

SPARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

DARK SKIES POLICY

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Review Schedule: Three yearly

Introduction

Sparham Parish Council commends the control of obtrusive light and the reduction of sky glow in order to enhance conditions for nocturnal wildlife and prevent light pollution in Sparham.

When responding to any planning application that may use lighting in its design, the Council will attach the following to every response, so that the planning authority is encouraged to insert conditions restricting the use of outdoor lighting should planning permission be granted.

The Wording

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Clause 191c and Norfolk County Council's Environmental Lighting Zones Policy both recognise the importance of preserving dark landscapes and dark skies. In order to minimise light pollution, we recommend that, if this application is permitted, any outdoor lights associated with the proposed development should be:

- A) Fully shielded (enclosed in full cut-off flat glass fitments)
 - B) Directed downwards (mounted horizontally to the ground and not tilted upwards)
 - C) Switched on only when needed (no dusk to dawn lamps)
 - D) White light low-energy lamps (preferably LEDs, ideally with a colour temperature of 3,000K or 3,500K) and not orange or pink sodium sources.
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