

## METHOD STATEMENT

### Outline machine lay

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After positioning at the start of the job, ensure brake is applied before the delivery vehicle can commence reversing on to the machine aided by a banksman. It is important to stress at this time that all employees are to wear high visibility clothing which includes high viz top and high viz trousers at all times, and that no person shall be exposed to the risk of being run over. Once material has been tipped into the machine, then a bed may be formed by hand with material prior to lowering the screed onto the ground. Once the machine is set to go and sufficient material is fed out paving may commence. Care must be taken to ensure that there are no overhead cables or obstructions to be compromised. Personnel working around the machine will be aware of potential hazards, and will keep non-personnel informed of the need to keep a safe distance.

Compaction is to be carried out by recognised compaction equipment and compaction to be in accordance with best working practises. The roller driver will take care to ensure that specifically the safety of the paver operatives will not be compromised and in any event will exercise due care to all property and persons.

All personnel shall wear the appropriate protective equipment.

Gas bottles where used are to be inspected for safe condition.

Gas pipes should be visually inspected for condition prior to lighting burners.

And regular tool box talks shall be held to discuss safety issues.

### General Requirements

Before starting work ensure that the working area is safe.

Ensure that due consideration is afforded to other persons working in the area.

Ensure hand tools are not carelessly left laying around .

Try not to leave machinery where it will be in the way of others. Footways are of particular concern with regard to carelessly discarded tools as these are the rights of way for the young, the old, the infirm and the partially sighted.