

# The ultimate guide to: Dropped Kerbs (Kent)



## Applying via Kent County Council

Applying for a dropped kerb involves several steps and requires approvals from Kent County Council (KCC) and, in some cases, your District/Borough Council. Follow these steps to ensure a smooth application process.

## Cost direct to KCC correct as of Feb. 2025

The application costs £463, but there may be additional inspection charges if you want:

- a new access point or
- a dropped kerb installed near a tree or street light.

Additional inspections cost £72 each and are non-refundable.

## 1. Confirm permissions

Freeholder Permission	Planning Permission
If you are not the property owner, obtain written permission from the freeholder.	Check with your District or Borough Council to confirm if planning permission is required. Use the online tool at <a href="http://www.findmystreet.co.uk">www.findmystreet.co.uk</a> .



### Info

**Minimum dropped kerb construction for perpendicular parking is 4 drops and 2 tapers.**



## 2 Year Warranty on Dropped Kerbs

### 2. Self-Assessment Checklist

#### Before applying, verify the following:

- ☐ **Parking Space:** Ensure sufficient hard-standing space to park without overhanging onto the public highway.
  - Minimum dimensions:
    - Perpendicular: 2.4m (width) x 4.8m (depth).
    - Parallel: 6m (width) x 3m (depth).
- ☐ **Visibility:** A clear view of the road and footway is necessary. Ensure no obstructions like walls or vegetation over 0.6m high.
- ☐ **Distance from Road Junction:** The proposed kerb must be at least 10m from a road junction (15m for major roads).
- ☐ **Street Features:** Confirm no conflicts with streetlights within 0.5m, utility covers, or other furniture within the area.

#### Info



**Carriageway visibility X-dimension 2.4m from back of carriageway  
Y-dimension: based upon the following speed limits: 20 MPH is 25m, 30 MPH is 43m, 40 MPH is 149m, 50 MPH is 160m and 60 MPH is 203m.**

### 3. KCC Highway Assessment

- If a KCC highway tree is within 15m of your proposed site, calculate the root protection area. Adjust your plans accordingly.
- Pre-application inspections can be requested for trees, streetlights, or other potential obstructions (fee: £72 per service).



# British Standard Kerb Sizes

**HB1:** 914 mm long, 305 mm high, 305 mm wide, and weighs around 100 kg

**BN2:** 914 mm long, 255 mm high, and 125 mm wide, and weighs around 70 kg

## 4. Application Submission

### Gather required documents:

- ☐ A site photograph showing your property and neighbouring areas.
- ☐ A sketch plan including dimensions and nearby features.
- ☐ Proof of planning permission (if needed).

Submit your application via Kent County Council's website ([www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk)). The non-refundable admin fee is £463.

## 5. Approval & Construction

Once approved, the notice is valid for two years. Construction materials must match local character but ensure durability.

For extensions or additional dropped kerbs, ensure compliance with space and safety standards.

For further guidance, refer to the full **KCC Dropped Kerb Guidance Document** or contact RoadMac Surfacing for expert assistance.

## 6. Contact RoadMac Surfacing

When contacting us please include:

- A copy of your approval letter from the Council
- The property address
- Your full name, contact number and email address

- A brief description of the works required i.e. dropped kerb only, dropped kerb and driveway resurfacing



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## Contact information

For any enquiries on this project, reach out to:

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You can find your local District / Borough Council contact details at the following link:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/how-the-council-works/district-councils>

Full KCC Dropped Kerb Application Guidance:

[https://www.kent.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/139485/Dropped-Kerb-Application-Guidance.pdf](https://www.kent.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0003/139485/Dropped-Kerb-Application-Guidance.pdf)

### Terms and Conditions

#### 1. General Disclaimer

RoadMac Surfacing provides guidance on applying for a dropped kerb based on the latest publicly available information from Kent County Council (KCC) and associated sources. However, RoadMac Surfacing holds no responsibility for:

- Changes to KCC's policies, guidance, or procedures after the date of issuing this document.
- Amendments to local planning authority requirements, standards, or fees.

#### 2. Responsibility of the Applicant

It is the responsibility of the applicant to:

- Ensure compliance with the most up-to-date KCC guidance and relevant legislation.
- Obtain the necessary permissions from freeholders, local councils, and utility providers.
- Verify all measurements, site details, and conditions before submission to KCC.

#### 3. Liability Limitations

- RoadMac Surfacing is not liable for delays, refusals, or additional costs arising from changes to KCC guidance or unforeseen site-specific issues.
- Any pre-application assessments, inspections, or calculations performed by the applicant remain their responsibility and must align with KCC's latest criteria.
- RoadMac Surfacing is not responsible for applications being declined due to errors in the applicant's submitted documents, including sketches, photos, or measurements.

#### **4. Third-Party Costs**

- RoadMac Surfacing does not manage or guarantee approvals from KCC, local councils, or utility companies. Any costs incurred from consultations, inspections, or relocations of street furniture (e.g., utility covers, streetlights, trees) are the responsibility of the applicant.

#### **5. Changes to Guidance**

While RoadMac Surfacing endeavors to provide accurate advice at the time of consultation, any changes to KCC's dropped kerb policies or relevant legal frameworks are beyond our control. Applicants are strongly encouraged to refer to KCC's official website or contact them directly for the latest updates.

#### **6. Document Validity**

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