

Reduced street lighting in the Malmesbury & Villages Area

Proposed schemes to convert selected street lights to part-night lighting



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Reduced Street Lighting Project - Malmesbury Area

1. Introduction

In July 2010 at the Wiltshire Council *Malmesbury Area Board* meeting Councillor Sturgis gave a short presentation on a scheme to reduce unnecessary street lighting in Wiltshire. This would enable communities to reduce their carbon footprint, reduce light pollution of the night sky, and reduce energy costs. Councillor Sturgis asked for volunteers to take part in the scheme. Malmesbury and the Villages Community Area Partnership (MVCAP) volunteered to coordinate responses from the parishes, who were asked to feed back information by the end of September 2010.

MVCAP established a team to run this project with MVCAP Project Officer Mark Allen nominated as the project lead. It quickly became apparent that for any meaningful consultation the original deadline was untenable. A project schedule was developed with the aim of completing the parish consultation process in time for the Area Board meeting in January 2011.

The project schedule consisted of the following stages (and deadlines):

- Approach all 20 local councils to identify those interested *in principle* (30 September 2010)
- MVCAP to publicise the project to general public (30 September 2010)
- Work with participating councils to identify possible lights for modification (30 November 2010)
- Liaise with Wiltshire Council engineers to confirm lights are suitable for modification (30 November 2010)
- Local councils to consult with local residents (24 December 2010)
- Final recommendations presented to area board (19 January 2011)

A great deal has been achieved to identify suitable schemes but this schedule has proved to be extremely challenging. While there has been interest in this project from many councils, only a few have managed to reach the consultation stage. This report details the current progress and the recommendations from those councils that have managed to complete the consultation process.

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2. Executive Summary

- MVCAP contacted all 20 local councils to ask if they were interested in principle.
- 3 councils (Ashton Keynes, Great Somerford, Malmesbury Town) are interested this project but have been unable to complete the process in the available time. They are however continuing to identify suitable lights for conversion and are very interested in participating should funding be available in the next financial year.
- Brinkworth Parish Council are currently preparing to conduct their public consultation process which they hope to complete in time for the Area Board meeting on 19 January 2011. Their provisional recommendation is for the conversion of 11 lights.
- Crudwell Parish Council have identified lights for conversion and undertaken an initial consultation. These recommendations are currently awaiting approval/ comments from Wiltshire Council *Highway Network Improvements Group*.
- Hankerton Parish Council have completed the process and have recommended 4 lights for conversion.
- Luckington & Alderton Parish Council are just completing the process. 4 lights are recommended for conversion in Alderton. 2 lights are recommended for conversion and public consultation is underway regarding 4 more lights in Luckington. They also hope to have agreed their final recommendations by 19 January 2011.
- Sherston Parish Council are currently conducting the public consultation process and also hope to have the final recommendations ready for the Area Board meeting on 19 January 2011. Their provisional recommendation is for the conversion of 60 lights in Sherston and 3 in Pinkney.

To publicise the project MVCAP issued a press release which was sent to the local papers and parish newsletters. MVCAP also had leaflets printed which were distributed at MVCAP events as well as at Area Board meetings and on stalls run by MVCAP at Malmesbury Carnival's *Petticoat Lane*, *Malmesbury Alive & Kicking*, Sherston's *Mangold Hurl*, and Malmesbury's *Christmas Late Night Shopping*.

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3. Proposed lights for conversion

3.1 Brinkworth

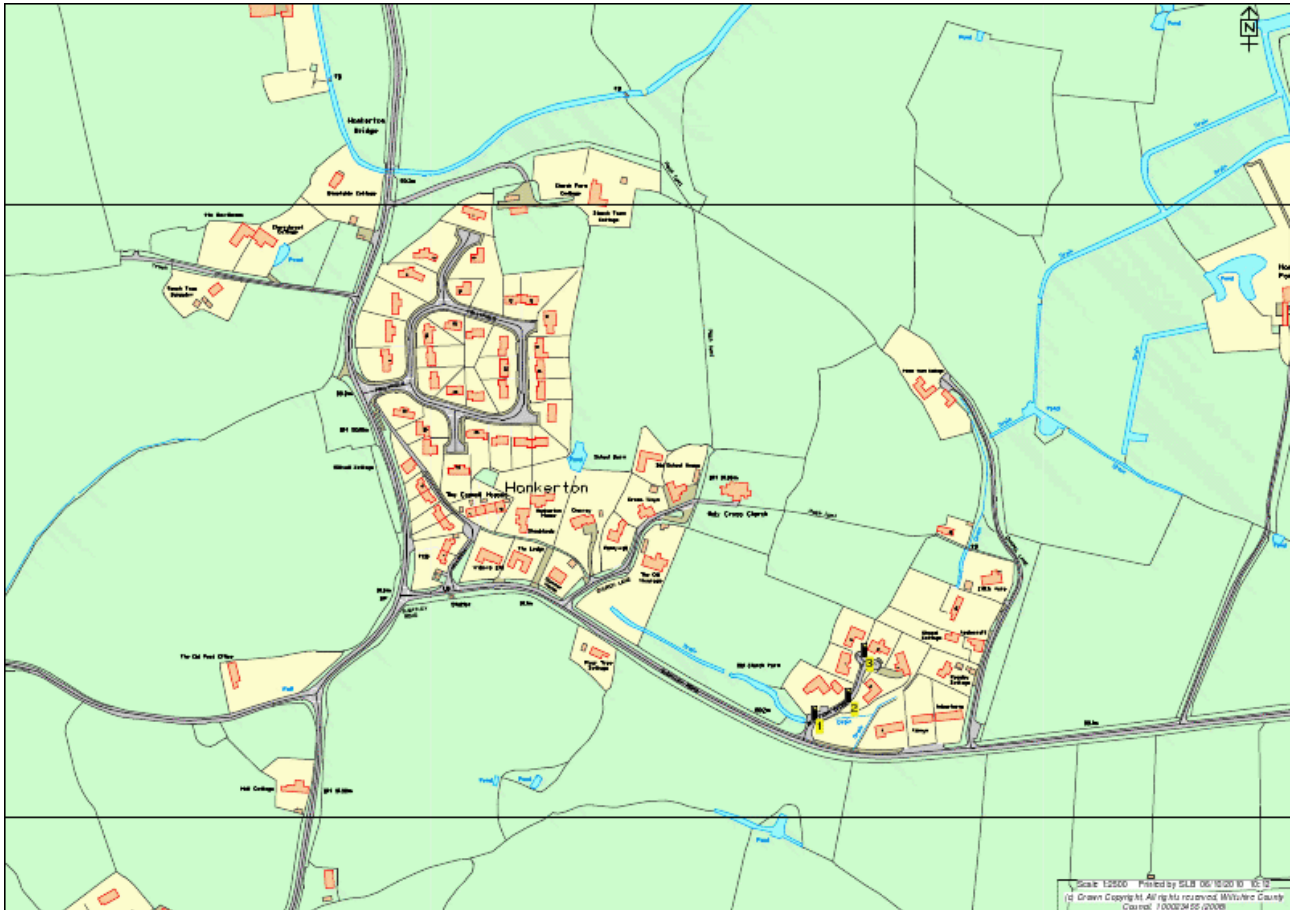
The following map shows the lights proposed for conversion, approved by Wiltshire Council's *Highway Network Improvements Group*. This plan is provisional awaiting the final consultation.



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3.2 Hankerton

The parish council recommend the conversion of lights 1, 2, and 3 in Old Farm Close on the map below. They have also recommended a light at Hillwell (not indicated on the map) which the *Highway Network Improvements Group* have said would be likely to be approved if ownership by Wiltshire Council can be established.



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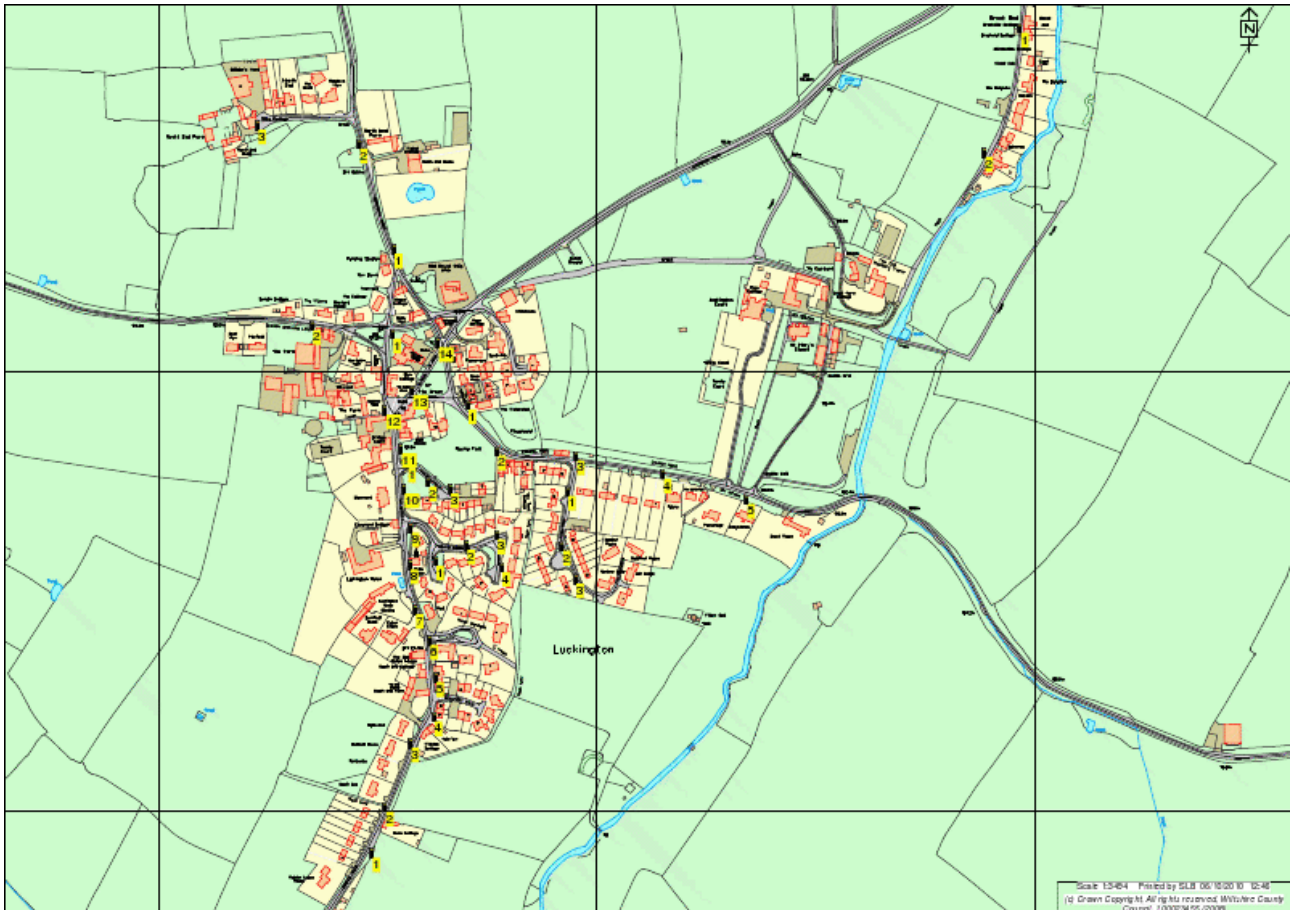
3.3 Luckington & Alderton

The parish council recommend the conversion of 4 lights in Alderton. These are lights 1, 2, 3, and 7 on the map below.



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For Luckington the parish council recommend the conversion of lights 1 and 2 at Brook End as marked on the map below. They also provisionally recommend lights 1, 2, 3, and 4 on Hollis Gardens subject to the outcome of their consultation.



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3.4 Sherston

The parish council provisionally recommend 60 lights for conversion in Sherston and 3 in Pinkney as shown in red on the maps below (reproduced with the kind permission of Sherston Cliffhanger) subject to the outcome of their consultation process.



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