

11th December 2024

Supporting Statement for provision of external lighting

Application No: 232853

Site Address: The Lodge
Arborfield Court
Swallowfield Road
Arborfield
RG2 9JS

Date of Decision: 25 January 2024

To whom it may concern

We purchased the above property in March 2018 from Wokingham Borough Council who were the owners at the time. The property had flood lights on all sides and a small wall light by the back door when we purchased it. The flood lights have been replaced as the old lights were defective and were inefficient due to being obsolete halogen fittings. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There is no street lighting, or ambient lighting from another property, so it can be very dark, particularly during the autumn and winter months. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We have now installed security cameras at the front and back of the house, as well as the entrance gate. These cameras have automatic lights on that are triggered by movement [REDACTED]

On top of security, we have the day-to-day access and egress to and from the property. Without any light you cannot see the lock on the door to put the key in. [REDACTED]

The external lighting design in our application has been made with consideration for the surrounding area and wildlife, at the same time as balancing our need to be able to see our way in and out of the property. Soffit downlights are considerably less invasive to wildlife than floodlights. All external lights are turned off overnight, with the exception of the movement sensor lights with the security cameras. These lights are not activated by wildlife.

We ask that the planning officer consider our need for external lighting, especially in view of the fact there was already considerable external lighting in place when we purchased the property.

Yours faithfully

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[REDACTED] Ruth Platt