

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER - HIGHWAYS TRANSPORT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE**

7 February 2017

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities

**STREET LIGHTING AT MANSFIELD ROAD BETWEEN HILLSTOWN AND
PALTERTON**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To seek approval for the removal of street lighting between 30mph speed limit leaving Hillstown and Steels Lane, Palterton

(2) **Information and Analysis** Street lighting exists on Mansfield Road from its junction with A632 Langwith Road Hillstown and Main Road, Palterton as shown on Appendix 1. There is a 30mph section for approximately 400m after which the national speed limit is in operation. Within the 30mph section there are footpaths and residential properties, however, outside this, there are no footways and no properties for approximately 800m. These street lights have been identified as having reached the end of their operational life.

The Cabinet report of 21 October 2014 identified that any street lighting in rural and non-residential areas at the end of its life would be reviewed in line with current industry standards and the Council's risk assessment criteria for part night lighting, to determine if it is still delivering effective community benefits, (Minute No. 376/14 refers).

A review of traffic and safety collision data from 1 March 2013 to 31 December 2015 identified four collisions which occurred in daylight at the Main Street and Mansfield Road, Palterton crossroads and it is recommended that street lighting be retained between Steels Lane and Main Street.

The area is designated as low crime and there are no community safety incidents to consider. Mansfield Road from its junction with A632 to the speed terminal signs does, however, contain residential properties and associated footpaths, and it is recommended that street lighting is retained on this section.

This leaves 15 street lights which could potentially be removed.

On 20 September 2016, a consultation letter was sent to Scarcliffe Parish Council, as there are no residential properties along the relevant part of

Mansfield Road to consult. The Parish Council response is attached at Appendix 2 and highlights concern of children and carers travelling by foot or cycle in the dark between Palterton Primary and Bolsover Secondary School, referencing support for their concern from local Member Councillor Dixon. It is approximately 2 miles between the two schools and some highway skills education within the schools would be of assistance in addressing these residual concerns.

Local Member Comments

Councillor Dixon has been consulted and supports the Parish Council's concerns.

(3) **Financial Considerations** Removal of 15 street lights would cost £3,500, funded from existing 'Invest-to-Save' funding, there would be a saving from non-replacement costs of £35,000 and ongoing revenue maintenance costs of £1,000 per annum.

(4) **Environmental Considerations** Removal of 15 street lights would reduce carbon by 0.4 tonnes per annum, reduce clutter from the highway and return this section of highway to a more rural environment.

(5) **Social Value Considerations** Street lighting limits the ability to see or fully appreciate the night sky, particularly in developed countries. As with all parts of the country, Derbyshire has seen an increase in exterior lighting over the last 50 years, with many children having never seen the Milky Way. This reduction of lighting will assist in limiting the urbanisation of the rural road network.

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, health, property and transport considerations.

(6) **Key Decision** No.

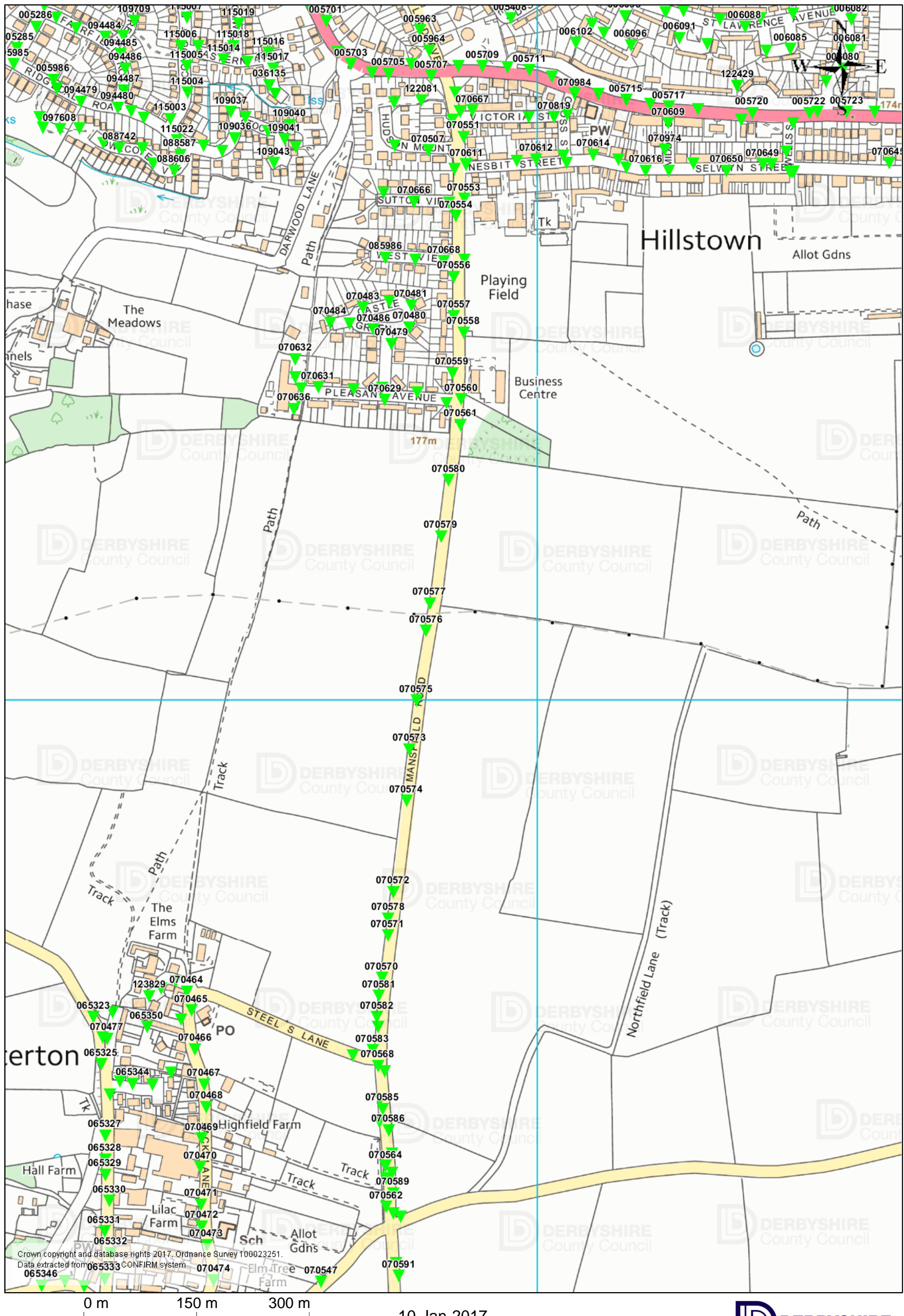
(7) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(8) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Communities Department. Officer contact details – Debbie Anderson, extension 38670.

(9) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION** That the Cabinet Member approves the removal of street lighting on Mansfield Road between the 30mph speed limit leaving Hillstown and Steels Lane, Palterton.

Mike Ashworth
Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities

Appendix 1



From: Richardson,Ian (Economy Transport and Communities)
Sent: 13 October 2016 07:37
To: Anderson,Debbie (Economy Transport and Communities)
Subject: FW: Street Lighting Between Palterton and Hillstown

Hi Debbie—please see below

Regards

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From: Scarcliffe Parish Council [<mailto:scarcliffeparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk>]
Sent: 12 October 2016 20:17
To: Richardson,Ian (Economy Transport and Communities)
Cc: Dixon,Joan (Elected Members)
Subject: Re: Street Lighting Between Palterton and Hillstown

Dear Mr Richardson,

Scarcliffe Parish Council strongly objects to the proposed "turning off of the lights on Mansfield Rd" as mentioned in your letter. Firstly and most importantly this is a major route for children travelling both ways to and from Palterton Primary and Bolsover Secondary school. The street lights are vital for any children or carers travelling by foot or cycle negotiating this route when dark.

There are not footpaths on this route and to expect children to walk on an unlit highway where cars travel up to and over the 50 mph speed limit is wholly unacceptable.

We are grateful that Councillor Dixon supports the Parish Council on this matter as she understands just how busy that route becomes. To infer that Derbyshire is "rural" in this argument is a touch disingenuous as a large volume of traffic exits the M1 at 29 to head to Bolsover, Notts and surrounding areas. It is not a rural road with little traffic.

What becomes even more exasperating is DCC failing to offer a holistic approach to the roads in our area. Just this week a large articulated lorry jack knifed on Rylah Hill and caused mayhem in the surrounding areas. Why can DCC and the Police not stop articulated lorries travelling up Rylah Hill and when they do and mayhem ensues why do they assume that it is OK to switch off the street lights on the route that dozens if not hundreds of cars take as a diversion?

I await your response.

many thanks,

Brian Smyth,
Clerk and RFO,
Scarcliffe Parish Council.

From: Richardson,Ian (Economy Transport and Communities) <ian.Richardson@derbyshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 20 September 2016 09:21
To: scarcliffeparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk
Subject: Street Lighting Between Palterton and Hillstown

Hello Mr Smyth

Please find attached letter for consideration/comment by the Parish Council.

Kind Regards,

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