

Katherine Williams

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 September 2026 11:35
To: Katherine Williams
Subject: External lighting at development in Hamsland Horsted Keynes

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Dear Ms Williams,

I am writing to urge you to **decline** the amended planning permission for the external lighting proposed on the Macar development of 30 dwellings in Hamsland.

My back garden is almost opposite the development and from a personal perspective, I would be very upset by lighting which threatens the dark sky of Horsted Keynes. I have personally watched owls hunting over that field and it is hard enough to have lost that but if that was to be lit it would be to the detriment of surrounding areas used by wildlife. We are wholly within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and I understand the National policy (NPPF paragraph 176) requires great weight to be given to conserving the landscape and natural beauty of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. We must therefore protect our night time environment from unnecessary light pollution.

I understand too that the Horsted Keynes Neighbourhood plan, Policy HK13 requires any development to prove any lighting is necessary. As the surrounding roads (and village) are unlit I don't believe this can ever be the case. The whole character of the village will be changed by adding street lighting and it would be terrible to change this by creating a precedent. The rural country character and dark skies are important to me and so many others in Horsted Keynes.

I firmly believe that outside lighting, as proposed, will have a detrimental effect on the people and the nocturnal habitat of wildlife of our area.

Yours sincerely,
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