

Motion Submitted by Cllr Kevin Etheridge, Caerphilly County Borough Council.

We the undersigned elected members request a review into the decision to switch off street lights following the representations we have received from our residents. Members are also concerned that this decision has been based on historic consultation that is therefore likely to be currently unrepresentative of communities across the county. This decision has also been based on outdated studies and a lack of robust assessment of protected categories of groups in communities as categorised under the Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties Wales) Regulations 2011. Members are further concerned that this decision could undermine other key council objectives. Members therefore request that a current and proactive consultation and engagement exercise with the public is completed across Caerphilly County Borough Council.

1. supported by specific questions targeted at protected categories of groups in communities and also other groups in communities in particular occupations, for instance emergency service staff, NHS staff, taxi drivers, social workers and hospitality works
2. supported by specific questions for vulnerable people living in communities so that responses received may be used to assess the impact on other key council objectives such as preventing domestic abuse, addressing poverty and supporting community safety
3. that clearly identifies how any decision to reduce part night lighting will be monitored to measure ongoing impact on communities and also ensures the monetary savings and the carbon emission reductions targeted are delivered