



Petition asking for streetlights to be installed on Nottingham Road

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 A petition containing 58 signatures was received in April 2006. The petition asked for streetlights to be installed on Nottingham Road.
- 1.2 The petition did not give a specific location, therefore, some investigation was carried out to determine the exact location.
- 1.3 There are many areas of the City where the lighting levels do not comply with the current British and European Standards, but this situation is not unique to Derby. When new standards are introduced, the requirements are not retrospective so any scheme that has been installed for a number of years is unlikely to comply with current standards, but there is no requirement for it to do so. What is important is that when installed it complies with the standards at that time.
- 1.4 Since receiving the petition we have surveyed the area to consider the lighting levels and requirements for the area. There are lighting columns on Nottingham Road and Wood Street. The access to the parking area was originally lit by spill light from Phoenix Street, but as the trees have grown this has reduced the lighting levels. We felt that the levels were slightly below what we would expect. Therefore, we proposed to carry out an interim minor upgrade of the existing lighting with a full review that will take place with the PFI contract.
- 1.5 Our interim proposal was to improve the lighting by replacing the existing low pressure sodium lanterns with high pressure sodium units, which are more powerful and a better colour of light. As this location will be relit as part of a street lighting PFI contract that is currently been procured, it was felt that an interim solution was the best way forward at the moment.
- 1.6 A long term solution will be achieved by the proposed 25 year street lighting PFI contract. This is due to commence in early 2007 and will replace two thirds of the existing street lights within the first 5 years. All of the new lighting schemes will comply with the latest British and European Standards.

PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 There are two columns at the junction of Nottingham Road with Wood Street. Column number 37610 is located outside no1 Wood Street and column number 32137 is located outside no 31 Nottingham Road. Both of these columns have now had their lanterns replaced. The new lanterns emit far more light than the old unit. The colour of the light is also of a higher quality as it is closer to a white light source.

- 2.2 Lighting column 33161 is located on Phoenix Street, this has a single arm bracket with one lantern that is designed to illuminate the slight bend on Phoenix Street. We are currently investigating whether it is possible to remove this bracket and replace it with a twin arm one that has two lanterns. One of the lanterns would then be pointing towards Nottingham Road and would help to improve the illumination levels. If this is possible we will endeavour to complete these works before the clocks go back at the end of October.
- 2.3 The street lighting PFI contract is currently due to commence in January 2007 and for the first 5 years of the contract there will be a major replacement programme. At some point during this replacement programme the lighting on Nottingham Road will be replaced with a new scheme that complies with all of the latest British and European lighting levels. At this stage we are unable to confirm when these works will actually take place. However, we will exert pressure on the Service Provider to do this work as early as possible. It is important to note that these works will not take place during the first 12 months of the contract due to other contractual obligations.

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