

OVING PARISH PLAN

Action Point Template

Subject investigated: STREET LIGHTING

Survey question numbers: Q35, Q37, Q45, Q46, Q47, Q48

Description of the perceived need:

There appears to be little urgent need for action here. It may be courteous to investigate the nuisance lighting issue associated with new housing developments at the end of Gribble Lane. Contact could be made with CDC Environmental Management Team to follow this up.

Q46 directly asks for feedback on street-lighting in the Parish and the conclusion is that the majority of respondents see no need for further action on the subject. A minority of 17.6% are dissatisfied, and the free comment questions indicate why this may be.

There were five free comment style questions which generated 13 total comments regarding street-lighting. Some comments were conflicting, with a small number of comments requesting less street-lighting or better controlled illumination (timing and orientation), whilst more of the comments requested better overall illumination along pavements for the safety of pedestrians. Some very specific lighting problems were identified in Gribble Lane, High Street, and Church Lane.

Summary of relevant survey data:

Q35 If yes to any of the above (Is your enjoyment of life negatively affected by any of the following in Oving Parish?), please give details here.

(five comments out of 74 total responses = 6.8%):

The new development on Gribble Lane has new street lamps that are very bright and stay on all night, illuminating inside our house!

Street lights outside house staying on late into the night.

Light pollution - from new houses in Gribble Lane, street lights too bright.

Street lighting which came with new houses in Hayter Gardens, Gribble Lane were built.

During the ground works at Shopwhyke Lakes they cut down all the trees behind our house so we now get light pollution directly from the A27.

Q37 Please tell us about any ideas you have to improve the environmental sustainability of Oving Parish further (one comment out of 38 total responses = 2.6%):

Switch off street lights on B2144 - not needed.

Q45 Please tell us if you have any suggestions for improvements to any of these services

(one comment out of 39 total responses 2.6%):

Want better lighting for Church Lane plus improved road and pavements.

Q46 For each of these services provided, supported or maintained by other local agencies, please indicate how satisfied or dissatisfied you are with the quality of the service.

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Street Lighting	12 (7.8%)	57 (37.3%)	57 (37.3%)	16 (10.5%)	11 (7.2%)

Very Satisfied & Satisfied rating: 45.1%

Very Dissatisfied & Dissatisfied rating: 17.6%

Q47 Please tell us if you have any suggestions for improvements to any of these services.

(five comments out of 63 total responses = 7.9%):

Need more frequent buses and more street lighting.

Improve road surface and street lighting on Gribble Lane.

Against any more street lighting.

Street lighting and speed restrictions should be improved. Most roads are not safe for pedestrians after dark.

Street lighting needs to be addressed along the High Street and Church Lane.

Q48 Please tell us if there is anything else you would like to say about Oving Parish or any of the issues raised in the questionnaire.
(one comment out of 42 total responses = 2.4%):

We do not need streetlights in the country lanes - why Gribble Lane? Oving is not a suburban area, absolutely no need for them polluting the darkness.

Description of response proposed:

OPC to contact CDC Environmental Health to investigate nuisance lighting in the vicinity of Gribble Lane.

Have lights turned off in Drayton Lane.

Feasibility of response:

Feasible.

The agency which is ultimately responsible:

WSCC Highways.

Those who will benefit among the community:

Residents living close to nuisance lighting sources.
Walkers, pedestrians and workers who may need to use pavements at night, dawn and dusk.

Time frame and estimated costs if known:

Years – ongoing.

Plans already in process or proposed which may be relevant:

None