

RETTENDON PARISH COUNCIL



STREET LIGHTING POLICY

Where there is reasonable, evident need for additional street lighting in the parish, that cannot or will not be provided by Essex County Council (ECC), Rettendon Parish Council's policy is to fund the necessary installation and maintenance itself, subject to the criteria below, the availability of funds, and priority of other projects.

1. Decision criteria

The Parish Council will only consider funding local lighting proposals where:

- evidence shows that there is demand from the majority of local residents (particularly those living in the immediate vicinity) for additional lighting for a specific purpose,
- ECC has confirmed that there is no prospect of their funding and/or implementation within 12 months of RPC's request for additional lighting,
- other potential sources of funding have been approached,
- the Council considers that such expenditure will not impair availability of funds for other higher priority claims on the Parish funds (regardless of any indicative allocation for street lighting made under the precept), and
- RPC's total expenditure for the complete project is less than £20,000 (excluding VAT and any annual recurring maintenance costs). (Note that the total cost of the project may be higher than £20,000 if there is committed funding from other sources.)

Specific purposes that the Council will consider include, but are not limited to:

- Improvement in highway safety (roads and pathways).
- Improvement in safety, security and/or quality of life for residents and visitors.
- Reduction in crime and disorder (police input would be sought).
- Reduction in light pollution (considering variable hours of operation).

2. Design

The design of any lighting funded by the Council will consider sustainability, energy consumption and light pollution. The Council is committed to obtaining best value on new lighting installations, or existing stock, in terms of energy consumption, equipment, installation and maintenance.

3. Maintenance

The Council's preference for any street lighting equipment it installs is for ECC to assume responsibility for maintenance. Where ECC confirms that it cannot or will not do so, the Council will follow the process in its Financial Regulations to engage a contractor and / or to extend the scope of work of any existing contractor(s) already engaged for this activity.

4. Compliance

The Council's policy is to comply with all relevant legislation, regulation and policies regarding the design, procurement, installation, operation and maintenance of additional street lighting. The Council regards Essex Highways as the authority for design, installation and maintenance.

RPC Street Lighting Policy Approved by Full Council on 26th June 2018

Signed: Chairman Minute No.