

... Encourage them to get involved with the Abnormal Loads Liaison Group

How can they do that?

- ✓ By emailing the Chairperson: abnormalloadsliaisongroup@networkrail.co.uk for further details and to make sure we have up-to-date contact details
- ✓ By attending the Regional Hubs as they open up around the country
 - Essex and Home Counties already up and running
 - Midlands, South West, South Coast and more in the pipeline