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Subject: Proposal for installation of lighting at St Stephen's Field Development in Hamsland, Horsted Keynes

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I am writing to express my concern over the proposal to install lighting on the development above.

Horsted Keynes is unusual in that its residents enjoy a 'dark skies' policy which means that we can enjoy looking at the night sky with very little disturbance from lighting within our village. It's one of the things that makes Horsted Keynes very special – and one of the things that many villagers feel strongly about.

It means that we are prepared to forego the minor inconvenience of (sometimes) having to carry a torch (although torches in mobile phones have changed that), for the much greater benefit of being able to see the night sky. I am lucky enough to have a south facing garden in Hamsland, and it is very common to see many of the planets on the ecliptic clearly without light pollution.

With the new development just a couple of hundred metres away, it would be a great shame to have this benefit endangered – and endangered unnecessarily. Residents of Horsted Keynes have enjoyed the benefits of 'dark skies' for many, many years, and it is not something that I would want to see endangered now.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

Kind regards

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