



Yateley Town Council - Improving YOUR Street Lighting Important Information – please keep

Yateley Town Council is carrying out a major works programme this year to improve street lighting across Yateley and Darby Green in partnership with SSE Contracting and Hampshire County Council (HCC).

We will be putting in nearly 200 new columns to bring existing lighting up to standard. The new street lighting will use the latest in lighting technology to reduce energy use and cut carbon emissions. Light will shine directly onto roads and pavements, reducing the impact on the night sky. If you would like to find out what we are doing in your street, please go to www.yateley-tc.gov.uk.

To give you an idea of what to expect, these are the answers to some frequently asked questions.

1. Why are we doing this?

Yateley Town Council look after a large number of street lights. This is unusual in Hampshire where the County Council usually look after street lighting. HCC are best placed to look after the lighting as they have the expertise already in place. We want to upgrade some areas so we can hand over responsibility to HCC. Currently Yateley Town Council spends £26,000 per year maintaining and servicing street lights. One off investment to standardise lighting and the subsequent adoption of street lights by HCC will remove some of that annual expense and in the long run save the Council money.

2. Where will the new street lights be located?

New lighting columns will be sensitively placed on boundaries where ever possible or where they cause the least intrusion. Some designs will be limited by the available electrical supply, position of trees and other obstructions. Some columns are being repositioned to allow for the required spacing between lights.

3. Who will do the work?

SSE contracting will be carrying out the work on behalf of Yateley Town Council. SSE Contracting is the largest street lighting contractor in the country and part of the Scottish & Southern Energy Group.

4. Will it affect the electrical supply to my house?

There should be no interruption to your home's power supply during the work.

5. Will engineers need to access my property at all?

There should be no need for anyone to enter your property either before, during or after the works.

6. What happens next?

Before the work starts SSE Contracting will mark the new positions for the street lights on the public highway, usually by a white circle with the letters SL in the centre. These positions are designed to make sure that lighting levels are correct. They take great care positioning the lights and work closely with the local council to make sure there's minimal disruption.

7. Will there be holes in the pavement / road?

It isn't possible to install new street lights and electrical cable without digging some holes. However, SSE will try to dig as few as possible and fill them in again as soon as they can. Their engineers use barriers, signs and cones for safety. If the road is very busy or narrow, they may have to use traffic lights to protect their workforce.

8. Will I still be able to park on the street?

You obviously can't park where the engineers are digging. They will, however, try to keep as much parking space available as possible.

9. Will the bins still be collected?

Bin collections should take place as normal. If necessary, the contractors will move wheelie bins or dustbins to a single collection point away from the work site and return when empty.

10. Can I park on my driveway?

You should be able to use your own driveway as normal unless the contractors are working directly outside your home. If they are, they may have to ask you to move your car elsewhere for a while. If you need to park close to your home (for example because you have a disability) please speak to one of the engineers and they will help you.

11. What if I'm expecting a delivery?

If you're waiting for a delivery to arrive, please speak to one of the workmen. If you run a business, one of the engineers will contact you before the work starts to discuss what access you need and when. If no one has contacted you and you have some concerns, please call Hampshire County Council on 0845 603 5633.

12. Why is the new street light outside my house not working?

Once the new street lights are in place, the local electricity company will lay the supply cables, connect the new lighting. They try to do this within a few days but it may take a little longer.

13. What happens to the old street lights?

No waste material is sent to landfill. The existing street lights, both concrete and steel are completely recycled, as well as the lanterns.

14. What if I don't want a street light outside my house?

SSE Contracting do offer to check the layout and if there is a convenient alternative they will consider requests from residents to relocate a column before it is installed.

15. Will the lights shine in my windows?

The majority of modern lanterns have optical controls designed to limit or counteract intrusion into properties. On occasions where a light shield is felt necessary, you can request one by emailing hampshirepfi@ssecontracting.com.

16. When will the work be starting and how long will it take?

We are hoping the work will be carried out in late spring/early summer 2016.

17. What do I do if I want to speak to someone about a light?

In the first instance please contact Yateley Town Council

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