

# Earl Stonham Street Light Survey

Commissioned by Earl Stonham Parish Council

## Introduction:

There are seven streetlights in the village which are paid for out of the parish council precept which makes up some of your council tax bill. We want to know to what extent these lights are valued.

We currently spend about £75 on each street light on electricity and maintenance per year which amounts to nearly 10% of the Parish Council precept. The cost is likely to increase next year as energy prices are going up substantially. If we were to update them to LED bulbs it would cost over £700 per light to replace them but it would save running costs (60% to 75%).

*Please could you take a few minutes to answer this short survey.*

Q1 Please indicate if you live near or are affected by any of these streetlights

- Balls way (on all night)
- Blacksmiths Lane at the junction with Forward Green (on all night)
- Blacksmiths Lane near Haggars Mead entrance (on all night)
- Blacksmiths Lane outside 4 Middlewood Way (on part of the night on a timer)
- School Lane (on all night)
- Entrance to the Village Hall (on all night)
- Wicks Lane, Outside Lime Cottage (on all night)
- I don't live near any of these streetlights – Now please go to [Question 3](#)

Q2 Thinking about the nearest light to you, which best describes your view?

- I value the streetlight but having it on all night is a waste of money and not good for the environment. I would support replacement with an LED bulb at a reasonable cost but would like it switched off between 11.30pm and 6.00am
- I would prefer the streetlight near me to be switched off permanently as it is a waste of money and creates light pollution
- I am happy with the way things are
- I don't have strong views either way
- I have a different view.  
*please give details*

Q3 Thinking about the village street lights in general, which best describes your view?

- I am happy with the way things are even though they seem expensive to run
- I think streetlights in a village of our size create light pollution of the night sky. They are a waste of money and energy and should be switched off except for particular circumstances like when functions are on at the Village Hall when the light at the entrance would be useful.
- The lights should be replaced with more environmentally friendly LED bulbs that can be switched off during the night, say 11.30pm to 6.00am providing it can be done at a reasonable cost.
- I don't really have a view as the lights don't affect me
- I have a different view..  
*Please give details*

Q4 Do you have any other comments you would like the Parish Council to take into consideration?

*Please give details*

If you want to remain anonymous, that's fine but it would be useful to get your contact details if you are happy to share them.

Name  
Address

Phone  
Email

**PLEASE RETURN THIS SURVEY BY 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021 TO:**

- THE PARISH COUNCIL MAILBOX IN THE VILLAGE HALL
- OR TO ANY PARISH COUNCILLOR (SEE THE RECORDER FOR DETAILS)
- OR TO THE PARISH CLERK, The Knoll, 1 All Saints Road, Creting St Mary, IP6 8NF