

**Committee:** ENVIRONMENT

**Agenda Item**

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**Title:** **CAR PARK LIGHTING POLICY –  
FAIRCROFT CAR PARK**

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### Summary

1. A revised lighting policy was introduced for Fairycroft Car Park, Saffron Walden on a 12 month trial. This policy is now due for review with the intention of settling on a permanent policy based on the trial that has taken place.

### Recommendations

2. That, the lighting arrangements that have operated over the 12 month lighting trial, i.e. only the lights on the ground floor remain on all night and the remainder are turned off between midnight until 5 am, are adopted as the lighting policy for the Fairycroft car park.

### Impact

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Communication/Consultation	A public consultation exercise has been undertaken with Police Authority, Saffron Walden Town Council, Waitrose and Community Safety prior to commencement of the trial. Notices were placed to advise users of the change of lighting hours.
Community Safety	There have been no community safety notifications during the trial.
Equalities	There are no Blue Badge holder's spaces on the upper floor or outer area.
Finance	The costs were funded from existing budgets and there will be an ongoing saving on energy costs.
Human Rights	None
Legal implications	None
Sustainability	This reduction has a positive effect on our carbon footprint.

Ward-specific impacts	All Saffron Walden wards
Workforce/Workplace	None

## Situation

In March 2009 this Committee resolved to commence a 12 month trial reducing the 24 hour lighting policy to permit that only the lights on the ground floor remain on all night and the remainder be turned off at midnight until 5 a.m.

The trial has now served its twelve months and in that time only one comment was received and this was to request that the lighting was adjusted to British Summer time when the clocks changed in March.

The review was prompted as local residents wished the lighting to be reduced overnight and Members needed to balance those wishes against any community safety concerns there may have been.

The trial is judged to be successful and it is appropriate that Members consider adopting the hours of the trail as the policy for Fairycroft car park.

## Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
That community safety concerns arise at a later date	2 None have been raised in the period of the trial.	3 The policy may need to be revisited.	A decision can be reconsidered by the same Committee six months later.
That nearby residents may still be disturbed by the lighting	2 No complaints have come forward during the trial.	2 The policy may need to be revisited	Consideration of complaints is part of the Councils daily business.

*1 = Little or no risk or impact*

*2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary,*

*3 = Significant risk or impact – action required*

*4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.*