

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD 11 SEPTEMBER 2012

- Subject:** Kent Lane Rental Scheme
- Director/Head of Service:** Director of Kent County Council, Highways and Transportation
- Decision Issues:** These matters are within the authority of Kent County Council
- Decision:** For information
- CCC Ward/KCC Division:** All
- Summary:** Briefing note advising Members of the current consultation on the Kent Lane Rental Scheme. The scheme aims at further cutting congestion on key routes by giving those working on the highway a clear financial incentive to reduce the scale and duration of roadworks on the busiest roads.
- For Information:** **This report is for Members' information.**
- Classification:** THIS REPORT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Background

Kent County Council has begun consulting on plans aimed at further cutting congestion on key routes by giving those working on our highways a clear financial incentive to reduce the scale and duration of roadworks on the busiest roads.

By implementing a Lane Rental Scheme, Kent would be able to impose a charge of up to £2,000 per day on companies that dig up the busiest roads on the network at peak times. Kent is the first county council to move forward with this new and innovative type of scheme.

Revenue generated by the Kent Lane Rental Scheme will be invested in further work to cut congestion in Kent. It follows the introduction two years ago of the ground-breaking Kent Permit Scheme, which requires companies to apply for permission to dig up a road. This allows the county council to manage and co-ordinate works – getting firms to work at the same time instead of digging holes separately – minimising jams and delays suffered by motorists and other road users.

The permit scheme also allows the council to apply conditions on roadworks, such as increasing the number of gangs, lengthening the hours worked each day, restricting work to holiday periods, and working a seven-day week, to

make sure the job gets done in the shortest possible time. It has cut the duration of road works by one day in every 20, according to a report published into the scheme's first year.

For further information on the 12-week Kent Lane Rental Scheme consultation, including roads that would be included, please visit:

www.kent.gov.uk/kentlane2012

Conclusion

This report is for Members information only. The consultation runs from **25 Jun 2012 at 09:00** to **17 Sep 2012 at 17:00**.

To participate in this consultation, please refer to the documents below on the KCC website before submitting your comments.

<http://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/kentlane2012/consultationHome>

You can either complete the on-line form using the following link:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/af3/an/default.aspx/RenderForm/?F.Name=f4zVRwRZ6dU>

Alternatively, comments on the scheme can be submitted to Kent County Council electronically via email kent.lanerentalscheme@kent.gov.uk or via written correspondence to Lane Rental, Roadworks Team, Highways Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8AH.

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