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Sent: 09 September 2026 17:50:04 UTC+01:00
To: "Katherine Williams" <Katherine.Williams@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: St Stephens Field Development - lighting proposals

Dear Katherine

Thank you.

Although I have written asking for re-assurance that due consideration will be given to both the High Weald Dark Skies policy and the Horsted Keynes Neighbourhood Plan, which you have duly given, I would like to express a far more personal opinion in relation to how an agreed lighting plan for this development can sit within the wider environment of the village of Horsted Keynes.

Horsted Keynes has a significant settled rural history giving it its 'sense of place' for the current residents of the village. As can be seen from the number of replies and tone of argument within these replies, the residents are keen to protect the nature, character, form and identity of the village.

This has been achieved through careful monitoring of not only the existing landscape but also any proposed addition to that landscape (if you remember, Horsted Keynes were one of the last Parishes to submit an agreed Neighbourhood Plan, due in large part to their determination to get any future development absolutely right for the village and its future development).

As their District Councillor, I have come to see all the hard work the Parish and its residents do in order to, not only preserve but also to enhance, the village's sense of itself, and that sense of itself is very much of a thriving rural village located within the High Weald Natural Landscape.

The High Weald Natural Landscape remit is to enhance the natural environment, and the Parish, by choosing to adopt a Dark Skies policy, seeks to embed itself within the natural landscape of the High Weald. This is to be applauded and encouraged and supports the excellent work other nearby areas, such as Ticehurst, Etchingham, Burwash and of course the nearby Ashdown Forest in achieving an International Dark Skies Status.

My concerns for the proposed lighting stem from the possible resultant effect it will have not only for the immediate residents but from the disharmony it will create within the wider boundaries of the village. No other settled part of the village has any form of lighting similar to that being proposed. On examining the proposed scheme, I am conscious of the possible fracture in design and build this development will create compared to all other settled parts of the village.

With kind regards

Cllr Lorraine Carvalho

From: Katherine Williams <Katherine.Williams@midsussex.gov.uk>

Sent: 09 September 2026 16:40

To: Lorraine Carvalho (Cllr) <Lorraine.Carvalho@midsussex.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: St Stephens Field Development - lighting proposals

Dear Cllr Carvalho,

Thank you for your email.

As discharge of condition applications are not publicly advertised there are no publicity date. However, if comments are received after the application has been determined they cannot be added to the file.

Kind Regards

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From: Lorraine Carvalho (Cllr) <Lorraine.Carvalho@midsussex.gov.uk>

Sent: 08 September 2026 13:44

To: Katherine Williams <Katherine.Williams@midsussex.gov.uk>

Subject: St Stephens Field Development - lighting proposals

Hello Katherine

Can you remind of the last date for comments on the above.

Although I have emailed you regarding adherence to the Neighbourhood plan and HW AONB advice, I would like to make a more general case on behalf of Horsted Keynes and its sense of place, history and character.

With kind regards

Cllr Lorraine Carvalho