

Brixworth Parish Council

Lighting Policy



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Street Lighting Policy

1. Purpose and Scope

The following information relates to the Street Lighting Policy in Brixworth and sets out a code of practice that sets the standard for compliance in recognising our responsibilities

Brixworth Parish Council owns and maintains eight street lights in the following locations:

- 4 lights at the rear of St Davids Road
- 1 light at Swedish Houses (off Froghall)
- 3 lights near to the Church

This policy relates to the maintenance and operation of these lights only.

Brixworth Parish Council aim to:

- Maintain the street lights in a safe condition, within the agreed budget
- Anticipate budget changes in line with maintenance costs and potential replacement costs
- Keep up to date with current legislation , legal requirements and best practice governing street lighting
- Continue to aim to reduce costs and power consumption without any detrimental effect to lighting quality or safety
- Replace the lights at the end of their serviceable life, or when beneficial to supporting the council's Green Framework (EP03) goals

2. Legal Responsibility & Policy Support

[Highways Act 1980 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://legislation.gov.uk)

[Parish Councils Act 1957 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://legislation.gov.uk)

[Public Health Act 1875 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://legislation.gov.uk)

[Open Spaces Act 1906 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://legislation.gov.uk)

Limitations Defining Responsibilities of Responsible Authority

- West Northants Council is the Highway Authority and maintains street lights on the main A & B roads in Northamptonshire
- The Highways Act 1980 empowers a Highway Authority to provide lighting for any highway or proposed highway that they are, or will be, the Highway Authority for
- The Highway Authority has a duty of care to the road user. However, this duty does not require the Authority to keep public lighting lit. It does require the Authority to be able to demonstrate that they have systems in place to maintain the public lighting equipment in a safe condition, including the detection of dangerous equipment.
- Brixworth Parish Council has a Maintenance Contract **with E.ON** for parish owned street lights to ensure that it is safe and operating correctly.
- **E.ON** will respond to any faults reported by the parish council within 10 working days.

3. Requests for Changes to Street Lighting

The parish council occasionally receives requests for changes to street lighting, for example, additional street lighting columns. The Parish Council will consider all such request, but the cost may have to be borne by the requestor. Please register any such enquiries with the Parish Clerk

4. Asset Management

An inventory and location map of all the streetlights is held.

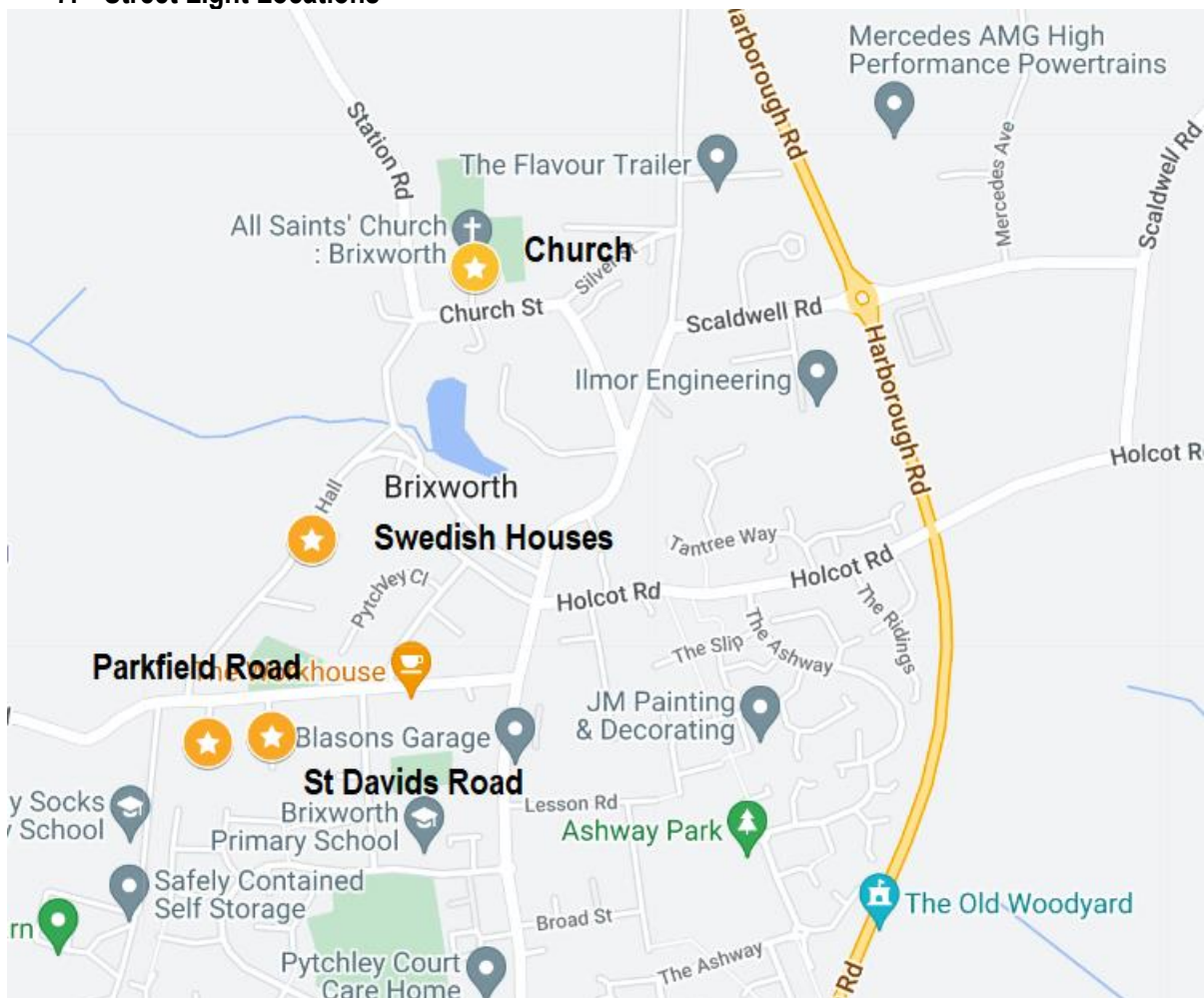
5. Repair or Replace Parish Owned Street Lights

Faulty lights are repaired unless we are advised by our contractor that repair is uneconomic. New columns erected will be of a high standard and appropriate to the area.

6. Environmental Impact

Attempts will be made to limit the impact of our street lighting on the environment where possible and economically viable.

7. Street Light Locations



This policy is reviewed annually by the Parish Clerk and submitted to the full council for approval.

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