

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)**

DATE: 21 JUNE 2017
LEAD OFFICER: SARAH J SMITH, PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE OFFICER
SUBJECT: QUESTIONS FROM LOCAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS
DIVISION: ALL DIVISIONS

Question from Mr Nick Harrison (Nork & Tattenhams)

The County Council Cabinet took the decision to turn off the lights in most roads (excluding A and B roads and certain others) last autumn, saving £210,000 pa.

How many members of the public responded to the consultation held - both overall and how many were residents of Reigate & Banstead?

It is understood that Surrey Police were consulted about high crime areas and such roads were excluded from the switch off. As a result of this police consultation how many roads in Reigate & Banstead were taken out of the programme? How many of these were in the Nork & Tattenhams Division?

A number of my residents are raising the lack of street lights as a contributory factor to burglaries they have suffered since the switch off was implemented in February. What has been the overall change in Reigate & Banstead in the number of burglaries and other crime in the switch off hours, since February? If statistics are not yet available, will the Highways Department monitor the crime impact of this service policy change going forward?

Response:

A total of 842 responses were received in the public consultation published in the summer of 2016. Respondents were not asked to provide information about where they live so the location of respondents cannot be determined.

Surrey Police have been provided with area maps and lists of roads that were intended to be included in the Part Night Lighting programme and have been afforded the opportunity to identify any areas of concern where switching lights off would be expected to have an adverse impact on either. There were no roads in Reigate and Banstead identified by Surrey Police to be excluded on the grounds of concerns over crime.

Information relating to crime statistics are the domain of Surrey Police and so Officers will continue to engage with them and where identified, locations where the lights should be considered to be excluded from Part Night Lighting will be discussed and a joint decision taken.

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