

## **FOI 76/2015**

### **REQUEST**

I would like answer to the following:

Essex County Council claim that all Borough, District, Parish and Town Councils were consulted prior to their decision to switch off the street lights from midnight/1am to 5am. But they have not indicated the responses they got from those authorities.

Can you please therefore tell me what the advice was from TDC.

### **RESPONSE**

Further to your FOI request submitted on 6 February, I can confirm that the actual consultation from ECC asked the following:-

“As part of our consultation plan we are contacting Parish, District and Borough Councils and the emergency services, asking them to identify any areas that meet the exception criteria to help inform the final plans for part night lighting across Essex.”

We therefore did not need to do a response ourselves but we did facilitate giving members of the public the opportunity to comment, via a survey on our website. The following 2 links should be of assistance. The first is from our website which gives a summary of the feedback. The second link is to the ECC website which gives a complete summary for all the Tending responses.

To summarise, the consultation was not about whether to switch the lights off, it was more along the lines of what areas do residents consider that the lights should be left on (i.e. in areas considered at risk of crime or alleyways etc).

<http://www.tendingdc.gov.uk/council/consultation-contact-and-complaints/results-recent-consultations>

<http://www.essexhighways.org/Transport-and-Roads/Roads-and-Pavements/Street-lighting/Partnight-lighting/Tending.aspx>