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Dear Ms Whiter

STREET LIGHTING: PART-NIGHT LIGHTING POLICY

Devon County Council has entered the second year of a three to five year programme to introduce part-night lighting in residential areas across Devon. This is being implemented to reduce carbon emissions and energy usage. The enclosed leaflets provide more information.

As part of the process to implement part-night lighting, the local council for each area, the local County Councillor(s) and Police are to be consulted, to identify any issues that need to be considered in respect of lights being switched off at night.

The enclosed general plan ① indicates the main A and B roads in and around Exeter that will remain lit all night.

As there are just over 14,000 street lights in Exeter, it may be helpful to discuss part-night lighting in Exeter as indicated on the plan ② showing 11 areas located between the above A and B roads. The City Council may consider that sub-areas 1, 2, 5, 9, 11, 7, 10 and 6 are suitable for part-night operation, while sub-areas 3, 4 and 8 require more detailed consideration. Alternatively, the City Council may wish to consider the proposal by individual wards as indicated on plan ③.

To-date, other local councils have liaised with their County Councillor(s) and local Police contacts and this may be an appropriate route for the City Council to take. The County Council has issued press releases over the last six months and set up a web site, <http://www.devon.gov.uk/streetlighting>, but has not contacted residents individually.

However, some town and parish councils have issued press releases through their local media and this maybe something else the City Council may wish to consider.

I would appreciate your feedback on any lights you consider should remain on all night, together with evidence to support a departure from the part night lighting policy (e.g. accident or crime records linked to lighting issues) by 20 August so that I can issue an instruction for the necessary works.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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