



**Kent  
Police**

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## **Overall Strategic Intention**

***"This policing operation relates to anticipated protest activity in response to hunt related activity. The policing operation will facilitate the rights to peaceful protest of those objecting to hunt related activity, whilst seeking to minimise disruption to the Hunt Members, landowners, businesses and communities engaged in their lawful activities. Kent police will develop a proportionate policing response based against the threat level and supported by intelligence".***

## **Strategic Objectives:**

- 1) We will work with our strategic partners to deliver a policing response that protects life and minimises the risks of harm to the public, hunt members, hunt saboteurs, hunt monitors, landowners, police officers and staff deployed before, during and after the event. We will share information with partners, to enable the development of appropriate contingency plans for implementation in the case of any emergency.**
- 2) We will facilitate the rights to peaceful protest of those objecting to hunt related activity, whilst seeking to minimise inconvenience to those engaged in their lawful activities.**
- 3) We will take reasonable steps to prevent crime and disorder, and we will investigate crime and disorder, securing the best possible evidence to support bringing offenders to justice.**
- 4) We will work to minimise disruption to the local community and to provide reassurance, including when it is appropriate a return to normality.**
- 5) We will develop an effective Communication Strategy with key stakeholders (to include the monitoring of social network sites).**

## **Tactical Parameters**

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Our intention is to facilitate lawful activity and peaceful assembly within the principles of “no surprises” policing.

Any requirement for Police assistance from any source will be routed through the Kent Police Force Control Room on 101 or 999 as appropriate.

A decision as to whether resources are deployed will be made with due consideration to the threat and risk posed. This is in accordance with the strategy and guidelines set by the Gold Commander and Kent Police resourcing policy.

There will be not usually be any distinct resourcing of officers to hunting activity on Saturdays and in order to provide a proportionate Police response to any reported issues, a dedicated phone number exists to discuss any ‘live issues’ on the telephone.

**Dedicated phone number 07989 992194**

Any offence contrary to the Hunting Act 2004 or any other legislation will be investigated under the overall direction of the Senior Investigating Officer.

Police dogs will not routinely be deployed during any response of Operation York.