

Dark Skies Policy

The Planning Committee asks the Full Council to **RESOLVE** to adopt the Dark Skies Policy as an interim Council Policy until more complete wording can be finalised. This policy will be referred to by the Planning Committee when commenting on planning applications.

(This wording is taken from the Neighbourhood Development Plan Section EN04 Pages 38/89.) Members can also view the Dark Skies section in the Environment Assessment: <https://www.rother.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Burwash-Environment-Assessment.pdf>

Proposed Policy for Resolution

Burwash Parish Council

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New development proposals should be appropriate to the dark skies status of the three villages and limit the impact of light pollution from artificial light on local amenity, the intrinsically dark landscapes within the parish and nature conservation. Lighting, including outside and security lighting, associated with such developments should be in accordance with the CIE 150 (2003) and the Institute of Burwash Neighbourhood Development Plan 39 Lighting Professionals (ILP) lighting guidance on the reduction of obtrusive light. All new developments with external lighting should meet or exceed ILP guidance for the environmental zone in which the development is set to take place (www.theilp.org.uk) and/or the highest standards of light pollution restrictions in force at the time.

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