



<p><i>holding it).” We consider the public interest is best served by promoting a competitive market operating on a level playing field and therefore public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure on this occasion.</i></p> <p><b>The figures disclosed are the net amounts received by Commercial Services for managing the scheme and after deducting maintenance costs for landscaping works on the sponsored roundabouts, as stated in c) below.</b></p> <p><i>Commercial Services administers this scheme on behalf of KCC.</i></p>			
<p><b>From the figures provided in b, how much was spent on grass cutting and landscaping work e.g. pruning, mulching, planting out, weeding.</b></p> <p><i>The figures provided relate to the expenditure Commercial Services incurs on providing maintenance/pruning on the sponsored roundabouts.</i></p>	£24,291.25	£43,515.84	£53,899.72
<p><b>Does the provider you use to find companies who want to advertise on the roundabouts provide a turnkey service i.e. also carry out the grass cutting and landscaping etc.</b></p> <p><i>No.</i></p>			
<p><b>If not, do you use one contractor or several.</b></p> <p><i>Commercial Services uses its in-house Landscape Services Team to carry out the maintenance / pruning as stated in c).</i></p>			
<p><b>When do the grass cutting and landscaping etc contract/s come up for renewal.</b></p> <p><i>Commercial Services uses its in-house Landscape Services Team to carry out the maintenance / pruning as stated in c).</i></p>			
<p><b>Will they be advertised for tender? I look forward to receiving the information.</b></p> <p><i>There are currently no plans to put this work out to tender.</i></p>			

**Number of Roundabouts  
with advertising boards,  
split into districts**

	2016	2017	2018
<b>Ashford</b>	20	21	19
<b>Canterbury</b>	17	16	15
<b>Herne Bay</b>	7	6	7
<b>Whitstable</b>	7	7	7
<b>Dartford</b>	3	5	3

<b>Gravesham</b>	6	11	11
<b>Maidstone</b>	10	10	10
<b>Shepway</b>	11	11	10
<b>Swale</b>	-	10	15
<b>Tonbridge &amp; Malling</b>	7	8	8
<b>Thanet</b>	9	16	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	97	121	120

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Yours sincerely

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