

CABINET – 12 JULY 2018

Written Question from Ms Tanja Rebel of Cowes to Cllr Ian Ward Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport

QUESTION

Will the Isle of Wight Council now arrange that the PFI Contract with Island Roads ensures benign lighting for residents, visitors, wildlife and sky glow, i.e. maximum 2700 Kelvin?

RESPONSE

“I would refer you to previous communications that you have had with the council and island roads on this matter. As previously advised the council’s position is that there is no definitive proven evidence which has yet to change the industry and or British Standards associated with LED street Lighting. It was generally agreed that until conclusive research was undertaken by an industry body, underwritten by Government, that legislation would remain as is. Nonetheless the lighting on the Isle of Wight complies with all current regulations and British Standards as required and as intended in the contract. That said, technology has moved on since the PFI was brought into existence and some greater awareness of Blue Rich White Light (BRWL) has resulted in wider consideration for warm effect LED lighting. With regards to a way forward with new installations, which were also discussed during your meeting with the council, it was suggested that these may be considered through IWC planning department for new developments and for lifecycle replacement opportunities once Island Roads existing stock had been depleted.”