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Dear Mike,

North York Moors National Park International Dark Sky Reserve

Kirkbymoorside Town Council commends the NYMNPA on its success becoming an International Dark Sky Reserve and supports efforts to promote Dark Skies.

The Town Council acknowledges the benefits of reducing light pollution by responsible and sensible use of artificial light and has already upgraded its street lighting inventory to Dark Skies Friendly lighting. The lanterns are now all LEDs, in the interest of energy efficiency, and are designed to illuminate downwards only, minimizing unnecessary light pollution upwards into the night sky.

In March this year the Town Council hosted the 'Dark Skies' event, at which you provided information on artificial light at night. The presentation detailed the associated impact of artificial light at night, not exclusive to health, wildlife, the rural economy and the importance of targeting the light to where we need it, when we need it and at a level suitable for that need. The event was well attended and, in order to make the information available to the wider community it was also featured in the Spring issue of the Town Council's publication, The Moorsider, and on the Town Council website.

Please accept this letter as confirmation of the Town Council's continued support of the 'Dark Skies' project.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Joe Coughlan
Town Mayor