

SWITCHING OFF STREET LIGHTS TO SAVE ENERGY
COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM PHASE 2 CONSULTATION

Annex A

COMMENTS RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF PHASE 2 CONSULTATION

Feedback received up to: 3 December 2007

Comments received from Local Members, Local Committees, Parish or Town Councils, interest groups etc

Comments from	Site(s) affected	Comments	Response
Aston Abbotts Parish Council	A418 Wingrave Crossroads	Wish objections to be noted. Council fought for many years to get this junction lit. People use bus stops and lighting ensures safety is maximised and potential for accidents is reduced. Stoke Hammond Bypass has made A418 busier. Switching off between midnight and 6am may be acceptable.	Proposed enhancement measures should ensure safety is maintained. Alternative lighting provision for bus stops being considered.
Aston Clinton Parish Council	Various	No support for any reduction in street lights in the village, would not welcome situation where lights are switched off. Council consider village is adequately but not over lit.	Proposed lengths for switch off are away from village centre and outside 30mph area. No specific issues raised on proposed lengths affected.
Beaconsfield Town Council	A40 Pyebush Roundabout to Potkiln Lane	Have no objection to majority of proposals but express concern about switching off lights at Potkiln Lane which is a well known accident spot. Requests that BCC reconsiders proposal to switch off street lights at this junction.	Collisions at Potkiln Lane have reduced following provision of safety camera nearby and realignment of the junction. Proposed enhancement measures should ensure safety is maintained.
Buckingham Town Council	Buckingham Road, Gawcott & A421 Page Hill Roundabout to Tesco Roundabout	Members appreciate importance of reducing carbon and applaud this commitment. Expressed concern about Buckingham Road, Gawcott as this may endanger pedestrians and cyclists and may lead to a fatal accident. A421 proposals supported provided enhancement works are completed first.	Gawcott Road - lighting is currently of a low standard and switching off is unlikely to make any difference to pedestrians or cyclists. A421 - Noted - all enhancement works will be completed prior to any switch off.
Chalfont St Giles Parish Council	Not specific	Do not consider figures are totally convincing as power will be used anyway. Suggests that it is well known that collisions are reduced when lighting is in place. Switching off lights may not lead to significant savings or carbon reduction and may well increase collision levels. Should consider solar powered lighting.	Proposals are to reduce BCC energy consumption and costs. Savings will be met if implemented as proposed. Proposed enhancement measures should ensure safety is maintained. Solar powered lighting not a cost effective measure at this time.
Chiltern District Council	A413 Amersham to Chalfont St Giles	Suggests 30mph speed limit be extended from Amersham to Cokes Lane. Suggests retaining lighting between Amersham and Cokes Lane & between Pheasant Crossroads and Joiners Lane.	Speed limit issues will be considered as part of Area 10 speed limit review. Proposed enhancement measures should ensure safety is maintained along length of A413.

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Chiltern Local Committee	Not specific Not specific A413 Amersham Bypass A413 Amersham to Chalfont St Giles A413 Mobwell Not specific	If there are problems will lights will lights be switched back on immediately? Please can there be a report in the spring. Will footpath between Piggotts Orchard to Field Way remain lit after Amersham Bypass lights are switched off? Where lighting is turned off will this make turning manoeuvres more hazardous? Lights were provided here to address collision problem so should not be turned off. Is it possible to switch off lights for selected periods only?	All sites will be monitored and action will be taken as needed. Further updates will be provided as required. Footpath not included in switch off so any existing lighting will remain. Proposed enhancement measures should ensure safety is maintained. This is a Phase 1 site where lights have already been switched off. This has been considered but is not cost effective at this time.
Chilterns Conservation Board	Not specific	Conservation Board supports proposed second phase and hopes programme will have future phases.	Noted.
CPRE Penn Country	Not specific	Want to applaud initiative, and hopes project will go from strength to strength.	Noted.
Denham Parish Council	Not specific	Parish Council believe trial is a good initiative but it is vital to balance public safety against energy saving and less light pollution. Keen to see results of Phase 1 and believe these should be assessed before Phase 2 is considered.	Single trial to turn off up to 2000 lights is being implemented in two phases. Phase 1 on a small number of sites was implemented to refine the assessment process before considering a larger number of sites.
Gerrards Cross Parish Council	A413 Amersham Road (Kingsway Roundabout to railway viaduct) A40 Oxford Road (between Gerrards Cross and Tatling End)	Council feels this is acceptable provided adequate signage / lighting is provided at junctions and that intelligent cats eyes are installed similar to those on other length of A413. Proposals will inhibit pedestrian and cycle use and will deter use of public transport during winter months. Council do not feel that this is acceptable.	Proposed enhancement measures suggested are already proposed. Proposed lengths for switch off are away from village centre and outside 40mph area. Alternative lighting provision for bus stops being considered.
Hazlemere Parish Council	Not specific	Councillors do not see any specific sites in their area but are anxious that roundabouts should be kept lit.	There are no roundabouts included in Phase 2.
Local member - Icknield & Bledlow	Not specific	Queried monitoring regime and how success will be measured including how much change there will need to be to determine success or failure.	Have discussed process and thoughts to explain rationale.

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Penn Parish Council	A404 Inkerman Hill to Beamond End	Uneasy about having no lights on A404 at the Penn Street junction because there have been serious accidents on that stretch.	Proposed enhancement measures should ensure safety is maintained.
Soulbury Parish Council	Soulbury	There are only a small number of lights in Soulbury and they wish to retain all these.	Soulbury does not form part of the current proposals.
South Bucks Joint Local Committee	Not specific	Report on phase 1 should be produced before phase 2 starts.	Single trial to turn off up to 2000 lights is being implemented in two phases. Phase 1 on a small number of sites was implemented to refine the assessment process before considering a larger number of sites.
	Not specific	Lighting is supposed to be part of road safety.	Proposed enhancement measures should ensure safety is maintained.
	Not specific	Where BCC lighting has replaced Parish lighting, concern that had it been retained by Parishes, it wouldn't be switched off	No sites where this is applicable.
	A40 Pyebush Roundabout to Potkiln Lane	A40 has large overhanging trees - will be pitch black. Road suffers from flooding, junction with Potkiln Lane should be looked at separately.	See Potkiln Lane comments above. Foliage and flooding issues will be dealt with.
	Not specific	Is there a maintenance programme for cleaning reflective signs now lights will be switched off?	Inspection and maintenance regime developed for Phase 1 to be rolled out for Phase 2.
Stoke Hammond Parish Council	Stoke Hammond	Local people not in favour of losing any lights in the village, some think there are not enough already.	Stoke Hammond village does not form part of the current proposals.
Waddesdon Parish Council	A41 Waddesdon Crossroads	Lights should be left as they are. Any expense saved will be overcome by proposed mitigation measures. What is not readily apparent is large number of pedestrians that walk that way late at night.	No apparent venue or facility for pedestrians to walk to along length - seek further information from Parish Council.
Wexham Parish Council	A412 Iver to George Green	Is concerned about proposals particularly with new road layout at Black Park Road and alignment during poor / wintery conditions. Requests situation is reconsidered and at very least leave lights switched on at Black Park Road junction.	Proposed enhancement measures should ensure safety is maintained. Current proposals will retain lighting at the Black Park Road junction.
Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Council	Not specific	Council has decided to make no comments regarding this matter. Thank you for keeping them informed.	Noted.

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Comments received from Neighbouring Highway Authorities

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Hertfordshire County Council	B4009 Tring Hill	Have some concerns about removing lights so close to roundabout.	Only lights in Bucks to be switched off, approach to roundabout in Hertfordshire will remain lit.
Hertfordshire County Council	A412 Denham Way	Have some concerns due to high speeds and this is part of M25 diversion route.	Proposed enhancement measures should ensure safety is maintained. Note: M25 not lit in this area.
Highways Agency	A4146 Fenny Stratford Bypass	No objection in principle. Would like approach to A5 roundabout lit for 60 - 100m.	Approach to roundabout will stay lit.
Highways Agency	C100 Marlow Bottom Road	No concerns / objections.	Noted.

Comments received via Consultation / Highways on Call Mailbox and from Website consultation

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Resident - address not given	A413 Winslow to Aylesbury	Believes trial is short sighted. A413 is horrible and blacking it out will make it worse. Strongly against idea.	A413 does not form part of current proposals.
Resident - address not given	Not specific	Copy of letter sent to NCE complaining that previous editing of his earlier letter had made it look as if BCC had not considered health & safety issues which he confirms is not the case. The idea is a great energy saving one.	Check NCE content and correct if appropriate.
Resident - Gerrards Cross	A413 Amersham Road (Kingsway Roundabout to railway viaduct)	Please consider including this length.	Noted. Already a Phase 2 proposal.
Resident - address not given	Not specific	Not surprised the trial is a first - no one else would be so stupid. Whole thing is laughable if it's thought that turning off a few street lights, that were provided for safety reasons, will save the planet.	Noted.
Resident - Amersham	Not specific	Concerned about trial for safety reasons and switching off lights provided for safety reasons is a retrograde step. Alternative measures do not fully mitigate for absence of lighting.	Noted. Proposed enhancement measures should ensure safety is maintained.
Name & address not given	A40 Potkiln Lane to Gerrards Cross	Cannot now see turning at Bellhouse Hotel so is very dangerous	Phase 1 site. Measures in hand to further enhance entrance.
Name & address not given	A404 Inkerman Hill to Beamond End	Well known for high accident rate.	Noted.

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Name & address not given	A413 London road, Great Missenden	Particularly dangerous stretch through Deep Mill.	Noted.
Name & address not given	A41 Waddesdon Crossroads	Has always had a bad accident record, turning off lights may increase accidents	Noted.
Name & address not given	Not specific	Agree 100% with proposals, could movement sensors be fitted to town lighting to save more energy?	Noted. Town centre sites not currently being considered.
Name & address not given	All sites	This is a regressive plan that will make roads more dangerous. Endangering lives to save money is gross mismanagement	Noted.
Name & address not given	A4128 Hughenden Valley	As a cyclist worried about turning off lights. Please reconsider before it's too late.	Phase 1 site. Lights already switched off.
Name & address not given	Not specific	Doesn't this affect visibility for traffic and pedestrians and might increase crime.	Noted.
Name & address not given	Not specific	Great idea to reduce number of street lights. Has noticed quite a few lights not working, can't every other light be switched off.	Noted.
Name & address not given	A40 Beaconsfield to Potkilm Lane	Farsical that street lights will be switched off but recycling site is lit up. Trust action will not result in accidents.	Noted. Raise recycling lighting issue with Waste group.
Name & address not given	Not specific	Good idea to switch off lights, should make more use of and maintain catseyes.	Noted.
Name & address not given	Not specific	I support the principle	Noted.
Name & address not given	Not specific	Switching off lights increases the accident risk.	Noted.
Name & address not given	Not specific	Best idea that BCC has had. Has BCC considered turning off alternate lights? This could also be done on motorways. Reducing lighting will reduce speed.	Noted.
Name & address not given	A404 Inkerman Hill to Beamond End	Instead of switching off all lights why not do alternate ones with a nominal number of lights at junctions. Lighting can lead to increased speeds. Why is A404 lit?	Noted.
Name & address not given	Not specific	Whole consultation is flawed, concerned about the principle, switching off lights after midnight is more sensible.	Noted

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Name & address not given	Not specific	Lights should not be turned off in side streets away from village centres where it can be dangerous for pedestrians.	Not relevant to current proposals.
Name & address not given	A418 Stone	Will this take lights away from footpath, can't have studs on a footway / cycleway	Noted.
Name & address not given	A413 Chalfonts	Concerned over safety especially crossing road and provision for cyclists.	Noted.
Name & address not given	Not specific	What are additional costs of extra measures and maintenance, this will not lead to savings. More signs contradicts de-cluttering work.	Noted.
Name & address not given	Not specific	Figures not totally convincing as power will be used anyway.	Noted.
Name & address not given	A413 Mobwell	Turning to Missenden is already confusing, looks like a run way and green studs are not working.	This is a Phase 1 site where further enhancement measures are proposed.
Name & address not given	Wendover Bypass	Harder to navigate than when lights were on.	This is a Phase 1 site where further enhancement measures are proposed.
Name & address not given	Not specific	Great idea to save energy and reduce light pollution.	Noted.
Name & address not given	C100 Marlow Bottom Road	Concerned where pedestrians walk to pubs. There is no footpath so spaces need to be cut into verges for safe refuge.	Noted. Consider further action to address concerns.
Name & address not given	A4128 Hughenden Valley	Agrees with switch off as most lights are not needed. Catseyes and white lining need to be brought up to standard. Please don't use more smart studs as on A4128 as they don't work and are a waste of money.	Noted. Phase 1 site.
Name & address not given	Not specific	Proposing to turn off lights where there are major safety issues e.g. Potkln Lane. Who will be responsible for future accidents?	Noted.
Name & address not given	Not specific	Fears proposals may be inviting crime. Global warming is a fantasy created by Government to raise taxes. Switching off a few street lights won't make any difference.	Noted.
Name & address not given	A413 Great Missenden Roundabouts	Lighting should not have been turned off here as it will cause collisions and is extremely poorly signposted.	Noted. Not part of Phase 1 or 2 but lights have been out recently due to power failure, now reconnected.

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Penn Parish Council	B474 Hazlemere Road from Potters Cross up to Curzon Avenue	None given	This is a 30mph area so has not been considered as part of Phase 2.
Finmere Parish Council	A421 Finmere Roundabout	Have seen the scheme operating at Radclive Roundabout and would like to apply to reduce light pollution at the Finmere Roundabout.	Roundabouts have been excluded as part of Phase 2.
Name & address not given	All motorways and trunk roads	Should have lighting switched off.	Not a BCC responsibility, refer to Highways Agency.
Name & address not given	Seeleys Road estate, Beaconsfield	Everyone has proximity lighting	This is a 30mph area so has not been considered as part of Phase 2.
Local member - Ivinghoe	B488 Westfield Road, Pitstone Roundabout	This was controversial when first lit.	Roundabouts have been excluded as part of Phase 2.
Name & address not given	Tring Hill - Buckland Road to B488 roundabout	Since Aston Clinton Bypass has opened, Tring Hill is not very busy. The lights are a waste of energy and pollute the surroundings.	This length is already proposed as a Phase 2 site.
Name & address not given	Stone	Why fit so many lights that shine upwards, would like to see more lights switched off.	This is a 30mph area so has not been considered as part of Phase 2.
Name & address not given	Any non residential area	None given	Noted.
Name & address not given	Canalside, Aylesbury	None given	Noted. This is a public footpath.
Name & address not given	Not specific	Turn off alternate lights	Noted.

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COMMENTS RECEIVED OR ISSUES RAISED ABOUT PHASE 1 SINCE IMPLEMENTATION IN AUGUST 2007

Feedback received up to: 3 December 2007

Comments from	Site(s) affected	Comments	Response
Thames Valley Police	A40 Potkiln Lane to Gerrards Cross	Reported police vehicle colliding with central island at Gerrards Cross end. Exact circumstances not yet known.	The island is well within length still in lighting and there are six columns left on on the approach to the island. Additionally a double white line system is in place on the approach to the island and vehicles should not cross this. Noted but no further action needed.
Resident - Seer Green	A40 Potkiln Lane to Gerrards Cross	Writing to protest about experiment. Refers to hazards such as Bellhouse Hotel, waste site and car boot sale area. Also mentions mud on road and flooding problem. Believes it's a false economy to cut back on lighting.	Confirmed that monitoring is in place. Note: Some further improvements to signing, lining and road studs are to be made along this length as a result of the Stage 3 safety audit comments, this will include highlighting access to his and other properties..
Resident - Gerrards Cross	A40 Potkiln Lane to Gerrards Cross	Lives along length now switched off, unable to locate his access on now dark bend. Also mentions flooding problem.	Confirmed that monitoring is in place and passed flooding and mud issues to area maintenance teams for consideration. Note: Some further improvements to signing, lining and road studs are to be made along this length as a result of the Stage 3 safety audit comments.
Resident - Chalfont St Giles	A40 Potkiln Lane to Gerrards Cross	Suggests experiment is OK except for dangerous section near Bellhouse Hotel. Lights should be switched back on here.	Some further improvements to signing, lining and road studs are to be made along this length as a result of the Stage 3 safety audit comments, this will include highlighting access to Bellhouse Hotel.
Residents - WEC Bulstrode	A40 Potkiln Lane to Gerrards Cross	All comment on difficulty of 'spotting' private entrance during darkness and request action is taken to light the entrance or take other measures to improve conditions.	Some further improvements to signing, lining and road studs are to be made along this length as a result of the Stage 3 safety audit comments, this will include highlighting access to Bulstrode.
Resident - Chinnor	A413 Nash Lee Rounabout, Wendover	Writing to say what a good idea, hope it leads to permanent removal of lighting. Could also consider reduction in signs and lines.	Noted. No further action needed
Thames Valley Police	A413 South Street Roundabout, Wendover	Report of damage only collision at 3.15am involving vehicle losing control and hitting crash barrier.	Noted. Some further improvements to signing and road studs are to be made at this site as a result of the Stage 3 safety audit comments. Barrier repairs also in hand.

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Resident - Aylesbury	A413 Wendover Bypass	Please turn the lights back on. If it is to save carbon, get energy efficient light bulbs	Noted. Some further improvements to signing and road studs are to be made at these sites as a result of the Stage 3 safety audit comments.
Resident - address not given	A4128 Hughenden	Report of collision on 1 October but details unknown. Says 'rainline' markings were promised but have not been installed and maintenance of lights should continue in case they are switched back on.	Noted. Await further details of collision before agree what, if any further action is needed.
Resident - Cryers Hill	A4128 Hughenden	Speeds seem to have been lowered as a result of switching off lights and new road studs / markings make it easier to see where you're going. Too much lighting is used and should be reduced. Gives thumbs up to trial.	Noted. No further action needed
Resident - Buckingham	A421 Radclive Roundabout	Thinks energy saving is a good idea but questions accuracy of savings proposed. Have solar powered street lights been considered as used in other countries? Signs proclaiming 'end of trial' are a waste of time and money as they are just before an unlit stretch of road.	Noted. Cost savings will be achieved if the trial is fully implemented as intended. Alternative street light technology is not recommended at this stage as the capital cost of equipment replacement is not cost effective.
Resident - address not given	Not specific	Although agreeing with the idea, many older drivers find driving in the dark difficult, please can money saved be used to repaint white lines.	Noted. Enhancement works undertaken at all sites prior to switch off.
Resident - Speen	Not specific	Great idea to have switch off but not a good idea how it is. Suggests switching off at pre determined times.	Noted.
Resident - Beaconsfield	Not specific	Who's bright idea was this, lights provided because of hazards, turn them back on.	Noted.