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## **CAPC Dark Sky Policy**

The Government Dark Sky Policy was formed in 2020 to promote dark sky-friendly lighting and planning policies in the UK with the aim of protecting the current and future International Dark-Sky Association.

Castle Acre Parish Council supports a Dark Sky Policy and has adopted the CPRE Norfolk Standard Light Pollution Clause and will attach it to every planning application response they consider.

This often leads to the District Council attaching a condition to a planning permission in order to limit or control external lighting. The clause wording is: "National Planning Policy Framework Clause 180c and Norfolk County Council's Environmental Lighting Zones Policy both recognise the importance of preserving dark landscapes and dark skies. In order to minimise light pollution, we recommend that any outdoor lights associated with this proposed development should be: 1) fully shielded (enclosed in full cut-off flat glass fitments) 2) directed downwards (mounted horizontally to the ground and not tilted upwards) 3) switched on only when needed (no dusk to dawn lamps) 4) white light low-energy lamps (LED) and not orange or pink sodium sources".

<https://www.cprenorfolk.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/32/2019/04/CPRE-Norfolk-Planning-Policies-on-Light-Pollution.pdf>

This policy was adopted by Castle Acre Parish Council at its meeting in February 2023.