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Dear Consultee

CONSULTATION ON THE INTRODUCTION OF LANE RENTAL IN HAMPSHIRE

Following our consultation for the introduction of a lane rental scheme in 2025, Hampshire County Council considered comments received from both this consultation and the traffic-sensitivity notice also undertaken at this time and made appropriate amendments to the Scheme, including the Schedule.

An application to operate a scheme was submitted to the Secretary of State by the Council in March 2026. Following their review, the Department for Transport has recommended further minor amendments and requested that the Council undertake a further consultation on the proposed scheme.

The Council are therefore undertaking a further consultation on the Scheme in accordance with the current published government guidance.

For reference, the following table shows changes made between the consultation issued in 2025 and this lane rental consultation.

Reference	Changes from C1 to C2
Lane Rental Scheme	The following sections of the Scheme have been amended or added following instruction from the DfT, updated guidance and regulations. Paragraph 1.1.6 added. Paragraph 2.1.5 added. Paragraph 3.3.2 added. Paragraph 5.2.4 added. Paragraph 5.2.1, 5.2.2 and 5.2.3 amended to delineate a charge waiver for Immediate – Emergency work. Paragraph 7.2.2 amended to reflect regulatory changes.

Lane Rental Schedule	The total length of the proposed lane rental network reduced from 764Km (8.7% of total length) to 659 Km (7.5% of total length). • 80 streets were removed from the Schedule. • 2 new streets were added (partial sections). • 304 streets had their lane rental timing changed (251 streets decreased in timing). An online map showing the revised lane rental streets and timings can be found at https://bit.ly/hampshire-lane-rental-consultation.
Traffic-sensitivity designations	Following the review in 2025 the Council has updated the traffic-sensitivity designations for the proposed lane rental streets in the street gazetteer. The Schedule with this consultation includes the criteria identified for each street to make the designation and a data reference. In most cases the reference is from an evidence-based traffic analysis undertaken for the Council. This analysis provides a network-wide estimate of traffic flow and timings in the absence of traffic counts on every street across Hampshire. The Council can provide further information on the approach and data used to derive these estimates upon request.
Cost-Benefit-Analysis	The CBA methodology and values were updated to meet the latest guidance. Input values were updated to reflect changes in the Scheme, Schedule and related works data.
Proposed charging regime	Section 5 of the Scheme sets out the charging regime together with waivers for genuine Immediate – emergency works and discounts.
Permit Scheme Evaluations	Evaluations for years 1-3 can be found on the Council's website at https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/county-permit-scheme and the most recent Year 6 evaluation (included) has remained unchanged.

Our proposed lane rental scheme and associated reference documents have been issued with the email correspondence and can be obtained electronically at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/utilitycompanies/lane-rental-scheme>.

Responses to this consultation can be made by emailing lane.rental@hants.gov.uk or by letter to the address in this letter header.

This consultation will run for a period of 6 weeks, between 31st July and the 11th September 2026 (inclusive).

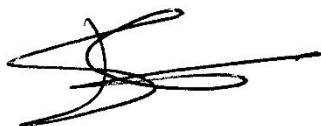
All responses received during from the consultation will be taken into consideration by the Council. From these responses the Council will determine whether any further refinements are required to the proposed lane rental scheme, particularly to clarify the scope of the scheme and its operation.

Once this is completed, the Council will seek to make a resubmission to the Secretary of State for Transport to bring a lane rental scheme into effect through a legal order.

We will keep you informed of the key decisions and developments post-consultation. The lane rental scheme contains full details of transitional arrangements to bring the scheme into operation.

Thank you for your time in considering this request and our intention to introduce our lane rental scheme.

Yours faithfully

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