

Stoke by Nayland Street-lighting Working Group – Summary of Proposals

Introduction

It is acknowledged that most of our street-lights no longer comply with current regulations, and the bulbs currently used in most of the existing streetlights are no longer manufactured. The existing lighting systems are highly inefficient and increasingly expensive to operate and maintain. **So, the fittings and bulbs on each of our street-lights have either to be replaced or permanently disconnected.** If replaced, it makes sense where practical to adopt modern LED systems that have much lower energy consumption levels and significantly longer serviceability.

We have sought to recognise that there is a significant body of support for retaining street lighting in some areas of the Parish, but there are also Parishioners who would be content to see all streetlights turned off to minimise light pollution or to support austerity or energy reduction. **Some fair balance needs to be struck.**

We have also acknowledged that there is a significant capital expenditure to be funded by the Parish Council to replace any luminaires, regardless of any longer term operating cost savings, and that such expenditure might constrain participation in other projects for the benefit of Parishioners at large – note the results of the recent Parish Council survey. We have completely discounted the installation of any new or repositioned streetlights as being unaffordable.

Rationale & Justification

You have only to walk around at night to observe that none of the existing street lights offer any real semblance of a continuously well-lit path for unsupported use by pedestrians, nor do they serve to fully illuminate road junctions or potential hazards. If that were the goal, massive expansion of the street lighting network would be required not straightforward or selective replenishment. This option is not available to us, not least on the grounds of affordability.

That said, some of the existing lights do appear to signal some indication of a possible destination or change in highway circumstance, and our recommendations have sought to identify and preserve lighting at these locations. However, some of our existing streetlights do none of those things, and we have accordingly concluded that such lights should be disconnected.

In summary, we are about to present proposals to you that would see 12 of our street lights replaced with new fittings, and 16 permanently disconnected and their fittings removed.

Pole	Location	Justification	Proposed Action
1	B1068 Sudbury Road	Serves no obvious benefit between Focus School and The Blundens	Disconnect and remove fittings
2	B1068 Sudbury Road	Indicates junction with The Blundens	Retain
3	B1068 White Horse Cottage	Indicates junction with School Street	Retain
4	Cliptbush Corner	Partially indicates junction with Rectory Hill from Sudbury direction but of very limited benefit	Disconnect and remove fittings
5	B1068 Almond House	Serves little purpose – well-lit by borrowed light	Disconnect and remove post and fittings
6	B1068 Scotland Street	Serves little purpose – well-lit by The Angel	Disconnect and remove post and fittings
7	Scotland Street	Outside Oak Beams – no obvious benefit	Disconnect and remove fittings
8	Scotland Street	Outside Great Gable – no obvious benefit	Disconnect and remove fittings
9	Scotland Street	Outside Laurel Cottage – no obvious benefit	Disconnect and remove fittings
10	Church Street	Outside Village Hall & bus stop	Retain
11	Church Street	No obvious benefit set well back from Village Green	Disconnect and remove fittings
12	War Memorial	Popular pedestrian route past Church	Retain
13	B1089 The Cottage	Luminaire already removed.	Already disconnected - remove fittings
14	The Downs	10 metres back from highway in public space, shrouded by trees	Disconnect and remove fittings
15	School Street Cross Keys	Indicates narrowing in highway	Retain
16	School Street	Close to school and junction to Recreation Ground car park and footpath	Retain
17	Butt Road	Partially indicates road junction	Retain
Post	Location	Justification	Proposed Action
18	Goldenlonds	Partially indicates road junction	Retain
19	Crossfields	Partially indicates road junction	Retain
20	Crossfields	Partially illuminates garages & footpath	Retain
21	The Blundens	Indicates turning circle and access to garages	Retain
22	B1068 Thorrington Street	Set back from junction and provides only late Indication of junction with Hudson's Lane	Disconnect and remove fittings
23	Hudson's Lane	Outside Wren Cottage - no general benefit	Disconnect and remove fittings
26	The Rowley Cottages	No public benefit – private house	Disconnect and remove fittings
27	Butt Road	Supports pedestrian route from bus stop	Retain
28	Crossfields	Duplicates 20 with no material benefit	Disconnect and remove fittings

