

JTB BRIEFING TOPICS REQUESTED BY THE CHAIR

Responses provided by Mr Valek, Thanet District Manager, KCC

1) Details of the KCC budget allowance for dropped kerbs and the process for Parish Councils to liaise with KCC regarding those kerbs no longer fit for purpose.

There is no dedicated budget for pedestrian dropped crossings. Any such requests should be made via our on-line reporting tool at www.kent.gov.uk and are added to our small works list for action as and when funding and resources become available. Alternatively, Parish and Town Councils might choose to submit requests through their Highway Improvement Plans.

2) An update regarding the pothole budget for Thanet.

As of 30th May Budget allocation for Thanet Pothole Blitz programme is set at 400k.

3) A summary of the communication process between stakeholders regarding the start and finish of road closures for third parties.

Stagecoach, third parties and Stakeholders should be notified of the intent to close a road 56 days prior to works starting, via the TTRO process. The works promoter has the responsibility to communicate to specific parties such as Stagecoach; during their planning phase, if the location is part of a bus route. The Temporary Traffic Restriction Order often contains wording such as, "The scheduled dates may vary for these works with appropriate signage displayed on site", in addition to "the works will be displayed on One.Network".

All parties should assume the dates specified on the TTRO will be the duration of the closure. In some cases works are completed ahead of schedule or delayed due to engineering difficulty. Streetworks will always try to update Stakeholders on road closures with extensions or delays, that is due to the immediate contact made by the works promoter for our assistance.

In the events of a closure being lifted ahead of schedule, rarely that immediate contact is made. Streetworks request promoters to notify Stakeholders of any changes to the schedule, for early or delayed completion. This is very much a condition of the works permit for locations on Lane Rental routes, Traffic Sensitive streets and arterial routes of each district.