

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. The text is typically inserted when recommending conditions of approval to an application.

“National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Clause 180c 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 any outdoor lights associated with this 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 (LED) 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. For further information please contact David Hook, CPRE Norfolk’s Light Pollution Campaign Coordinator, on 01508 498187 / hookd74@yahoo.com