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Dear Mr Busher

Re: Urnfield (conditions): Application for approval of details reserved by condition 18 of appeal ref. APP/Y3615/W/22/3300200

I write on behalf of the Merrow Down Residents' Group (comprising members of Merrow Residents' Association and Downsedge Residents' Association) about certain lighting aspects of this development and conditions 18 of this appeal decision. It will be known by officers in GBC that we made a submission to the appeal hearing about the lighting proposals and also spoke at the appeal hearing.

We are concerned not only that the appeal was allowed but also at the decision relative to the proposed lighting and the effect not only on Merrow Downs but also on wildlife.

The purpose of this letter is to make both you and the planning officer aware that we have commissioned an independent lighting review of the applicants' lighting proposal and that report has now been finalised. This report concludes that the light spill will exceed the levels demanded by the Inspector if the lights are erected and used in accordance with the Edward Pearce lighting report of September 2021.

It therefore follows that we will have a keen interest in the Floodlights and Sensitive Lighting Management Plan required under condition 18 and are most likely to be taking any opportunity to comment on that Plan when it is published.

I would be grateful if this letter could be published alongside the other material on this appeal on the planning portal on the GBC website.

Kind regards

Andrew Strawson
on behalf of Merrow Down Residents' Group