hello

We would like to tell you about changes that may happen to the Community Warden service in Kent.

We would like you to tell us what you think about this.

You can do this by filling in the form in this booklet or on our website at:

www.kent.gov.uk/communitywardenconsultation

You can do this from the 29th September to the 9th November.
What does a Community Warden do?

Some of the things Community Wardens do in local areas are:

- tackle small crimes and antisocial behaviour
- control traffic if needed
- give advice and information
- promote how to live safely.

To do this they work with Kent Police and other organisations.
Why does the Community Warden Service need to change?

At the moment a Community Warden will normally work in one or two local areas.

Some communities benefit from them and some miss out.

We would like to change this so wardens can give a service to more areas and not be tied to just one or two.

Kent County Council has less money to spend so it also has to make savings.

But it wants to see if it can keep things the same or make them better with less money.
What we would like to do

Focus less on wardens working in one area only.

This means they can move around to places they are needed most, but still give a service to everyone.

Reduce paperwork so that team leaders and managers can get out and about to work more closely with communities.

What will this mean for you?

If this plan is agreed then you may not see so many community wardens on the street.
But the plan does mean we will be able to serve more areas than we do at the moment.

And services can be targeted better on the places that need them the most.

Will people lose their jobs

The new plan will need less people so there will be job losses.

What happens next?

Let us know what you think of this plan from the 29th September to 9th November.

This is an easier to read version on the plan, if you want more information please ask.
When we have heard from everyone the plan will be given to the Kent County Council’s Transport and Environment Cabinet Committee on the 5th December to agree.

If agreed the plan will start from the 1st April 2015.

Tell us what you think about the proposal

Tick the answer you feel is right for you. You might need some help with this.

Question 1: Are you completing this form yourself or as an organisation?

- [ ] Yourself (individual) then go to question 2
- [ ] An organisation/District/Town or Parish Council
1A: If you are filling this form in for a council or organisation please can you tell us its name.

1B: Are they actively involved with the Community Warden Scheme?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

1C: If yes please can you tell us how?
Question 2: Do you / have you been given a service from Kent County Council Community Wardens?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Q2a: If you said yes was this just once or more often?

☐ Just once

☐ More often

Please give details

Question 3: Do you support the proposal (plan)?

☐ Yes

☐ No
Q3a: If you said no please can you tell us why.

Question 4: Do you agree with the plan that wardens will be less tied to areas so they can serve more places easier?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Q4a: If you answered no, please tell us why.
Question 5: Is there any other ideas which you think should be looked at?

Question 6: If these proposals (plan) were done, do you think that there would be a big effect on you or your organisation?

- Big effect
- Small effect
- No effect
- Do not know
Q6a: If you answered big or small please tell us what you think the effect would be.

Question 7: If you would like to make any other comments regarding this proposal please write them below.

Question 8: Do you think volunteers could be used to help the Community Warden Services (like Special Constables)?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
Question 9: Only answer this question if you are filling in this form for a District/Town Parish Council or organisation.

Would your organisation on its own or with others think about funding a Community Warden for your area?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you answered yes please let us know your contact details so we can talk to you about it (this does not commit you to anything).

Name ___________________________

Email __________________________

Phone __________________________

Thank you for filling in this form - Please return it to:

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All documents can be made available in alternative formats upon request.