

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

1. Can you please explain why there has been new street light been put up on Fallowfield Road Leicester where there are no existing street lampposts.

ANSWER

The new street lights have been installed as part of a City wide lighting improvement scheme.

If we were to simply install new luminaires on existing columns we would not meet the new British Standards for street lighting levels, therefore we have had to install columns in new positions with new LED luminaires to maintain adequate lighting levels.

2. Can you please explain why they are installed against the boundary of the property and not near the roadside as old existing ones are.

The City Council policy is to install columns at the back of the footpath, wherever possible so that they are less of an obstruction to pedestrians and reduce the risk of vehicle damage at front of footpath.

3. Why was there no consultation to the residents.

There was a press release in the Leicester Mercury and a questionnaire canvassing 1000 homes was issued to members of the public when the city wide scheme first started and the response was most favourable.

4. Under Freedom of information act can i see all decisions made on installation and location of now and future lampposts on this road, Woodnewton Drive and Fulbeck Avenue.

Please be aware that when replacing old lighting equipment on a public highway it is our duty to ensure that the new scheme complies to the British Standards. The above roads were classified as S4, where the average lighting levels must equal 5Lux or better(see 'Eav' readings), and the minimum lighting levels must be not lower than 1Lux (see 'Emin' readings). Please see the attached documents detailing the 'before' and 'after' results showing in the first instance the lighting levels that failed with the existing lamp positions.

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