

EQIA Submission – ID Number

Section A

EQIA Title

Capital Drainage Framework

Responsible Officer

Earl Bourner - GT TRA

Type of Activity

Service Change

No

Service Redesign

No

Project/Programme

No

Commissioning/Procurement

Commissioning/Procurement

Strategy/Policy

No

Details of other Service Activity

No

Accountability and Responsibility

Directorate

Growth Environment and Transport

Responsible Service

Drainage Asset Team (Highways and Transportation)

Responsible Head of Service

Andrew Loosemore - GT TRA

Responsible Director

Haroona Chughtai - GT TRA

Aims and Objectives

Commencing in the financial year of 2020/21, KCC Highways drainage team have been allocated additional capital funding to address the prevailing backlog of drainage schemes. To ensure the programme was delivered, KCC procured a multi-contractor framework to supplement its Highway Term Maintenance Contract during this period.

This framework expired in December 2022 with the outstanding call off contracts, which were commissioned before this date, soon due to expire. The future works programme requires a replacement framework.

The replacement Capital Drainage Framework is designed to enable the commission and delivery of works deemed to be low risk and generally include but are not limited to the following activities:

- Scheme works which may include new surface water drainage systems, including drains, pipe work, culverts, pumping stations, and/or new SUDS retro fit features, manholes/Catchpits, soakaways, gullies, improvement works to ponds and lagoons, etc.
- Routine maintenance, such as ironworks, ditching and siding, etc.
- Replace or repair damaged assets which may include broken pipes, deep bore of existing soakaways, broken covers, manholes, gullies, brickwork including headwalls, damaged culverts, etc.
- General Reinstatement works including carriageway repairs.

A Framework is to be established with up to three Suppliers to deliver the pipeline of work based on a rotation approach. Schemes or packages of schemes over £25k will undergo a mini competition procedure. This will be operational by the summer of 2023 to meet the planned schedule of forthcoming drainage work and will continue to supplement the Highway Term Maintenance Contract during this period

There is no workload guarantee in the framework agreement. All work awarded to contractors will incorporate a discrete contract (from the NEC 4 suite) and will be commissioned in accordance with the appropriate governance routes.

The current budget for Capital Drainage works is £4.5m for this financial year (23/24). This will be split between the Highway Term Maintenance Contract and this Framework.

The Highway Asset Management budget which includes drainage is part funded by Department for Transport and Kent County Council through borrowing. The budget for these works will vary each financial year due to the asset management and risk approach across the highway network. This will determine the amount of works that will be commissioned through this framework. Other services will be able to utilise this framework should the scope meet their needs.

A competitive procurement process will appoint the three best value suppliers from the SOR submitted which will demonstrate value for money. While the SOR will increase in line with inflation, the allocated funding is not uplifted annually, therefore it is imperative finding a solution that maximises cost efficiency and continuity.

The findings are that there are no Protected Characteristics that will be impacted upon either positively or negatively as a consequence of the proposed commission. This commission will enable a route to market for individual schemes/projects. There is no workload guarantee, thus all schemes/projects procured through this framework will have their own separate contract, specification and pricing option which will be required to be taken through the appropriate governance procedures.

There is no major change or type/volume to the services being delivered to the public, and therefore no interaction is needed at this stage.

All individual schemes/projects will therefore be required to produce their own EqIA specific to the work. These will be carried out by the responsible manager.

Any policy changes that directly affect Kent residents and this framework will also have individual associated EqIAs carried out by the responsible manager.

Section B – Evidence

Do you have data related to the protected groups of the people impacted by this activity?

Yes

It is possible to get the data in a timely and cost effective way?

No

Is there national evidence/data that you can use?

No

Have you consulted with stakeholders?

Yes

Who have you involved, consulted and engaged with?

Drainage Asset Team

Has there been a previous Equality Analysis (EQIA) in the last 3 years?

No

Do you have evidence that can help you understand the potential impact of your activity?
Yes
Section C – Impact
Who may be impacted by the activity?
Service Users/clients Service users/clients
Staff Staff/Volunteers
Residents/Communities/Citizens No
Are there any positive impacts for all or any of the protected groups as a result of the activity that you are doing?
No. Note: If Question 17 is "No", Question 18 should state "none identified" when submission goes for approval
Details of Positive Impacts
None identified
Negative impacts and Mitigating Actions
19. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Age
Are there negative impacts for age?
No. Note: If Question 19a is "No", Questions 19b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
Details of negative impacts for Age
Not Completed
Mitigating Actions for Age
Not Completed
Responsible Officer for Mitigating Actions – Age
Not Completed
20. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Disability
Are there negative impacts for Disability?
No. Note: If Question 20a is "No", Questions 20b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
Details of Negative Impacts for Disability
Not Completed
Mitigating actions for Disability
Not Completed
Responsible Officer for Disability
Not Completed
21. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Sex
Are there negative impacts for Sex
No. Note: If Question 21a is "No", Questions 21b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
Details of negative impacts for Sex
Not Completed
Mitigating actions for Sex
Not Completed
Responsible Officer for Sex
Not Completed
22. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender
Are there negative impacts for Gender identity/transgender
No. Note: If Question 22a is "No", Questions 22b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval

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Negative impacts for Gender identity/transgender
Not Completed
Mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender
Not Completed
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender
Not Completed
23. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Race
Are there negative impacts for Race
No. Note: If Question 23a is "No", Questions 23b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
Negative impacts for Race
Not Completed
Mitigating actions for Race
Not Completed
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Race
Not Completed
24. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Religion and belief
Are there negative impacts for Religion and belief
No. Note: If Question 24a is "No", Questions 24b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
Negative impacts for Religion and belief
Not Completed
Mitigating actions for Religion and belief
Not Completed
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Religion and Belief
Not Completed
25. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation
Are there negative impacts for Sexual Orientation
No. Note: If Question 25a is "No", Questions 25b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
Negative impacts for Sexual Orientation
Not Completed
Mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation
Not Completed
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation
Not Completed
26. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity
Are there negative impacts for Pregnancy and Maternity
No. Note: If Question 26a is "No", Questions 26b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
Negative impacts for Pregnancy and Maternity
Not Completed
Mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity
Not Completed
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity
Not Completed
27. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
Are there negative impacts for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
No. Note: If Question 27a is "No", Questions 27b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for

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Negative impacts for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
Not Completed
Mitigating actions for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
Not Completed
Responsible Officer for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
Not Completed
28. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Carer's responsibilities
Are there negative impacts for Carer's responsibilities
No. Note: If Question 28a is "No", Questions 28b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
Negative impacts for Carer's responsibilities
Not Completed
Mitigating actions for Carer's responsibilities
Not Completed
Responsible Officer for Carer's responsibilities
Not Completed