

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Mr Nick Chard, Cabinet Member for Environment,
Highways and Waste

DECISION NO.

09/01354

If decision is likely to disclose exempt information please specify the relevant paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

Subject:

The Introduction of a Permit Scheme into Kent.

Decision:

That under the terms of the Traffic Management Act 2004, I authorise Kent County Council to enter into a Permit Scheme aimed at providing increased power for the Council, as a Highways Authority, to:

- minimise inconvenience and disruption caused by works;
- ensure safety for those using, living or working on the street;
- protect the structure of the street.

Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken

None.

Reason(s) for decision, including alternatives considered and any additional information

The introduction of a Permit Scheme into Kent is an objective within the Kent County Council Local Transport Plan. This scheme will enable Kent County Council's Network Management division (as a Highways Authority) to use powers within the Traffic Management Act 2004 to reduce congestion and pollution problems in the County.

As a key tool for Network Management to deliver their duty, the introduction of a Permit Scheme will increase their powers of coordination and management of activities by works promoters competing for space or time in the street. The Traffic Management Act 2004 (TMA), under which a Permit Scheme can be applied and introduced, broadens the coordination and co-operation duties under the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991, thereby providing the Council with increased powers in this area.

Under the current Traffic Management Act regime, works promoters serve notice to the Authority for intended works on the Council's road network. In this current regime the capability to effectively coordinate activities in order to achieve the objectives of the Council's Local Transport Plan would be limited.

Background Documents:

Kent Permit Scheme (Version 2.0)



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signed

15th Dec '09
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date

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Decision Referred to Cabinet Scrutiny			
YES		NO	

Cabinet Scrutiny Decision to Refer Back for Reconsideration			
YES		NO	

Reconsideration Record Sheet Issued			
YES		NO	

Reconsideration of Decision Published			