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County Hall
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Petition to Maintain Street Lighting Service at Chaffinch Drive, Trowbridge.

We are all concerned by what appears to be some form of "strategy" switching off street lights in and around Chaffinch Drive during the hours of darkness, particularly at the end of our cul-de-sac as it has an adverse impact affecting a concentrated group of residents/properties.

I therefore phoned a variety of your departments, including Highways/Street Lighting on 11/12 August but could not get a clear/satisfactory response. I was advised instead to lodge my concerns on "My Wiltshire", which I did under "Service Request" 162752, but this appears just to be some form of routine incident/failure report mechanism. I therefore sent a further email to localhighways@wiltshire.gov.uk on 12 August. I have not yet received a response to either of these forms of contact.

I now also enclose a copy of the above Petition duly signed by all residents and ratepayers of Chaffinch Drive, in strong support of maintaining the provision of street lighting utility service in Chaffinch Drive and the immediate area, in accordance with the original design and established levels of illumination and coverage, in the interests of continued safety, security and amenity.

I am a Chartered Civil Engineer with experience of utility infrastructure design/operation and a Chartered Environmentalist, so fully appreciate the benefits of sustainability and reduced carbon footprint, but for reasons of maintaining adequate safety, security and amenity in Chaffinch Drive, I suggest that more cost-effective and appropriate measures are available at other locations where higher intensity, overlapping and redundant lighting could be eliminated with negligible impact.

As local Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, I speak for all the residents who are convinced with good reason that the complete darkness being imposed will endanger personal safety (in particular the young and elderly) and also create an unacceptable situation to encourage other crimes, burglary etc.

It is disappointing to have to write regarding this matter and I sincerely hope that you will be able to confirm please that the originally designed and established levels of illumination/coverage in Chaffinch Drive and the immediate area shall be maintained.

Yours Faithfully,



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