



The countryside charity
Norfolk

Standard Light Pollution Clause

The following wording can be used by individuals, councils or groups when responding to any planning application that may use lighting in its design. We recommend that parish and town councils attach the text to every planning application they consider in order that the determining planning authority is encouraged to insert conditions restricting the use of outdoor lighting should planning permission be granted.

The Wording

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*) and not orange or pink sodium sources

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.
4. * Ideally with a colour temperature of 3,000K
5. For further information please contact David Hook, CPRE Norfolk's Light Pollution Campaign Coordinator, on 01508 498187 / hookd74@yahoo.com

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