

# CHURCH ASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Street Lighting Policy Statement

Local Authorities (including Highway Authorities) have discretionary 'powers', as opposed to mandatory 'duties', to provide street lighting in public places.

This puts a much greater emphasis on local authorities that provide, or intend to provide, street lighting to be clear about the criteria that may influence their decision(s) because expending resources on street lighting may inhibit a local authority's (CAPC) ability to expend resources on other potential opportunities / priorities.

This **Policy Statement** sets out the criteria that Church Aston Parish Council (CAPC) has adopted as a guide when street lighting proposals are being considered for implementation:-

- The affordability, including availability of current and future funding sources, to meet all costs of any new or replacement street lighting schemes (e.g. the provision, day-to-day operating, and ongoing maintenance costs)
- The maintenance and improvement of the structural and electrical integrity of existing street lighting to be given a higher priority over provision of funding for potential new street lights and street lighting schemes;
- The maintenance and improvement of existing street lighting to current (and future) operating compliance standards to be given higher priority over provision of funding for potential new street lights and street lighting schemes;
- Provision of any new street lights and street lighting schemes should only be considered where they enhance the lighting of public areas;
- A higher priority will be given to the provision of additional street lights and street lighting schemes in locations where they enhance road safety and are considered to enhance the safety of the community in public places.
- When considering new street lights and street lighting schemes a local authority may not take into account in their considerations benefits that may be accrued from a scheme by the owners or occupiers of adjacent private land or property.

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