

Street Lighting

Street lighting as an issue only made it into the top ten at number nine. While 42% of respondents thought it an important stand alone issue only 8% ranked it in their top 3. Overall, while there may be some localised problems residents are generally satisfied with the current level of lighting. Indeed there were a number of comments to the effect that more lighting might adversely impact the rural character of our villages.

Residents were asked about the type of lighting they would like to see and 69% of respondents favoured the traditional style of lantern shown below. Regarding the colour of lamps, most respondents had no preference. Of those that expressed a choice, a small majority were in favour of peachy lamps. Consistent with this, it has been agreed with OCC that as lighting is replaced it will be with traditional columns and lanterns and with peachy lamps. This process has already begun and for the residents of Crowsley Road and Brocks Way the new lighting will be in evidence in spring 2014.



Traditional column and lantern

Regarding the level of lighting, the approaches to Shiplake Station are where approximately one third of respondents would like to see some improvement. A more detailed study of the junction between Station Road and Mill Road would indicate that from a lighting perspective an additional column sited between the Baskerville and Lowes Close and a column between the Corner Shop and Brocks Way would make sense. A proposal for two additional columns has already been submitted to OCC and a site survey will be conducted. Following the survey the SG will work with the OCC and the Parish Council on implementation.

Finally 44% of respondents indicated they would like to see some moderation of station and car park lighting when trains aren't running. Only 20% of respondents did not agree with the proposition. It is proposed that First Great Western which is responsible for platform and car park lighting will be approached to establish the feasibility of either turning the lighting off between midnight and 6.00am or considerably reducing its level.