



WHO NEEDS STREET LIGHTS?



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- What are we trying to achieve?
- How can we balance costs/benefits?
- How can we satisfy E.U lighting designs?
- Public consultation or trial and error?



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Choices

- Remote Monitoring
- Part Night Switching
- Late switching (55 lux)
- De-illumination of signs/bollards
- Electronic Control Gear
- Power Factor Correction
- LED
- Solar Power
- Switching off



Switching off?

AA comment

- Commenting AA president, Edmund King, said: "Turning off street lights to save money or reduce CO2 may backfire in terms of increased accidents and crime. In the dark drivers' reactions tend to be slower and stopping distances longer. Street lighting can reduce the risk of crashes and their severity.
- "The public are in favour of street lighting as a way of improving road safety. Cyclists and pedestrians are more at risk on unlit streets. Local authorities should consider more environmentally friendly lighting rather than putting us all in the dark. In terms of reducing CO2 AA research shows that local authorities will have more effect improving traffic flow than turning off the lights."
- AA Insurance has also expressed reservations about the switching off of street lights in urban areas. Quite apart from the increased risk to pedestrians and cyclists, urban environments present numerous unlit potential hazards. When the clocks go back the number of car insurance claims increases by 13 per cent. Lack of street lighting also provides cover of darkness for burglars and will place greater pressure on local police resources.



Switching off?

National newspaper Readers Views For:

- It's completely barking to have the street lights on all night, when there is no-one using the streets. How much council tax could be shaved off our bills? The street lights outside my house when I was a child used to switch off at midnight - never had a problem.
- Keeping the lights on after midnight, when most people are indoors anyway, is a total waste. People's fear of the dark extends to burglars as well - they like lots of light so they can see what they're doing rather than having to use torches which draws attention to them! And to hear people in the countryside complaining that 'they can't see their hand in front of their face' is crazy. Why don't they live in the city centre if they are scared of the night? Or carry a torch? They should leave the night to the stars and the wildlife that have been around for thousands of years instead of trying to turn night into day.



Switching off?

- National newspaper Readers Views Against:
- Councils should be cutting their employees' expenses or not wasting so much money on waste management monitoring systems rather than depriving us of our street lighting.

They don't care about us, they only care about the money. If the lights go out in our area, I'm refusing to pay my council tax.

- The streets of England are not safe to walk down when lit, so it must be terrifying to do so in the pitch dark. England is becoming a laughing stock for many countries now as the loony councils, loony government and loony archbishops do and say such loony things



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DISCUSSION!

