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Dear Ms Bolland

STREET LIGHTING ENERGY REDUCTION PROGRAMME

In 2012 the County Council began implementing a street lighting energy reduction programme. You may be aware from your local County Councillor Val Arnold that Kirkbymoorside is soon to be included in that programme.

The scheme involves turning off some street lights between midnight and 5am when road use has been shown to be at a minimum. This generates energy savings of approximately £400,000 per annum and reduces the County's carbon footprint.

The decision on which lights are to be left on or turned off is based on a set of exclusion criteria. These criteria have been agreed by the Council and allow the scheme to be implemented impartially and consistently across the County. Any light which does not meet one or more of the exclusion criteria will be included in the programme to be switched off between midnight and 5am.

The exclusion criteria are as follows:

- Main traffic routes and road junctions
- Locations with a significant road traffic night time accident record.
- Areas with a significant record of night time crime or anti-social behaviour
- Lights outside sheltered housing and other residences accommodating vulnerable people
- Areas with 24hour operational emergency services including hospitals
- Potential hazards on the highway such as traffic calming, speed humps and road crossings (except in 20mph zones)
- Parts of town centres that have concentrated night time activity or economy
- Areas covered by Police & Council CCTV operations

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Draft plans have already been produced and a copy of the initial assessment for Kirkbymoorside is enclosed. Your help and local knowledge is now being sought in case any pertinent features have been missed. If you consider that any of the lights shown with a red spot meet any of the above criteria please let us know. Factors such as accidents, speed bumps and relevant night-time crime have already been included in the initial assessment proposal. From experience gained in previous consultations the sort of features which may have been missed include things such as areas of warden-controlled sheltered housing, speed humps and flights of steps at the back of footways. These can be quite difficult to spot when the initial desk study is undertaken.

It would be useful if you could return a copy of the plan to us with your comments within two weeks please. Any required changes will then be incorporated into the internet map which can be seen on the County's website:

http://maps.northyorks.gov.uk/connect/index2.jsp?mapcfg=street_lighting_review

A full public consultation will then commence with a postal leaflet being sent to every household in the area. Approximately one month after this is complete and any further alterations have been made, the County street lighting contractor will begin installing intelligent photocells in the columns which are to be included in the part-night programme.

If you have access to the internet and an email address we would prefer that you reply using that if possible. Our email address is roadlighting@northyorks.gov.uk and we will gladly send copies of the plans in PDF format if necessary. If you require any further information please let us know and we'll do our best to help.

Regards

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