



Keeping Kent
moving

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Kent County Council is committed to keeping Kent moving by ensuring Kent's road network and utility services are well maintained. We make sure any essential works are managed to limit the amount of disruption to road users, while ensuring safe and reliable roads.

So that KCC can manage the road network effectively, the Kent Lane Rental Scheme (KLRS) has been introduced to work alongside the Kent Permit Scheme. The scheme works by charging a daily charge to those carrying out work on the highway (promoters), if their works are required to be carried out and restrict the highway during busy periods such as rush hour.

The aim of the KLRS is to incentivise those carrying out works on critical roads to plan and execute their work so that they take place outside of traffic-sensitive times and other busy periods such as during term times.

The KLRS does not apply across the whole of Kent. It is applied to specified locations identified within the KLRS schedule of roads, which represent the most critical and busiest parts of the county's road network.

The KLRS and associated KLRS schedule provide the scope of the Kent Lane Rental Scheme. Further details are provided in the KLRS Operational Guidance and Surplus-Revenue Governance documents, which can be found on the KLRS webpage:

www.kent.gov.uk/lanerentalscheme

KLRS in action

Case study 1

When a pedestrian crossing in Gravesend needed repair, scheme engineer Tony Atherton used an innovative – approach. By uncovering the old road, which was under the pavement, he used tarmac to bring the level of the existing road surface up. In doing so he:

- maintained traffic flow
- saved 14 days of road closure
- avoided Lane Rental Scheme charges



Case study 2

By trialling 'keyhole' techniques similar to surgery, Southern Gas Networks (SGN) cut disruption time from one week to two nights. Two gas leaks were repaired in Maidstone without the usual week of traffic lights they would have needed reducing re-surfacing delays and avoiding Lane Rental Scheme charges.

(3.3) Specified Works

A Specific Work is a registerable work that would require a permit - street works; works for road purposes; major highways works and also includes those carried out under a Section 50 Licence.

(3.4) Specified Location

The KLRS charges will apply to Specified Locations only - as identified within the KLRS Schedule.

(3.5) Specified Days and Times

The KLRS charges will only apply when works are carried out during Specified Days and Times - as identified within the KLRS Schedule and associated references.

(6.4) Lane Widths

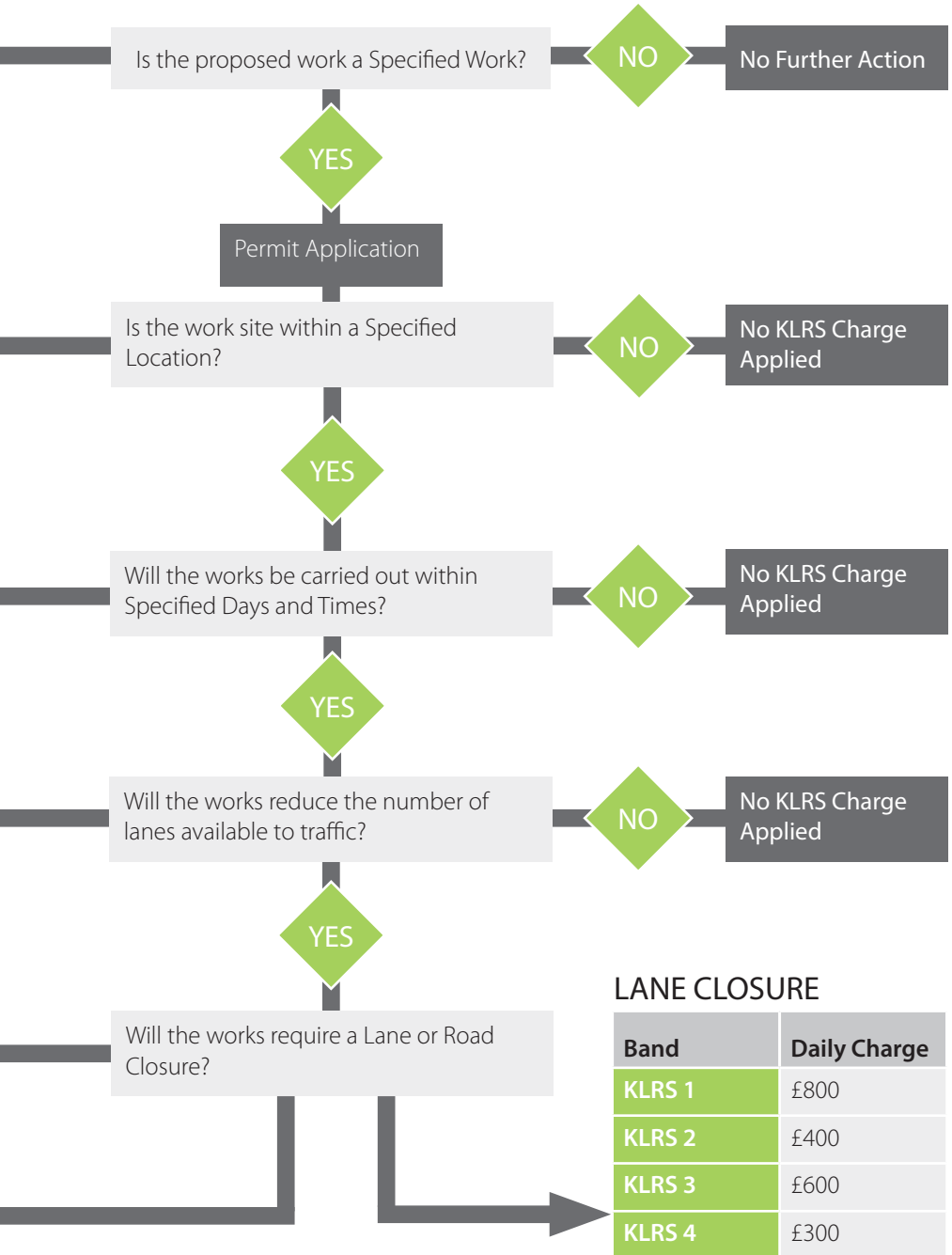
Lane rental charges will not be applied for works which do not reduce the number of lanes, of prescribed width, available to traffic.

(6.2) Charge Categories

The daily charge to be applied will correspond to the traffic management in place for the works (road or lane closure) and the Band of the road (as defined within the KLRS Schedule).

ROAD CLOSURE

Band	Daily Charge
KLRS 1	£2,000
KLRS 2	£2,000
KLRS 3	£1,600
KLRS 4	£1,600



LANE CLOSURE

Band	Daily Charge
KLRS 1	£800
KLRS 2	£400
KLRS 3	£600
KLRS 4	£300

*The KLRs schedule of roads set outs the location bands (KLR1-4).

Reducing or avoiding charges

To achieve the objectives of the KLRS there are opportunities for a promoter to carry out their works whilst minimising the potential impact and avoiding or reducing charges by:

- working outside of traffic-sensitive times
- working outside of term or seasonal times
- working at weekends and Bank Holidays during term-times
- avoiding the reduction of lanes available to traffic
- collaborating with other promoters to share a collective charge.

Working within the KLRS

Permit applications and variations must still be submitted in accordance with the Kent Permit Scheme. For works within a KLRS specified location these will be coordinated and approved by a KLRS route manager, irrespective of whether a charge for the works will be applied.

One permit application must be submitted per USRN and there is one charge per occupation per USRN.

KLRS charges apply from the start of work, except for immediate activities where the charges can apply from the third day of occupation.

What happens to the revenue?

All surplus revenue collected through the Kent Lane Rental Scheme will be put towards projects and initiatives associated with the objectives of the scheme. Funds will be applied equally to the following areas:

- **transportation** – managing and monitoring traffic and works to avoid disruption
- **enabling infrastructure** – promoting and providing facilities for future maintenance, access and improvement
- **industry practices and research & development** –operational practices, materials and news ways of working for the control, planning and execution of works.

The purpose of these projects and initiatives is to reduce the impact of works on our highways. The aim is to raise standards in the planning and execution of works for the benefit of road users in Kent.

Key decisions are made by a governance board made up of industry representatives. The board meets regularly to discuss applications for funding and individual board members act as sponsors for applications.

If you have an idea that falls into one of more of these categories, email kent.lanerentalscheme@kent.gov.uk

The content of the permit application and any subsequent permit variations will determine the application of KLRS charges. However KCC reserves the right to amend their charges based on other additional information, such as site inspections.

All non-excavationary works, such as operating valves, hydrants, sewer jetting, lifting manhole covers, leakage and fault detection and above asset ground maintenance may be deemed as a 'registerable activity' and will therefore require a permit and may be subject to the scope of the KLRS.

Section 74 overrun charges will apply once any reasonable period is exceeded in addition to the applicable KLRS Charges.

Further Information

The KLRS and an Operational Guidance document can be found on the KLRS webpage www.kent.gov.uk/lanerentalscheme

For further information or enquiries on the KLRS contact:
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