



We will soon be renewing the lighting in your street

As part of the Council's commitment to improve the street environment, we are about to start on a six year programme to improve street lighting throughout the borough. The Royal Borough has 11,500 street lights, of which some 8,000 need renewing. A street light is made up of the lamp post (column) and also the lantern, which provides the light.

4,000 need to be replaced completely, whilst a further 4,000 only need new lanterns. This year we will be replacing about 850 lanterns and this will include those in your street.

The long term benefits of these works include:

- Reduced energy consumption
- A better standard of lighting
- Less light pollution
- Reduced maintenance costs.

Progress of the works.

As a first step we will survey your street, checking that the new lanterns will deliver the improved lighting standards we are looking for. In some circumstances we may need to install new lighting columns. If you are directly affected we will send you a separate notice. Once the survey is complete we will then organise the actual works.

Common questions from residents

Q - Will the new lantern use more electricity and increase CO2 emissions?

A - No, the new lanterns provide substantially more light output for less energy used. In the case of most of our old lanterns a reduction of as much as 50% will be achieved.

Q - I am concerned that the new lighting will flood my house with unwanted light. Can you prevent this?

A - The new lighting units are designed to direct light out and downwards so light pollution should not be a problem. However, if you have a problem once the new lighting is installed, please contact us as there are measures we can take to address this problem.

Feedback

Please find enclosed a pre-paid self addressed feedback form which you can use to provide your comments about the new lighting scheme. Your feedback will be very helpful to make sure we provide a high level of service that meets your requirements.