

WEST DEREHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Standard Light Pollution Clause

Policy and procedure for replying to planning applications

It is the Parish Council view is that great care should be taken to protect our countryside and night skies and to preserve our finite resources. Light pollution should be minimised by good design and the use of the correct equipment for the task. West Dereham Parish Council will encourage good practice by including the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England's standard light pollution clause as a comment on planning applications.

The following wording, by CPRE, is to be used when responding to any planning application that may use lighting in its design.

The text should be included within the reply to every planning application the Council consider, in order that the determining planning authority is encouraged to insert conditions restricting the use of outdoor lighting should planning permission be granted:

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Clause 185c and Norfolk County Council's Environmental Lighting Zones Policy both recognise the importance of preserving dark landscapes and dark skies. In order to minimise light pollution, we recommend that, if this application is permitted, any outdoor lights associated with the proposed development should be:

- 1) Fully shielded (enclosed in full cut-off flat glass fitments)*
 - 2) Directed downwards (mounted horizontally to the ground and not tilted upwards)*
 - 3) Switched on only when needed (no dusk to dawn lamps)*
 - 4) White light low-energy lamps (preferably LED's with a colour temperature of 3,000K) and not orange or pink sodium sources*
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Notes

1. This text has been prepared as part of the CPRE Norfolk Light Pollution Campaign and we use it when responding to planning applications, as well as in our wider campaigning. We invite other organisations to do the same.

2. Although many planning applications do not refer to outdoor lighting, there is always a chance that lighting will be part of the development. Therefore, CPRE Norfolk advises inclusion of this text every time a response is made, whatever the application, no matter how small. The urbanising effect that even a single sodium lamp, whether high pressure (pink) or low pressure (orange) has on a previously unlit rural outlook can be enormous.

3. Depending on the development, it may also be appropriate to recommend time restrictions or conditions of use on the lighting.

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