

Assurance Group
London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
2 April 2020
Our ref: 6208788

Thank you for your request received on 24 March 2020, for the following information:

- 1. The new LED lighting is 4000k and dimmable - why have the Council not followed Commission for Dark Skies, Government Chief Medical Officer's 2017 Report: Health Impacts of All Pollution recommendations of 2200k-2007k levels? and CPRE Report; Night Blight Campaign report?
When the current new street lighting was installed some years ago there was extensive consultation with local amenity groups resulting in many changes. Why was this not undertaken this time?**
- 2. Please state what consultation with Conservation Area representative groups were undertaken and what was the outcome? - in particular with the HGS Trust; HGS Residents Association; CAAC?**
- 3. Were local residents directly consulted on the proposals before the lighting colour and levels were installed and if not why not?**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

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The Council have taken account of various reports, including the CIE (International Commission in illumination) which specifically reviews colour temperature and puts it in context of street lighting practical use and comparisons with normal daylight. In addition the requirements of various industry guidance such as those produced by the Institute of Lighting Professionals ILP and the recommendations of the British Standards for road lighting BS 5489:2003 BS EN13201 have been fully considered and all roads throughout the borough are being designed to ensure compliance with such standards.

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Response: The previous changes to the boroughs street lighting involved all roads being designed to achieve the standards that are identified in the above response. In order to achieve compliance it was necessary to relocate the positions of the lighting columns and in many cases additional columns were introduced. On the basis that this was a significant change it was considered appropriate to ensure that residents had the opportunity to see the proposals and comment on them. However, in this case there are no alterations to the lamp column positions as this is purely a lantern replacement project which seeks to achieve a continuation of compliant lighting standards. In fact for those who are specifically interested in the lighting standards the current standards are in fact lower than the previous requirements and therefore the lighting levels are slightly reduced. This has therefore assisted in achieving compliant standards without the need to relocate lighting columns.

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Further information

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