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JET Achieves FORS Silver Accreditation

The Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS) is a national accreditation scheme designed to help fleet operators improve and monitor operational performance and safety. Many of JET Plant's clients require their suppliers to be FORS Silver accredited and it's easy to see why.

FORS is a voluntary scheme that encourages best practice in safe working, legal compliance and environmental responsibility to improve the performance of fleet operations.

Steve Philips, JET Plant's Transport Manager, coordinated the 12 month, Silver accreditation process, culminating in JET receiving the award in August 2016.

This required all HGV, van and company car drivers to take a vulnerable road user and hazard awareness course which included online training as well as practical city centre cycle training.

The aim is to give fleet operators a better understanding of cyclist's behaviour and road positioning, making them more considerate drivers.



Modifications were also required to the vehicles to meet the FORS standards. For example: all HGVs over 7.5 tonnes were fitted with side under run protection, ensuring no gaps greater than 300mm were present between the front and rear wheels; a Fresnel lens was fitted to the nearside window eliminating blind spots and making it easier to see vulnerable road users and close proximity sensors were fitted to the nearside of vehicles to notify the driver if anything moves when they are turning left.

The FORS silver requirements are now aligned to the requirements of the Construction Logistics and Cyclist Safety (CLOCS) Standard which is also designed to reduce accidents involving vulnerable road users. FORS Silver also meets the requirements of TfL's Work Related Road Risk requirements (WRRR).

Sean Witheford, JET Plant's managing director commented, *"we are incredibly proud of the FORS Silver award. JET operate a fleet of 43 vans, 10 cars and 30 HGVs, so anything we can do to contribute to the safety of vulnerable road users is a good thing. The FORS Silver accreditation covers this both through modifications to our vehicles as well as driver training and competency – this assures clients that we are operating to the highest safety standards"*.



With advice and toolkits such as the 'Congestion Toolkit', which improves delivery plans and reduces the amount of time spent in traffic, to the 'Fuel Use Tracker' which records and tracks fuel usage,

monitors miles per gallon and CO², FORS Silver enables JET Plant to run a more efficient fleet, whilst reducing their environmental impact which, together with the enhanced safety performance, benefits everyone.