



The Hills Amenity Society

Can we have your views on plans to turn off street lights at night?

You may be aware that Essex County Council, along with others around the country, is moving to a system of part night lighting of our streets rather than the current all night lighting.

This is likely to mean that, should your road not meet any of the exception criteria, the street lights will be turned off between midnight and 5am.

You can find more details on the policy at www.essexhighways.org/street-lighting.aspx and click on the relevant link but to help, we have listed the exception criteria overleaf.

The move is designed to save the council money as well as to reduce its carbon footprint.

Work is currently underway to adapt streetlights so that they can be controlled remotely from a new central management system. This will enable the council to switch off some lights while leaving others on in areas that it deems essential.

(If you look up at the lighting in your street you may notice the new white telecell devices that are currently being installed on the top of each light.)

Once this is complete county-wide, Essex County Council will begin consulting with relevant authorities in each district about implementation.

We are awaiting confirmation of a timescale for the consultation with Epping Forest District Council and Loughton Town Council, although it is believed to be imminent.

So that we are prepared and in a position to raise any concerns from residents with local councillors, The Hills Amenity Society would be grateful for your views.

We would be grateful if you would fill in the questionnaire overleaf and return it to us as soon as possible.

Many thanks

The Hills Amenity Society Committee

Please return your completed questionnaire by Friday 23rd August to:
53 York Hill, Loughton IG10 1HZ

or email your answers to:

... i.locks@btinternet.com

Street lighting questionnaire

1 Which street do you live in? *(please give house number if you're happy to)*...

2 *In general*, do you think this is a positive initiative by the County Council? *(please circle)*

Yes No Undecided

If you're happy to give reasons please do...

3 Does the switching off of lights *in your immediate road and/or neighbouring roads* give you any cause for concern or are you happy for this to go ahead? *(please circle)*

Happy I have concerns Undecided

Again, please feel free to give your reasons...

4 Are there any other streets in Loughton (perhaps in the town centre) that you or your family use overnight and where you feel lights ought to be left on? Please give reasons...

5 Are there any streets, footpaths or alleys that you believe meet the exception criteria (shown below) and that we ought to alert councillors to?

Street or alleyway	Reason
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6 Please feel free to add any other comments...

Exception Criteria: These are the only areas where street lights will be left on all night

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Major lit inter-urban dual carriageway traffic routes;● Conflict sites – eg roundabouts lit by columns greater than 6m high;● Sites where street lights have been installed for accident remedial measures;● Town Centre type development where there is one or more of the following features:
CCTV sites;
High proportion of high security premises eg banks, jewellers etc;
High crime risk;
High concentration of people at night such as transport interchanges, nightclubs etc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Main approaches to areas defined in the section above where there is a mix of development between residential and commercial/industrial ie not exclusively residential;● Sites where the police can demonstrate that there will be an increase in crime if the lights are switched off;● Remote footpaths and alleys linking residential streets;● Where there is a statutory requirement. |
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