Basic requirements

Hoardings:

- Must be a minimum of 2.5 metres high and able to withstand high winds
- Must have illumination
- Must have a smooth finish with no protruding parts
- Must have pedestrian walkways of satisfactory width maintained or provided, and regularly inspected by the contractor
- Take into account disable access where possible

Scaffolding:

- A safe working area at ground level must be provided – to prevent pedestrians gaining access during the erection or dismantling period. This means in the town centre, this work must be carried out outside normal working hours – after 6pm or before 8am on a Sunday.
- Illumination is required unless no part of it is less than 0.45 metres (18 inches) from a carriageway in a horizontal direction and no part of it over a footway is less than 2.4 metres (8 feet) above the footway.
- A pedestrian walkway must be maintained around the scaffold. If this cannot be arranged, it must be designed in such a way that allows access under and through the scaffold safely – with no trip hazards, no projecting tubes or fittings, and covered adequately to provide a working platform and to prevent materials or debris falling through. Poles must be highlighted. A reasonable free walking width (usually 1.5 m) must be maintained to enable persons in wheelchairs or prams, etc, to pass by the scaffold safely.

Lighting:

- Baulk timbers must be illuminated along their upper surfaces by red lights set at intervals no greater than 3 metres.
- A hoarding that is on the carriageway – or is 45cm or less from the kerb face – shall be illuminated by red lights set at intervals no greater than 3 metres. The lights shall be positioned at a height of approximately 1.8 metres.
- A hoarding which forms one side of a temporary walkway or one side of a stretch of unenclosed footway shall be illuminated by white lights set at intervals no greater than 3 metres.

This is intended as a general guide to the minimum standards. Additional requirements may apply as a result of the on-site assessment which forms part of the licensing process. The contractor is responsible for maintaining the hoarding in a safe condition at all times.