

## **Results of Woodgate Street Lighting Survey**

At the beginning of July 2007, a survey was sent to each household in Woodgate (Woodgate Road, Frogs Hall Lane and Norwich Road). In total 51 surveys were sent. 34 of which were return within the specified time (66%). 2 were received after the deadline.

Each household was asked:

- A) Whether they would like prefer the street lights in Woodgate to be replaced with those on galvanised steel poles.
- B) Whether they would prefer the street lights not to be replaced when removed.
- C) Or to suggest another alternative.

I must stress that the results of this survey are not to be construed as an official referendum on the matter, just a guide to public opinion:

<b>Action</b>	<b>Number of Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
For the Replacement of Street Lighting with Steel Poles	19	56%
For the Non-Replacement of Poles when Removed	13	38%
Other	2	6%

There have been several opinions also given on the subject, so all comments have been noted. Only the comments relevant to street lighting are below, full comments will be placed on correspondence.

### **Comments for 'Other' Responses**

- I would prefer that the street lights in Woodgate are replaced by lights in keeping with the quality of the area's environment. Woodgate is a particularly attractive part of the village. It may have no footpaths but we still need a minimum degree of illumination. I would be happy if the lights could be programmed to go off at midnight.
- Please leave our lights the way they are.

### **Comments for 'Replace' Responses**

- We would not like any street lights removed at all.
- Perhaps we could have a footpath as well!
- People have to walk about in Woodgate when it is dark, so why shouldn't there be lighting here as there is in other parts of the village?
- I would like to make the point that the roads/lanes in Woodgate are also footpaths for pedestrians and therefore all current lights should remain. In addition I would ask that consideration be given to the erection of a further light to be installed at the junction of Pye's Lane.
- We need some street lights more than other places because there are no footpaths – people still walk in Woodgate. School children are particularly at risk during winter evenings.

- Just because there are no footpaths does not mean that people do not walk in the Woodgate area at night. The street light outside 'Jonnirey' is of galvanised steel and offers security.
- I was the one to get street lights in Woodgate – perhaps it would be better if they were painted green?
- The street lights in Woodgate are fixed to wooden poles carrying power 7 GPO cables.
- We would like to register our strong objections to the removal of any street lights in the Woodgate area. We do not have any footpaths in Woodgate, yet our children have to walk into the village to catch buses to school and college twice daily, and the dangers are even more apparent during the winter months when the mornings and afternoons are darker and the children dressed in dark coloured uniforms are less visible. Furthermore, Norwich Road is consistently used as a short cut from the village to Dereham and these vehicles travel at tremendous speeds. We often walk with our family and the existing lights offer little protection as it is.

### **Comments for 'Remove' Responses**

- I cannot see why we need them!
- As we do not have a street light near us we are not affected by this, but I do not see then need for them as there are so few.
- This was a pleasant rural hamlet. Street lights are incongruous and only add to the suburbanisation of incomers!
- Cannot see the need for street lights in Woodgate.
- Street lights are not necessary in Woodgate and many locations in the Parish. Replacements should be directional so as not to illuminate the night sky. Street lighting increases the Parish's carbon footprint.
- Unless extra lights are to be provided I feel the current level of lighting is completely inadequate.
- Why are these lights necessary, when there are no footpaths? There are already too many security lights that are beyond our control.
- Too many posts already.
- Can the lights be left as they are until they eventually fail? Then maybe solar lighting can be considered as an alternative. We currently have too many posts (BT, power etc) without adding more.