

Katherine Williams

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To: Katherine Williams
Cc: Lorraine Carvalho (Cllr); clerk@hostedkeynes-pc.gov.uk
Subject: DM/26/1689 Discharge of condition nr 24 relating to External Lighting at Land South of St Stephen's Church.

Dear Ms Williams.

I strongly object to this amendment which relates to external lighting bollards on the development at the land to the rear of St Stephens's Church.

Horsted Keynes, like many of the surrounding villages within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty has no street lighting and enjoys some of the darkest skies in the South East of England.

Residents are very much used to this and wish to preserve the dark skies. The installation of lighting on the new development would be totally out of character with the existing historic village and make a mockery of any attempts to integrate the new development sympathetically with the rest of Horsted Keynes. There is no need to introduce light pollution on this new estate, especially as it is located next to open countryside, which would also have a detrimental impact on the abundant wildlife in the area.

The lighting consultant proposes eighteen lighting bollards and in their Lighting Design Considerations & Environment Report they admit at 7.2.1 that there will be a permanent impact on the visual scene.

The report also states at 7.3.1 that the lighting installation will have a positive impact on the local community providing a reduction in the fear of crime and encourage walking and cycling.

However walking and cycling carry on at present without lighting, and in any event, once people leave the new development and turn into Hamsland, there will be no light, so the comments made in this report are ill-informed and pointless in relation to this build and look like a generic template. I do not believe there is a particular fear of crime in the village presently.

Please reject this amendment.

I should be grateful if you would kindly acknowledge this email.

With kind regards,

