

Katherine Williams

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Sent: 18 September 2026 16:06
To: Katherine Williams
Cc: Lorraine Carvalho (Cllr); [REDACTED] Horsted Keynes Parish Clerk; [REDACTED]
Subject: Development at St Stephen's Field, Horsted Keynes. Threat to Dark Skies

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For the attention of Katherine Williams - Senior MSDC Planning Officer

Dear Mr Williams,

I write to add my voice to the objections to the scheme to install street lighting by erecting bollards along all the roads in this new development, totally contrary to the Village Plan that protects our dark skies. This proposal was contained in the planning permission originally granted to Rydon Homes and now being implemented by Macar Homes, but in an obscure manner that has only now been published.

Horsted Keynes has never had any street lighting and all existing residents really value this, newcomers quickly adapting to navigating with torches and by using the lights from house windows. When new occupiers of this estate leave it, they will have to deal with entirely un-lit streets like everyone else, so to just mark the edge of their new roads in this way is completely un-necessary in addition to being an inefficient use of electricity. The plan shows these bollards extending right along the access road and up to the estate's junction with Hamsland, so the light pollution will affect residents in that road as well.

As the estate is at a high elevation – 90+ meters above sea level – and built on a south-facing slope, together with the plan to install down-lighters outside every front door such lighting will be visible right across the Weald from as far as the South Downs and at night the estate will stand out like a sore thumb.

Please use your powers to rescind this part of the Planning Permission on the ground that it contravenes the Horsted Keynes Village Plan's Dark Skies Policy and will have a permanent adverse impact upon the existing residents. I am also calling upon our local Councillors to support this objection to this unwarranted intrusion on the wellbeing of the local community.

Best regards,

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