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Subject: RE: Dark Skies
Date: 19 September 2018 at 16:14
To: Maureen Chaffe processmatters2@gmail.com
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Dear Maureen

I have been in contact with my colleague, Dan Oakley who is the lead officer for Dark Skies within the South Downs National Park.

He has looked at the policy and come up with the following amended wording as below, with my comment added in italics.

(Suggested policy wording)

Development proposals which detract from the unlit environments of the Parish by significantly reducing sky quality, will not be supported.

All development shall be expected to demonstrate best practise through the submission of a lighting plan. This includes floodlighting at equine establishments and on sports fields or sports grounds.

A plan reflecting best practise principles should show;

- **The lighting is required and appropriate for the task,**
- **It has been designed specifically to minimise the impact of the lighting on the night sky by reducing sky glow, glare and spill.**
- **Incorporates sufficient mitigation measures to reduce light pollution to a minimum.**
- **That the illumination of lit surfaces does not detract from the unlit environment**
- **That Internal spill through excessive glazing does not detract from the unlit environment**

Security and other outside lighting development on private and public premises will be restricted or regulated to be neighbourly in its use by using best practise design principles. *(this could be included in the supporting text for the policy)*

Low powered lighting outside planning control, should also follow best practise and be neighbourly in use. *(this could be included in the supporting text for the policy)*

Further details of lighting plan submissions in National Parks can be found in the South Downs National Park Technical Advice Note which is consistent with the policies above. *(this could be included in the supporting text for the policy)*

I hope the above is useful.

If you would like to discuss this further please contact me.

Best wishes

Kevin

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From: Neighbourhood

Sent: 17 September 2018 16:25

To: 'Maureen Chaffe' <processmatters2@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: Dark Skies

Dear Maureen

Further to our telephone conversation, to confirm we have received your email request.

All being well I will be able to come back to you before the end of this week.

Many thanks
Kevin Wright

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From: Maureen Chaffe [<mailto:processmatters2@gmail.com>]
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Date: 12 September 2018 at 11:37:22 BST
To: Amy Tyler-Jones <amy.tyler-jones@southdowns.gov.uk>

Not sure if you are the right person to ask but I am seeking advice for West Chiltington PC who are doing their NP.

SDNPA supported the introduction of a policy relating to dark skies when they commented at Reg 14. However HDC and indeed the Examiner at the recent Ford NP examination are not very supportive of dark skies citing safety as an issue.

West Chiltington parish is largely unlit and wishes to remain that way. Their policy currently reads:

Development proposals which detract from the unlit environments of the Parish will not be supported. All major development shall be expected to demonstrate through the submission of a lighting scheme that the lighting has been designed specifically to minimise the impact of the lighting on the night sky.

Security and other outside lighting on private and public premises will be restricted or

regulated to be neighbourly in its use including floodlighting at equine establishments and on sports fields or sports grounds.

Could you possibly comment on whether you think that is a robust enough policy or if there is anything else we can do to try to ensure the parish remains dark.

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