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Please ask for: ###
Reference: 60143586
Email:
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Date: 24 September 2025

Dear ###

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000/Environmental Information Regulations 2004 relating to public flags. Please see the response provided below:

I would like to find out about the decision making process associated with Kent County Council's decision not to remove St George's flags hoisted by members of the public lampposts in Faversham. I am particularly interested if this is a general decision which would be applied to any flags that are hoisted on public property not otherwise intended for the purpose, or if a special case has been made over these particular flags.

Kent County Council (KCC) has made a general policy decision regarding flags hoisted on public property, including lamp posts, across Kent.

KCC has stated that flags will not be removed from public places such as lamp posts or buildings unless they pose a safety risk to road users or the public. Flags blocking CCTV cameras, obstructing road signage, or creating hazards will be removed. This applies broadly and is not limited to the St George's flags.

Flying any flag on public property requires permission from the owner of the site, including the Highway Authority if the flag is placed on highway land

[Flags across Kent to remain for now unless they are a danger to road users - News & Features - Kent County Council](#)

If you are unhappy with this response, and believe KCC has not complied with legislation, you have 40 working days from the date of this response to ask for a review. You can do this by following our complaints process; details can be found at this link <https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/complaints-and-compliments#tab-10> on our website. Please quote the reference number 60143586 in any future communications.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you can appeal to the Information Commissioner, who oversees compliance with both the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Details of what you need to do, should you wish to pursue this course of action, are available from the Information Commissioner's website <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>, or you can phone the ICO Helpline on 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely

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