

Do you want to be kept in the dark?

The Conservatives who lead Essex County Council want to turn off the street lights between midnight and 5 in the morning - in your street!

The Conservatives say it will be less environmentally damaging - but the real reason is to save money.

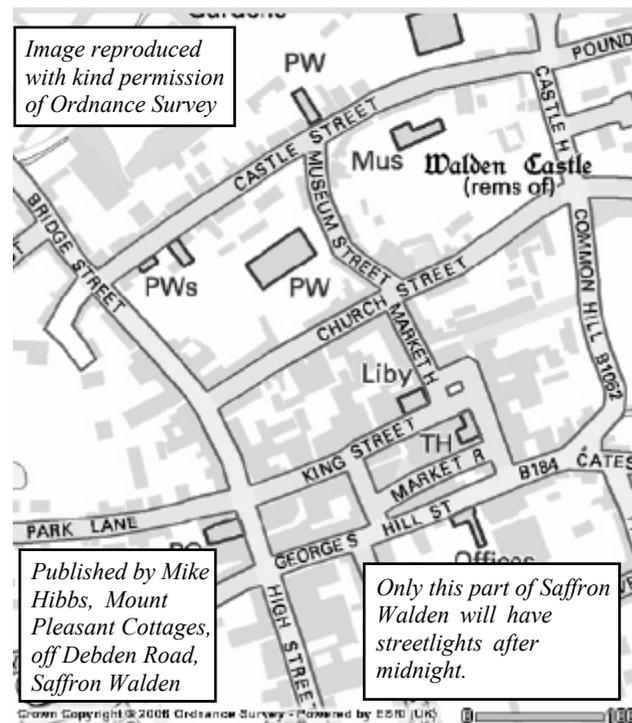
The Liberal Democrats welcome energy-saving initiatives, but switching off the streetlights - long before the pubs close - may actually increase energy use as people go home by car instead of walking.

The Institute of Lighting Engineers also doubts that the Conservatives' proposals will save energy overall. They suggest dimming streetlights - not switching them off.

Local Liberal Democrats are in favour of turning off street lights where they serve no purpose and have suggested turning off every other street light as an alternative. The County Council has not responded, but they do intend to keep lights on in the area of the town centre shown on the map overleaf.

● **The County Council is consulting until the 8th December. Please fill in the form overleaf and send them your views today!**

Street lights deter criminals and make it feel safer to walk home at night, so why do the Conservatives want to turn them off?



Under the Conservatives' proposals, street lights will be left on in the town centre as shown on the map opposite.

At midnight - long before some pubs shut - the rest of Saffron Walden will be plunged into darkness.



Saffron Walden Street Lights

To: Cllr Rodney Bass, Cabinet Member for Highways & Transportation.

Dear Cllr Bass, please reconsider your proposal to turn off most street lights in Saffron Walden between midnight and 5 a.m.

Signed:

Name:

Address:

Please post to Councillor Rodney Bass, Essex County Council, PO Box 11, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1LX, to arrive by 8th December, 2006.

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