

Katherine Williams

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 August 2026 11:37
To: Katherine Williams
Cc: Horsted Keynes Parish Council
Subject: Fwd: Macar street lighting application

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Dear Ms Williams,

Re: Macar Development at Hamsland, Horsted Keynes: Macar's proposed breach of Horsted Keynes Neighbourhood Plan dark skies policy

The Parish Clerk has replied to my recent email to the PC (see below) to relay advice from MSDC planning officers that comments on the above matter could still be submitted if addressed to yourself. So I am writing to you to point out that residents in Horsted Keynes object to Macar's attempt to circumvent the dark skies policy stated in our adopted Neighbourhood Plan and to forward a copy of my email on this matter to the PC. I gather that from the Clerk's reply that the PC will consider residents' critical reaction to their submitted response to Macar's lighting plan in due course when a post-holiday quorate meeting of the PC can be held.

Yours sincerely,

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----- Forwarded message -----

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To the Parish Council

To represent residents' views you need to consult them first. I have read your response to Macar's application to introduce lighting for residents of the new estate off Hamsland and as far as I am aware it was sent without consulting residents.

I believe most residents would still agree that the dark skies policy for HK should be upheld. Your response does so on the first page but all this good work is undone on the second in which you unwisely invite Macar to justify their proposal and suggest how they can make their breach of policy more palatable. Of course Macar will seize upon this needless concession because they probably see their proposal as a marketing plus.

I therefore submit that you should have finished your response at the second paragraph of page 2 along the following lines:

"In view of the above the Parish Council wishes to register its strong opposition to the developer's proposed breach of our very long standing and widely supported dark skies policy which permits porch lights but rejects all forms of street lighting. Residents have used common sense to successfully negotiate dark streets at night for generations and newcomers who choose to live here should not expect to be made an exception."

I note from MSDC's online planning portal that Comments cannot be submitted at this time as the consultation process has finished, but I believe amendments to your submission may be accepted. I therefore suggest you send a second response saying that after consulting with residents you wish to amend your earlier one in order to register once again the strong unqualified opposition to street lighting expressed in the Neighbourhood Plan consultations..

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