



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

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Choose your preferred language

- English
 Cymraeg

Public Lighting consultation

Background

Neath Port Talbot has around 19500 streetlights. Like households and businesses, the council has seen a huge increase in energy costs in recent years. So, despite an above-inflation increase in the budget allocation from Welsh Government, the council's street lights energy bills are expected to be £295K over budget by the end of this financial year, and £100K in the next financial year.

With ever increasing pressure on budgets and a significant budget gap predicted in the council's budget next year, the council is looking for ways of saving money to protect public services.

For this reason, we are looking to reduce street lighting energy bills. We can do this in the following ways:

- **Increased dimming:** Since 2016 all fluorescent lanterns in the county borough (approximately 8500, mostly in residential areas) are dimmed every night. There are a further 10,600 LED lanterns within the county borough which are suitable for dimming.
- **Part Night Lighting lights in residential streets will be switched off between 1:00am and 5:00am.** This could include up to around 14,000 lanterns.
- **A combination of the above**

These proposals are backed up by a commissioned report to develop recommendation for Part Night Lighting in NPT and by our experience of dimming some of our lanterns in recent years. Several research studies covering local authorities across the UK conclude that dimming of lanterns or part time lighting are not associated with an increase in night-time traffic collisions or crime in affected streets.

What is the purpose of this consultation?

We want to hear your views on our proposals for cutting the cost of street lighting across the county borough. Your responses will be used to inform any decisions on street lighting in Neath Port Talbot going forward.

What is the consultation timeline?

The consultation will run for 6 weeks from **20.12.23** to **31.1.24**. You can read the Cabinet report **HERE**

1. Please indicate which of the following describes you (*please select all that apply*):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I live in Neath Port Talbot | <input type="checkbox"/> I am an unpaid carer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I work in Neath Port Talbot | <input type="checkbox"/> I am a college/university student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I own/run a business in Neath Port Talbot | <input type="checkbox"/> I am a NPTCBC elected member/AS/MP/community councillor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am a volunteer in Neath Port Talbot | <input type="checkbox"/> I work for a third sector or voluntary organisation in NPT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am a school pupil | |

Name of business:

2. Please provide your full postcode below (e.g. SA13 1PJ). This allows us to more accurately pinpoint respondents' views and needs by area, and to make sure we've heard from people in all parts of the county borough:-

3. How do you feel about the option of dimming 10,600 LED lanterns in the county borough?

- Strongly agree Agree Neither agree/nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know

3.a Please give the reasons for your response to Q3

4. How do you feel about the option for lights in residential streets to be switched off in the small hours (i.e. up to around 14,000 lanterns during the hours of 1am – 5am)?

- Strongly agree Agree Neither agree/nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know

4.a Please give the reasons for your response to Q4

4.b If you disagree or strongly disagree with question 4, are there any alternative times for lights in residential streets to be switched off that would be acceptable to you?

- Yes No Don't know

4.c If yes, what times would be acceptable to you?

5. If these proposals were to go ahead, would you have concerns about any specific locations

- Yes No Don't Know

6. If yes, please list these locations and why you would be concerned about them in the box below:

7. Is there anything else you want to say about the proposed options for cutting the cost of street lighting?

8. Would our proposals for cutting the cost of street lighting across the county borough have an impact on you and/or your family because of your and/or their:

- Age Yes No Don't Know

Disability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gender Reassignment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Marriage or Civil Partnership	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pregnancy or maternity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Race	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Religion or belief	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sex	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sexual orientation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. If yes, please explain why

Welsh Language impact

10. What effect do you think our proposals for cutting the cost of street lighting across the county borough will have on:

	Positive	No Effect	Negative	Don't Know
People's opportunities to use the Welsh Language	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10.a Please give the reason(s) for your response to question 10:

10.b In your opinion, what **positive effects** would our proposals for cutting the cost of street lighting across the county borough have on people's opportunities to use the Welsh language?

10.c In your opinion, what **positive effects** would our proposals for cutting the cost of street lighting across the county borough have on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language?

10.d In your opinion, what **adverse effects** would our proposals for cutting the cost of street lighting across the county borough have on people's opportunities to use the Welsh language?

10.e In your opinion, what **adverse effects** would our proposals for cutting the cost of street lighting across the county borough have on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language?

10.f How do you think our proposals for cutting the cost of street lighting across the county borough could be developed or revised so that they would have positive effects, or more positive effects on people's opportunities to use the Welsh language?

10.g How do you think our proposals for cutting the cost of street lighting across the county borough could be developed or revised so that they would have positive effects, or more positive effects on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language?

10.h How do you think our proposals for cutting the cost of street lighting across the county borough could be developed or revised so that they would not have adverse effects, or would have less adverse effects on on people's opportunities to use the Welsh language?

10.i How do you think proposals for cutting the cost of street lighting across the county borough could be developed or revised so that they would not have adverse effects, or would have less adverse effects on on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language?

About You

Finally, we would be grateful if you could tell us some information about yourself.

Equalities - The Council operates equality policies that aim to ensure that everyone is treated fairly and equally. To make sure that people are not discriminated against when accessing our services we carry out monitoring and therefore would be grateful if you could answer the following questions. The information you provide is strictly confidential.

11. What is your age?

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <input type="radio"/> 13-15 | <input type="radio"/> 60-69 |
| <input type="radio"/> 16-24 | <input type="radio"/> 70-74 |
| <input type="radio"/> 25-29 | <input type="radio"/> 75-85 |
| <input type="radio"/> 30-39 | <input type="radio"/> 86+ |
| <input type="radio"/> 40-49 | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="radio"/> 50-59 | <input type="radio"/> Other |

Other - please specify

12. Welsh Language - are you:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Fluent speaker & writer | <input type="radio"/> Fairly fluent speaker |
| <input type="radio"/> Fairly fluent speaker & writer | <input type="radio"/> Learner |
| <input type="radio"/> Fluent speaker | <input type="radio"/> Little or no knowledge |

13. Are you pregnant or on maternity leave?

- Yes No Prefer not to say

14. Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

The Equality Act 2010 defines a person as disabled if they have a physical or mental impairment, which has a substantial and long term effect (i.e. has lasted or is expected to last at least 12 months) and has an adverse effect on the person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

- Yes No Prefer not to say

15. Ethnic origin

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> White British | <input type="radio"/> Pakistani |
| <input type="radio"/> White Irish | <input type="radio"/> Black African |
| <input type="radio"/> Mixed: White & Black Caribbean | <input type="radio"/> Black Caribbean |
| <input type="radio"/> Mixed: White & Black African | <input type="radio"/> Chinese |
| <input type="radio"/> Mixed: White & Asian | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="radio"/> Indian | <input type="radio"/> Gypsy and Traveller communities |
| <input type="radio"/> Bangladeshi | <input type="radio"/> Other |

Other - please specify

Gypsy and Traveller communities - please specify

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| <input type="radio"/> Irish Traveller | <input type="radio"/> Romani Gypsy |
| <input type="radio"/> New Traveller | <input type="radio"/> Showperson |
| <input type="radio"/> Roma | <input type="radio"/> Other |

Other Gypsy and Traveller communities - please specify

16. **Sex:**

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Male | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="radio"/> Female | <input type="radio"/> Other |
| <input type="radio"/> Non-binary | |

Other - please specify

17. **Is your gender the same as the sex you were registered at birth?**

- Yes No Prefer not to say

If you answered **no**, please enter the term you use to describe your gender:

18. **Sexual orientation:**

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Heterosexual | <input type="radio"/> Bisexual |
| <input type="radio"/> Lesbian | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="radio"/> Gay | <input type="radio"/> Other |

Other - please specify

19. **Religion / belief:**

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Christian | <input type="radio"/> Sikh |
| <input type="radio"/> Buddhist | <input type="radio"/> No religion |
| <input type="radio"/> Hindu | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="radio"/> Jewish | <input type="radio"/> Other religion |
| <input type="radio"/> Muslim | |

Other religion - please specify

20. **Nationality:**

Welsh

Scottish

English

British

Irish

Prefer not to say

Other

Other nationality - please specify

Thank you for your time

please press the **'submit'** button before leaving