

## Tynedale Local Area Council

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### Request for Street Lighting to be Installed at Moor Road, Prudhoe

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#### Purpose of Report

To consider the recently received e-petition requesting street lighting be installed on the currently unlit section of Moor Road, Prudhoe, between Moor Grange and Humbles Wood.

#### Background

1. An e-petition was received regarding a request to install street lighting at Moor Road prudhoe. The Lead Petitioner is Mrs L Rusby. The petition was supported by 156 e-signatories and stated:-

“We the undersigned request that Northumberland County Council install and maintain appropriate street lighting to Moor Road between Moor Grange and the entrance to Humbles Wood/Fern Dene Hospital. Currently there is no street lighting on this under maintained, dark narrow road. The footpath is heavily populated by woodland and used by residents, visitors and hospital staff 24 hours per day. We believe this is a huge safety concern which needs to be addressed urgently for the following reasons;

To provide a safe and convenient pedestrian route between houses and local community facilities.

Create a safe route for vehicular movement and enable residents/staff needs for statutory and other services to be met efficiently.

Safeguarding of minors walking to school.

As a full transport statement, plan and framework should have been conducted and agreed at planning stages with Humbles Wood being over 50 dwellings, failure to provide adequate street lighting for a residential route is a huge oversight and should be addressed. This road is now classed as a double carriage way with a 30mph speed restriction, so is no longer a country lane. Therefore appropriate street lighting in recognition of this being an adopted road should be installed.

25 Million pound was made available for a lighting renewal program in Northumberland, and yet we are advised none of this is available for new street lighting.”

2. Moor Road is currently lit from its junction with South Road to Moor Grange. Moor Grange forms the limit of the continuous housing footprint of Prudhoe. The new housing at Humbles Wood has been built as a new development at the former Prudhoe Hospital site approximately 500m south of Moor Grange. Along the length between Moor Grange and Humbles Wood, Moor Road is a typical unclassified two way rural road, with footway on one side, with a 30mph speed limit. The road has not had streetlighting at any time.

3. As part of the planning requirements for the development, street lighting was not required along Moor Road between Moor Grange and the new development at Humbles Wood.
4. To provide lighting to this section of Moor Road, in line with current lighting standards, will require 15 street lighting columns fitted with a new LED lantern. Due to the lack of underground supplies in this area, the estimated cost for this work is in the sum of £37,500. A slightly cheaper alternative design could be considered but this would require overhead cables.
5. There is currently no funding within the Council's capital programme to fund this request. The lighting renewal programme noted in the petition is the Street Lighting Modernisation programme which is for the conversion of street lighting to LED lighting in areas which are currently lit, rather than to extend lighting to new areas. Additional lighting would also add to on-going maintenance costs.
6. There are many similar areas in Northumberland which are not lit. The Street Lighting Section holds a register of similar requests and to date over 50 such requests exist, which range from requests for single columns to larger schemes in areas similar to Moor Road, Prudhoe. Some of these requests have been on the register for a number of years.
7. Given the above the Local Area Council are asked to consider the request and provide any comments for consideration in determining the way forward.
8. If supportive of the proposal the next stage would be to consider potential funding arrangements, which would include reviewing the availability of any s106 funding, contribution from Members Small Schemes funding and consideration within future LTP programmes.

### **Recommendation**

Members are asked to note the e-petition along with the contents of the report, and provide any comments for consideration in determining the way forward..

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**Implications**

<b>Policy</b>	Consistent with current Street Lighting Policies
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	Estimated cost based on NCC delivering work and current schedule of rates
<b>Legal</b>	None
<b>Procurement</b>	None
<b>Human Resources</b>	None
<b>Property</b>	None
<b>Equalities</b> (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	None carried out
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	None
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	e-petition
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	This additional lighting will add to the level of carbon (tCO2) produced by street lighting, but low wattage LED lighting would be used
<b>Wards</b>	Prudhoe South

**Background papers:**

None

**Report sign off**

	initials
Finance Officer	n/a
Monitoring Officer/Legal	n/a
Human Resources	n/a
Procurement	n/a
I.T.	n/a
Director	PJ
Portfolio Holder(s)	GS

