

My ref: Part Night Lighting  
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Dear Councillors

**Consultation of further streetlighting energy savings.**

The County Council must make considerable savings resulting from the reduction in Central Government funding. To meet this huge challenge, we must make difficult decisions ensuring our remaining funds are used where most effective. The Council has identified a saving in our current business plan of approximately £272,000 in its streetlighting energy costs. Unfortunately, savings not made in this way would need to be met elsewhere from budgets already under significant pressure to make savings.

To meet these savings, the County Council proposes to change the operational lighting times for many County Council owned streetlights along with the levels to which the streetlights are dimmed. These proposals apply to street lights on the central management system only and those street lights not on the central system and those not owned by the County Council are not affected. Consultation with you is vital and to allow time for full consultation with you, this has been put back to April 2016 for implementation.

Many neighbouring Councils have already implemented a system of part night lighting and we are considering how this might be possible to implement in Cambridgeshire. The proposal is to increase the period of the current streetlight dimming (8pm or 10pm until 6am) to all times and turning off lighting in the attached roads between midnight and 6am. Street lights on main traffic routes will not be switched off overnight.

We fully recognise concerns which communities might raise on this matter and are keen to work closely with you, both to ensure we have identified the highest priorities and to explore any alternatives or options for additional funding. We are also liaising with the police.

One option is to provide local Councils with the ability to contribute to the energy costs in roads where they would like to keep streetlights on for longer periods. This would ensure that together we can provide a flexible streetlighting service that directs



resources to meet the needs of different communities. The contribution we would request is £12 per street light per full year starting in 2016/17, increasing by inflation in future years, plus a small contribution of £65 per year covering administration of this proposal.

Please could you provide us with your comments by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 including if you would like to contribute to the energy costs for any street lights currently proposed to be switched off between midnight and 6am. If you do, please confirm which streetlights you would like to contribute to by completing the template attached with road names and individual column number references. Unfortunately, any requests for changes after this time will be likely to incur an increased cost due to increased administration and operational costs.

We attach a poster you might wish to display on any local information points. If you wish to discuss this matter further or have any additional questions please do not hesitate to contact the County Council at;

[assetsandcommissioning@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:assetsandcommissioning@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

After conclusion of this consultation period at the end of September we will prepare a wider communication messages to residents via the media and our website to inform anyone having questions.

Yours Sincerely



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