

QUESTION BY COUNCILLOR

Question submitted by: Councillor Charlotte Holloway

To Cabinet Member: Councillor Bill Wakeham

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To ask the Cabinet member, what plans are currently in place to improve lighting in the city's parks? Additionally, to ask what assessments have been made of parks where there are substantial areas in darkness, such as the Ford Park Road entrance to Central Park, where local residents have indicated they would like to see lighting in place ahead of darker night's drawing in?

Response: (for completion by City Council officers and Cabinet Members)

City's Park and Highway lighting allows for key routes to be walked through or alternatively around each Park. We do not have plans to light all footpaths as this would be detrimental to bats and other wildlife impact, wild life breeding and feeding habits can be affected by artificial lighting and we have a statutory duty to consider this.

In addition, increases of lighting arrangements can conflict with the council's carbon reduction policy.

Central Park is subject to a safety review and some lighting upgrades have been suggested within the Safer Street4 funding round, unfortunately, Ford Park Road entrance lighting has been discounted within this funding round, we constantly monitor the lighting arrangements across the city and seek to improve it's effectiveness. The lighting engineer is aware of this: request for review

Signed: Councillor Bill Wakeham

Dated: 17/10/2022

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