

PETITIONERS' PANEL
Agenda

- Date Thursday 31 January 2019
- Time 5.30 pm
- Venue Crompton Suite, Civic Centre, Oldham, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1NL
- Notes
1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST- If a Member requires any advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote he/she is advised to contact Paul Entwistle or Kaidy McCann in advance of the meeting.
 2. CONTACT OFFICER for this Agenda is Kaidy McCann Tel. 0161 770 5151 or email Kaidy.McCann@oldham.gov.uk
- MEMBERSHIP OF THE PETITIONERS' PANEL IS AS FOLLOWS:
Councillors S Bashforth, C. Gloster, Murphy, Shuttleworth and Shah

Item No

- 1 Election of Chair
The Panel is asked to elect a Chair for the duration of the meeting.
- 2 Election of Vice Chair
The Panel is asked to elect a Vice Chair for the duration of the meeting.
- 3 Apologies For Absence
- 4 Declarations of Interest
To Receive Declarations of Interest in any Contract or matter to be discussed at the meeting.
- 5 Urgent Business
Urgent business, if any, introduced by the Chair
- 6 Panel Procedure (Pages 1 - 2)
- 7 Garforth Street Streetlighting Report (Pages 3 - 22)
- 8 Petitioner Additional Information (Pages 23 - 30)

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Procedure at the Panel Meeting

The representatives of the petitioner group should remain seated at all times during the meeting, until the nominated spokesperson(s) is/ are invited to speak by the Chair.

The representatives (up to three as stated above) who address the meeting will be limited to ten minutes in total to present their case to the meeting including any Summing Up.

Once the representatives have addressed the meeting, the Councillors sitting on the Panel will be invited to put questions to the petitioner representatives.

Appropriate Councillors /relevant Ward Members) and/ or officers of the Council (including the officer presenting the report) will then have the opportunity to address the Panel and maybe asked questions by members of the Panel. Each officer or Member so addressing the Panel will be limited to five minutes.

Finally, the lead representative for the petitioners will be invited to sum up but may only speak for the balance remaining (if any) of the ten minutes allocated as above. Following conclusion of their presentation, the petitioners will be asked to return to the public seating area of the meeting room and may not take any further part in the meeting and the Panel's considerations.

The Panel may exercise discretion to agree to extend the time available to any person or persons addressing the Panel if it considers it appropriate to do so. Following consideration of the matter before it, the Panel shall decide what further action it considers appropriate. This may be:

- (1) to make recommendations to the relevant Executive Director.
- (2) to decide that no further action is required.

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Report to PETITIONERS PANEL

Garforth Street Streetlighting petition

Portfolio Holder: Councillor A Shah, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services

Officer Contact: Helen Lockwood, Deputy Chief Executive People and Place

Report Author: Zaiem Khan, District Co-ordinator
Ext. 5162

31st January 2019

Summary

A petition was received requesting that consideration be given for the installation of streetlighting in the area to the rear of 154-200 Garforth Street, Busk.

This petition and response is referred to the panel for consideration as the petitioners are unhappy with the response that the Council would not install streetlights in the above location.

The Council's position is that installing streetlighting in this area would go against Council's current practice to not light secondary routes or alleyways.

A change in practice would require considerable capital investment and would also increase the Council's energy costs. It would also set a precedence where other areas within the Borough of a similar nature would require lighting which would have a negative impact on the Council's current street lighting budget provision.

Recommendations

It is recommended that no action is taken in respect of the petitioner's request and the Panel support this decision.

Garforth Street Streetlighting Petition

1 Background

- 1.1 A petition (APPENDIX E) was received from residents of Garforth Street and Brierley Walk requesting streetlights in what is classified as an alleyway. The residents feel that the area is too dark and suffers from anti-social behavior and crime, and residents feel intimidated by groups of young people who hang around in the area.
- 1.2 The homes on Garforth Street are traditional terraced properties with an alleyway to the rear. The historical development of housing to the rear of Garforth Street and off Belmont Way is of a type where the homes are designed with pedestrian access only to the front of homes and vehicle access/garages to the rear. This design means that the alleyway at the rear of Garforth Street, in this location, is the main vehicle access for the residents of 14-36 Brierley Walk. (APPENDICES A, B, and C)
- 1.3 When the homes on Brierley Walk were built in the 1964 no streetlights were installed in this location as part of the development of 14-36 Brierley Walk.
- 1.4 The recreational area known locally as Berriesfield is located behind Garforth Street and adjacent to Breirley Walk. The playing field is a focal point for young people who meet up and hang around in the area, and many young people use the alleyway as a route to the park. Residents feel the number of young people, size of the groups, and the behavior of some of them causes fear, intimidation, and leads to crime. They feel that the lack of lighting in the area increases fear and makes the area more susceptible to crime.

2 Current Position

- 2.1 Ward Councillors have met with residents on site a few times over the past 5 years to discuss the issues and to try and find a solution. Streetlighting provided a design for lighting the area (APPENDIX D at the Councillors request and the scheme was estimated at £27,500, this is an estimate for what are felt to be the one-off capital cost to install 8 streetlighting columns. There would be additional costs for accruals – i.e. the ongoing maintenance implications of adding these additional lights to the PFI contract. As there is no pavement in the area it would also be advisable to install some type of protection/kerb for each column to prevent damage by cars. If some form of protection is not installed it would increase the likelihood of the street lights being damaged and would either increase the accrual value or risk the street lights not being accrued into the PFI Contract.
- 2.2 As the Councils current practice is to not light secondary routes the scheme was not progressed.

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- 2.3 Other possible solutions have been considered:
Solar powered column lights – these have been looked into and the cost is similar to main cabled lights, and the issue of ongoing maintenance and lack of pavements is still a factor.
Alleygating has been considered however as residents tend to drive in and out of the alleyway throughout the day and evening, it was felt that the gates would not be used for their intended purpose and would probably remain open, due to the inconvenience it would cause residents to get in and out of their cars to un/lock the gates.
- 2.4 The District team have been supporting the Councillors to engage with the Police. A few meetings with the local police team and community have been held over the past few years and there was an unsuccessful attempt to set up a Homewatch group for the area.
- 2.5 There is work underway to increase youth engagement around Berriesfield with a view of diverting young people away from ASB and crime.
- 2.6 The petition was received by the Council 2nd December 2018 from residents of Garforth Street and Brierley Walk requesting streetlights in this location and a response was sent to the petitioners explaining why their request for streetlighting would not be met. (APPENDIX F)

3 **Ward Councillors Comments**

- 3.1 Ward Councillors have looked at this issue a number of times over the past 5-6 years on behalf of residents. We have been eager to find a solution and requested an estimate for installing streetlights, so we could consider it for funding. However, having discussed this with officers we have followed their advice that lighting this area goes against Council current practice and presents a number of challenges. We also looked at alternatives such as solar powered lights – the costs of which is comparative to mains connected streetlights – and alleygating – which in discussion with residents we do not feel would work in this area as all the residents move their cars through this alleyway.

4 **Options**

- 4.1 Option 1: Uphold the response to the petition that streetlighting would not be installed in this area.
Option 2: Agree to petitioners request for streetlighting in this location, with costs to be met from a budget of the Council, yet to be identified.

5 **Preferred Option**

- 5.1 Option 1

6 **Financial Implications**

- 6.1 The preferred option not to install street lighting does not have any financial implications. However, if the decision is taken to implement any of the suggested changes, a further report would be required detailing the cost of this action. The cost of any such action would have to be met from existing budgets.

7 **Legal Services Comments**

7.1 Under section 97 of the Highways Act 1980 the Council may provide lighting for the purposes of any highway for which they are the highway authority. This is a discretionary power so the Council is not obliged to provide such lighting. (A Evans)

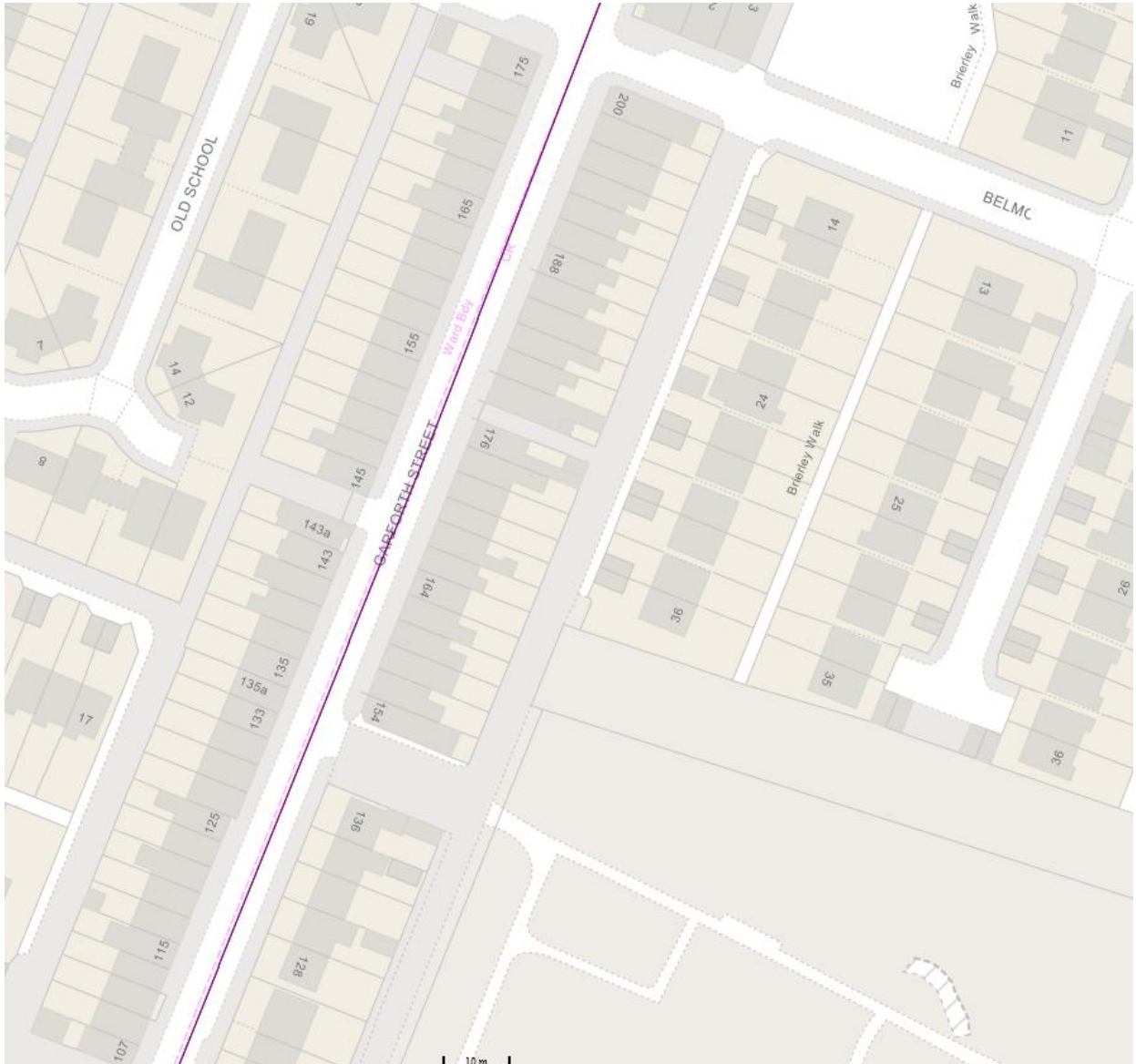
8. **Recommendations**

8.1 It is recommended that no action is taken in respect of the petitioners request and the Petitioners Panel support this decision.

9 **Appendices**

9.1 Appendix A – Map layout
Appendix B – Aerial picture
Appendix C – Streetview of alleyway
Appendix D - Streetlight drawing
Appendix E - Petition
Appendix F - Petition response

Appendix A – Map Layout



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APPENDIX B – Aerial View

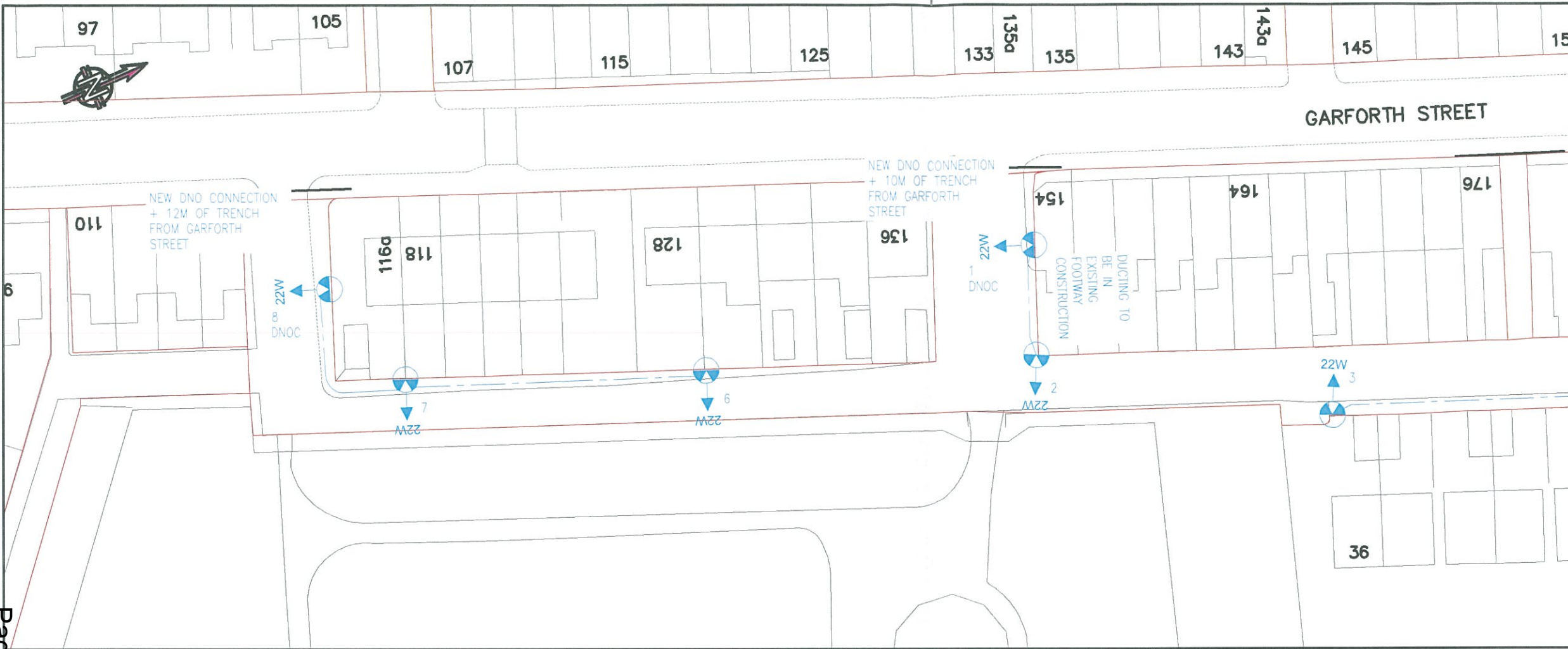


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APPENDIX C - Streetview



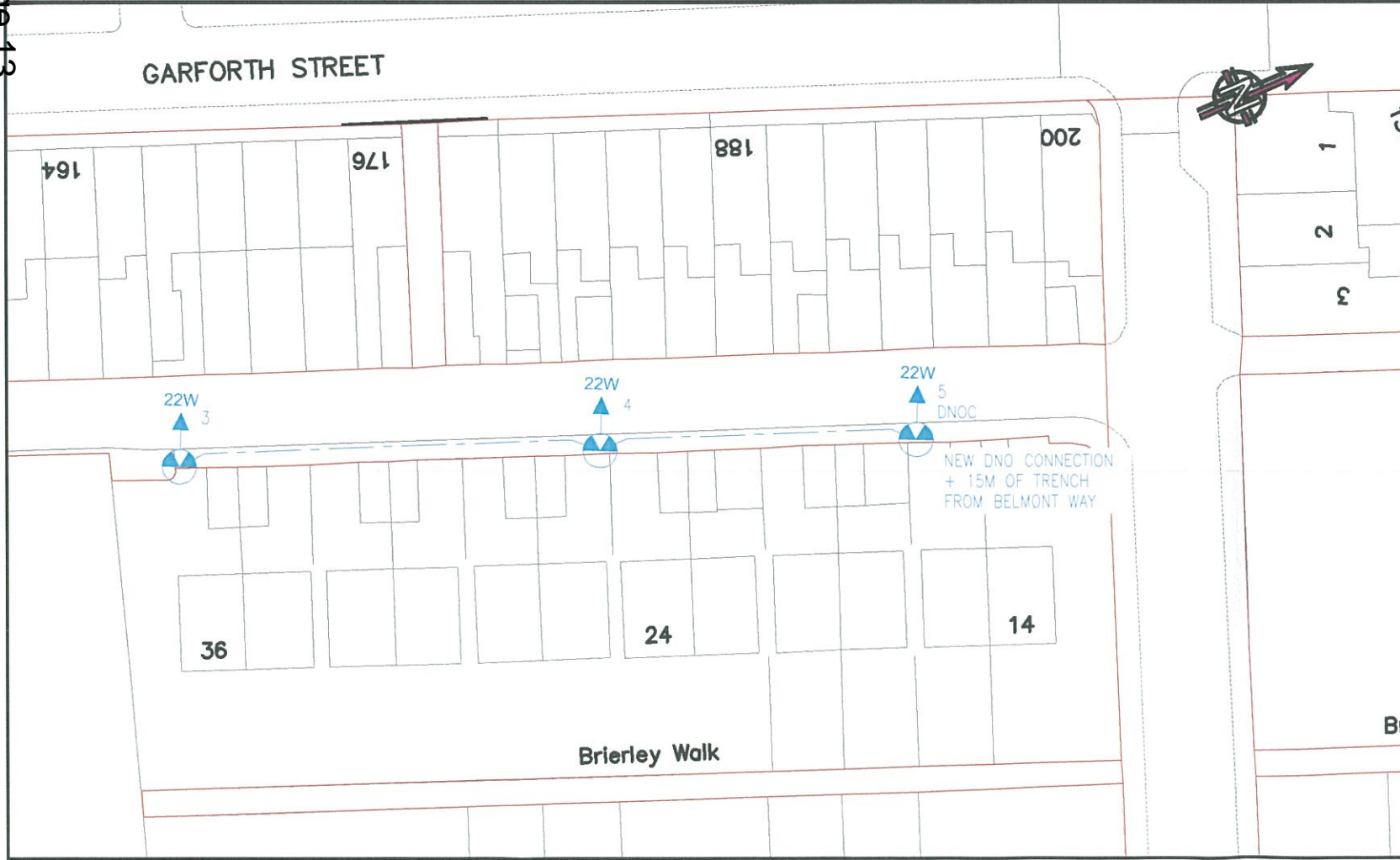
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NOTES

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- Proposed 6m Nominal height steel column with planted root having a post top mounted Urbis Sapphire FG luminaire unit incorporating 16 LED 500mA complete with Harvard Engineering LeafNut remote monitoring equipment.
- Proposed 6mm sq street lighting power supply cable laid in Orange High Density Polyethylene ducting as per Eon Standard detail for footway Construction.
- DNO Connection required.




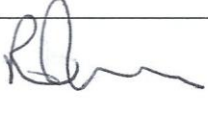
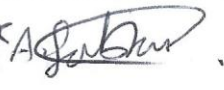
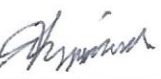
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Client	Ockham Council		
Project	Garforth Street, Lighting Design Ockham Works		
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Drawn	P.J.B	Checked	P.J.B
		Approved	P.L
		Date	14.01.2012

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Petition for Street Lighting and tackle Antisocial Behavior behind Garforth Street

Petition summary and background	<p>This petition is from BerriesField Park Community Group who are all residents from 200 to 110 Garforth Street on the Coldhurst ward side & all residents of Brierley Walk to Oldham Council whom require:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For new street lighting to be installed behind Garforth Street 2. Oldham Council and Oldham Police to tackling anti-social behavior behind Garforth Street, where kids are hanging out, taking drugs, drink alcohol and leave drug waste and broken glass.
Action petitioned for	Below is the signature of all resident whom want the above two points to be dealt as matter of urgency


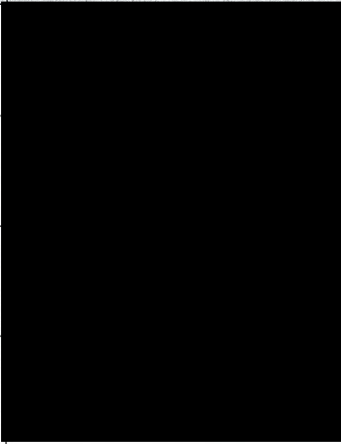



Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date	Comment
1) Mohammed Miah			24/11/18	
2) NOOR MIAH	NOOR MIAH		25/11/18	
3) BAIDHAIM			26/11/18	
4) SEBU NCB	S NCB		26/11/18	
5) Yamanah Ali			26/11/18	
6) R INSHAM			TH 26/11/18	
7) ^{ABDUL} ABDUL ^{JABBAR} JABBAR			26/11/18	
8) A MIAH			26/11/18	

	Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date	Comment
9)	ABDUS SHAFIQ	<i>[Signature]</i>	[REDACTED]	26-11-18	
10)	Fraïinne Pimington	miss. S. Pimington	[REDACTED]	26/11/18	
11)	Reha Begum	REHA BEGUM	[REDACTED]	26/11/18	
12)	Jana d'Almeida	<i>[Signature]</i>	[REDACTED]	26/11/18	
13)	Haseeb H	<i>[Signature]</i>	[REDACTED]	26/11/18	
14)	Mushtaq Begum	Mushtaq	[REDACTED]	26/11/18	
15)	REZIA	BEGUM.	[REDACTED]	26/11/18	
16)	RUZI	BEGUM	[REDACTED]	26/11/18	
17)	Laila	Akhtar	[REDACTED]	26/11/18	
18)	NURUN	NESSA	[REDACTED]	26/11/18	
19)	SHABANA	Sporna.	[REDACTED]	26/11/18	
20)	R R ROBERTS	<i>[Signature]</i>	[REDACTED]	26/11/18	
21)	J Cruise	J. Cruise	[REDACTED]	26/11/18	
22)	Sufia	<i>[Signature]</i>	[REDACTED]	26/11/18	
23)	Sweelna Begum	<i>[Signature]</i>	[REDACTED]	26/11/18	

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date	Comment
24) HAMMIS ALI			24/11/2018	
25) MOHAMMAD ALI	M. Ali		24/11/2018	
26) MK. ULLAH	Mulla		25/11/18	
27) MA KORIM	M. Korim		25/11/18	
28) ROVEY JAMEL			25/11/18	
29) SHAMINA BEGUM			26/11/18	
30) RAZVAN PETRE	Petre		26/11/18	
31) MYCHELLE	Musquing		26/11/18	
32) FASHONA CHADE	Fashona Chade		26/11/18	
33) ABU IS			26/11/18	
34) MONTERA BIBI	Bibi		26/11/18	
35) SHAHID	S. Shahid		26/11/18	
36) ABU SUEWA			26/11/18	
37) MOHAMMED ALI NOOR			26/11/18	

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38) Shah Rani	SHAHNI		26/11/18	
39) Ansar Ali	Ansar Ali		27/11/18	
40) FOYZUL HOQUE	Fo		27/11/18	
41) ABUL HUSSAIN	ABUL HUSSAIN		28/11/18	
42) SHAH SHAHINUL HOQUE			28/11/18	
43) Rabia Begum			28/11/18	
44) Anjumana Begum	A.B		28/11/18	
45) SHOZBA MICH			28/11/18	
46) MINARA BEGUM.	M. BEGUM		28/11/18	
47) MOHAMMED DULA Mohammed Dula			7-12-18	
48) CAROL RYAN	Carol Ryan		1-12-18	
49) Shah Khadija HOQUE			1/12/18	
50) ASKI ALI	A. Ali		02/12/18	
51) Rasidha Begum	Rasidha		02/12/18	

	Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date	Comment
52)	Mohammed Abdul Rahim			2/12/18	
53)	Mohammed Abdul Sattar			2/12/18	
54)	Mohammed Abdul Jabbar			2/12/18	
55)	KAWSAN AHMED	Karim Ahmed		2/12/18	
56)	ABDUL HICCOCE			2/12/18	
57)	HABIBA BEGUM			2/12/18	
58)	MOTIUR RAHMAN			2/12/18	
59)	ALEXANDRA COZMOVICI	Alexandra		2/12/18	
60)	YAWOR MIAN			2/12/18	
61)	ASLOM HOQUE	A. haque		3/12/18	
62)	LOTIFA BEGUM	L Begum		3/12/18	
63)	ZAKIA Amin	Zakia Amin		3/12/18	
64)	SURBALI			3/12/18	
65)	SUMONANESA	SUMONANESA		4/12/18	

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date	Comment
66) ANURANESSA			4-12-18	
67) mohammed KHAN			4/12/18	
68) DEDIAN MITA			4-12-18	
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77) Amin Khadija HOQUE				
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5) Residing in

Date: 8th January 2019



Health and Wellbeing

West Oldham District Team,
Level 2, Civic Centre,
West Street, Oldham
OL1 1UT

Tel: 0161 770 5162
zaiem.khan@oldham.gov.uk

Dear Mohammed Miah

Re: Petition – Rear of Garforth Street

I am writing to you in response to the petition, which you and your neighbours submitted to the Council, requesting streetlights in the alleyway at the rear of Garforth Street (Coldhurst) and for the Council and Police to respond to youth related anti-social behaviour in this area.

As you are aware this issue has been raised a number of times over previous years and we have spoken about the rationale as to why this alleyway has never had streetlighting. However, the ward Councillors, the Director of Environmental Services, the Streetlighting Project Manager, and I have met to consider the petition.

Streetlighting in Oldham (and Rochdale) is managed and maintained through a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) contract which commenced in 2011. The contract, between the Council and EON, does not include the lighting of alleyways which are classed as secondary routes. Furthermore, the Councils streetlighting policy does not prioritise the lighting of alleyways and secondary routes. Therefore the Council will not, as a matter of course, consider installing streetlights in the alleyway at the rear of Garforth Street.

Over the past 8 years the Councils controllable budget has been significantly reduced and there has to be a clear rationale to demonstrate the allocation of additional funding for new initiatives. In this case the provision of funding for streetlighting would go against Council policy and as such does not qualify for such an allocation.

As mentioned in previous correspondence this issue has been raised by ward Councillors on behalf of local residents over the past few years and has been given serious consideration.

I appreciate that this may not be the response you hoped for or anticipated.

The Council will continue to work with local residents, the Police, and other agencies to address the issues of youth nuisance and youth engagement in the area across Westwood and North Chadderton. We have been working with the Detached Youth team and the Eden project to undertake more youth engagement in the area around Berriesfield Park, so they are able to build relationships with young people in the area. Through this work we hope to engage more young people in positive activity and away from ASB. We will continue to work closely with the high schools as well to ensure that there is a joined up approach.

Date: 8th January 2019



We have previously tried to work with local people to set up a Homewatch scheme in the area and I am aware that there is an informal 'watch group' who have expressed a wish to work closer with the police and Council.

I am happy to discuss this response with you in person, please do get in touch with me if you would like to meet.

As we have looked at this matter a number of times, if you are unsatisfied with this response, or have any further queries in relation to streetlighting at the rear of Garforth Street, please refer the matter through the Councils complaints procedure.

The Council treat all complaints very seriously and they are recorded and reported on. You can either put your complaint in writing to:

Complaints Team
PO Box 33
Civic Centre
West Street
Oldham
OL1 1UG

Or call 0161 770 8122 to talk to the Complaints team.

You may prefer to complete an online complaints form at:

https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200143/complaints_and_feedback/630/complaints_or_feedback_about_the_council

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zaiem Khan", with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Zaiem Khan
District Co-ordinator – West Oldham District
Direct line: 0161 770 5162
Email: zaiem.khan@oldham.gov.uk

Cc Cllr A Jabbar, Cllr A Malik, Cllr M Azad

Agenda Item 8

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Petition – Rear of Garforth Street

Ref: 2018 – 21 (Please see attached confirmation letter 03-12-2018 Acknowledge Petition)

I am emailing for a Petitioner panel for the Petition for back of Garforth Street for Street Lighting and tackle Antisocial Behaviour, as we residents are unsatisfied regards the outcome from the letter sent to myself from Zaiem Khan – District Co-ordinator – West Oldham District on behalf of the Coldhurst ward Councillors.

I would like an independent review of this petition from a fresh pair of eyes and not been involved in regards to the Coldhurst ward, as this has been going for many numbers of years, whereas Garforth street is right on the board line of Coldhurst ward and North Chadderton, whereas all even number houses of Garforth Street is on the Coldhurst ward and the other side of the road, even number houses are on the North Chadderton ward.

(Although Garforth Street is split in half on the boulder line between both ward Coldhurst and North Chadderton, but both side of Garforth Street are in Chadderton as per the HM Land Registry and Royal mail)

Please see the scanned copy of the outcome letter dated 8th Jan 2019 sent from Zaiem Khan (08-01-2019 Outcome letter from Zaiem).

Also see an additionally attached Letter date 18th Dec from Zaiem Khan (20-12-18 Letter from Zaiem Khan)

The reason I am unsatisfied of the outcome and requesting for a Petitioner panel;

1. On the letter it there is NO reference to the actual council policy and where it say this?
 - a. How does the road get classed a secondary route and by who and show proof of that in regards to Garforth Street and the actual policy refereeing that?
 - b. Where and which Oldham Council Street lighting policy is say “does not prioritise the lighting of secondary routes”
 - i. Where and which?
 - ii. Provide proof?
 - iii. Copy of the policy?
 - iv. Actual copy of that policy along with reference?
 - c. Also Explain in detail as where is the council policy it say “go against council policy and does not qaulify”

“Please see attached the outcome letter attached (08-01-2019 Outcome letter from Zaiem), to quote from the letter from Zaiem

“The road is classed as secondary route and as per the Council streetlighting policy does not prioritise the lighting of secondary routes, therefore the council will not, as a matter of course, consider installing streetlighting in the alleyway (Road) at the rear of Garforth Street.

d. The statement, below, how is this decision made, by whom and why?
In this case the provision of funding for streetlighting would go against council policy and as such does not qualify for such an allocation”

2. I believe this petition has not been investigated as petition, only taking into account previous details and only this time just had one meeting between ward member and environment service and street lighting PM the final outcome without considering all options or giving us any option or arranging a meeting with us before coming to an outcome.
 - a. Secondly, I have asked for meeting(s) note on an email on 3/01/2019 to Zaiem Khan, but I have had no reply to this email and request.
 - b. I also asked if I can attend the meeting(s), but still no reply.
3. We have not been giving any other options regards street lighting and for tackle Antisocial Behaviour
 - a. E.g. Other lighting solutions?
 - b. Part fund its Council and Councillor to look for other scheme or private fund to cover rest
 - c. Install the lighting in 3 part to break the CAPEX into 3 part to lower the cost of installation to three financial terms, according to the diagram done in 14/01/2012 there is 3 part of the lighting and each part required electricity from a different source from where the electricity will be routed from.
4. I believe this matter had not been taken to Neighbourhoods Services which has Street Lighting on their service to Cabinet Members Cllr Arooj Shah and Cllr Ginny Alexander
5. The point regards referring the back of Garforth Street as “Alleyway” is incorrect as this road, as the back of Garforth Street is sole entrance for parking and bin access for the even door numbers of Brierley Walk.

Whereas the odd number doors of Brierley Walk entrance for parking and bin access is Denmark way which is a dead end has street lighting.

As highlighted the road behind front of Brierley Walk and back of Denmark way, Chancery Street road access, which are ALL dead end all have street lights but not behind Garforth Street, which is heavily used by member of the public, all by all road users driving around Garforth Street and access for all residents.

6. Also, the respond to the letter Zaiem Khan dated 18th Dec, I have had no reply, as I respond to the points made by the letter, which I do not agree with
 - a. The scheme and costing you mention, there are just only desktop costing, nothing official, there is NO actual scheme, unless am wrong? if so please can you provide actual and official full details of the scheme survey, design, official quote, minutes of meetings and decision email or paperwork?

Also, John McAuley from Lighting team did confirm there is no actual scheme, no survey just desktop

There are no quotes for the scheme only schedules that are embedded in the PFI contract.” And

“There are no formal documents of the survey only the street lighting layout drawing and schedule”

- b. The request alleygating, from what I can remember, the residents did agree be they was not installed? Correct me if am wrong and please provide details and reminder?
- c. As its been mentioned there has be meetings, but there are no minutes or paperwork showing notes of the meetings. Also, as point 1, John McAuly confirm there is NOT official.
- d. Yes, meeting the residents on site, but we still it does not make a difference of lighting and antisocial behaviour ...
- e. Yes, again as above, does not make a difference of lighting and antisocial and drugs behaviour, plus when residents call the police, they DO NOT come out!
- f. Yes, I have giving my Thanks from myself and residents!

7. On the letter it tells me to “*refrain from sending further unreasonable persistent email to the councillors...*”

How can it be said unreasonable persistent as I am chasing number of times to my elated councillors for a reply to questions, would you agree it totally Unprofessional for someone NOT to acknowledge and reply to an emails which was sent over 3-week-old, as I a merely chasing and asking for a reply to my emails for answer, but no reply or acknowledgment.

8. Regards the PFI, FOI, John McAuley did confirm there was new street installed 22nd Nov 2013 funded by the PFI contract back Chancery Street, between number 35 and 37, This shows there are no lighting been installed, not just replacing existing.
9. In regards to the antisocial behaviour, there is nothing regards Oldham Police, as young boys are drug dealing, taking drugs, drinking alcohol, leaving drug waste and broken alcohol bottle waste.
 - a. Also, since this side of Garforth Street is on the Coldhurst ward, its reasonability of Oldham Police, so when a resident call the police, they do not come, whereas the other side of Garforth Street is in the North Chadderton ward, Chadderton police come out, when called from the resident other side of Garforth Street (which is North Chadderton). as problem of boarding wards.

Please can I ask:

1. What is a petitioner panel?
2. What’s the progress and time lines?
3. Who would be member and part of the petitioner panel?
4. How would this be looked into?
5. How would a decision be made?

6. When decision is made, is this bind?
 - a. If favoured on petition, would the Councillors have agree and arrange for the street lightings?
 - b. If favoured on the councillor, Is this last stop? Or other steps and process for the petition?

Please confirm and acknowledge email.

If you require any further details or information, please let me know

Many thanks and best regards,

Mohammed Miah

Date: 3rd December 2018
Our ref: 2018 - 21
Your ref:



Mr Mohammed Miah
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

Corporate and Commercial Services
Legal & Democratic Services
Civic Centre
West Street, Oldham OL1 1UG
Tel: 0161 770 5151

Dear Mr Miah

Re: Petition – Street lighting and Antisocial Behaviour Garforth Street

Thank you for your petition received by Constitutional Services on 3rd December 2018.

The petition has been forwarded to the Chair of the West Oldham District Executive and to the relevant Ward Councillors for their consideration.

You will receive a written response in due course. Should you have any queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kaidy McCann", written over a white background.

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Dear Mohammed Miah

Re: Streetlighting Garforth Street

I am writing to you on behalf of the Coldhurst ward Councillors and the Council in response to a number of correspondence you have sent via email (including a petition) regarding street lighting and community safety in the alleyway at the rear of Garforth Street.

Since you submitted a petition about this issue to the Council (2nd December 2018) you have received a written acknowledgement from Constitutional Services clarifying that your petition has been received and that the relevant service will be in touch in due course when the issues raised by the petition have been examined and considered. You also received an email acknowledgement from Councillor Jabbar acknowledging receipt and that your petition would be given due consideration.

A meeting of the ward Councillors and the relevant services is taking place to discuss the petition and you will receive a written response in due course.

Whilst I appreciate that you are concerned about this issue, I would ask that you refrain from sending further unreasonably persistent emails about this matter to the Councillors.

I want to take this opportunity to clarify that this issue has been raised by ward Councillors on behalf of local residents over the past few years and has been given serious consideration.

In looking into this issue on behalf of the residents the Councillors have:

1. Requested a design scheme and cost for street lighting in the alleyway to the rear of 154 to 200 Garforth Street
2. Requested an estimate for alleygating the rear of 154 to 200 Garforth Street
3. Met with Council Officers from Streetlighting, Community Safety, and the District office
4. Met residents on site to discuss the issues on at least 2 occasions over the past 3 years
5. Arranged and facilitated a meeting between local residents and the Coldhurst Police team to discuss crime and community safety
6. Funded the installation of 2 alleygates between 176 and 178 Garforth St

In August 2018 the ward Councillors, District Executive chair, and I met with yourself and a number of other local residents on site and spent two hours in the evening discussing the

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issues and explaining the options that have been looked at and why streetlighting in this location has not been viable.

We also clarified to yourself that this area is not eligible for streetlighting under the PFI streetlighting contract as it is an alleyway and classed as a secondary route. The PFI streetlighting contract is to replace and maintain existing streetlighting in the borough.

Council Officers have responded to, or are in the process of responding to, 7 Freedom Of Information requests from yourself seeking information in relation to this matter about streetlighting, previous decisions, and funding.

As mentioned above you will receive a response to the petition in the near future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zaiem Khan", written over a horizontal line.

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Cc Cllr A Jabbar, Cllr A Malik, Cllr M Azad