

CODFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Cllr.Dick Tonge
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Dear Councillor Tonge,

Street Lights Switch-Off Project - Codford.

Following the Workshop at Urchfont on Thursday 29th July and various other items of correspondence relating to the reduction of unnecessary street lighting initiative, Codford Parish Council has carried out a comprehensive consultation exercise with the parish community which has resulted in a majority decision in favour of the Switch-Off proposal for the village.

In conjunction with Wiltshire Police the Parish Council surveyed the village street lighting scheme and in accordance with the criteria set out in the Warminster Area Board-Community Area Manager's letter of 7th June 2010 provisionally identified the specific lighting units suitable for switching off as guided by the Project Leader's Briefing Note.

Subsequently a total of 340 households in Codford were circulated with a sketch plan of the switch-off proposals, together with an explanatory letter from the Chairman of the Parish Council. Specimens of both are enclosed for your information.

The final returns showed a 49% response, a total of 168, of which 143 (42%) were in favour of the switch-off proposal and 25 (7%) were against. The great majority of those who voted against the initiative expressed their reasons for doing so as the fear of increased levels of crime and disorderly behaviour.

Notwithstanding these concerns the Parish Council is satisfied that the proposed switch-off scheme would be in the interests of the majority of the village community in particular as well as other benefits for the environment as a whole and therefore recommends that the conversion work be implemented as shown on the attached sketch plan.

The Parish Council would also be obliged if the printing costs for the consultation exercise, amounting to £52.50p, could be reimbursed from the Area Board's allotted funding for the scheme.

Yours sincerely,



Louis Hoareau
Clerk to Codford Parish Council

cc: David Bullock, Head of Service, Traffic and Network Management, Wiltshire Council.
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