



28 June 2019

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Mrs Maria Taylor
Rother Planning and Building Control
Rother District Council
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Dear Mrs Taylor

RR/2019/1324/P Rye College, Love Lane, Rye TN31 7NQ
Installation of light columns to staff car park

Rye Conservation Society wishes to object to the above application for the following reasons.

1.0 Inaccuracy/inadequacy of submitted information

RCS notes that the luminance gradients shown on Dwg.D36786/LC/A are based on ILP environmental zone E3 which we believe should be zone E2: 'Village or relatively dark outer suburban location' which is the designation adopted for the concurrent Rye College application for the artificial playing field RR/2019/785/P.

We also note that the luminance plan does not show the effect on the houses in Love Lane or take into account the four 4.5m-high road lamps around the site on Love Lane and The Grove.

We are also concerned that the hours of operation are not given, particularly as the car parking is stated in RR/2019/785/P as being available for users of the artificial pitch. The current indication for this has hours of proposed usage up to 10pm Monday to Friday and up to 6pm on Saturday and Sunday.

2.0 Overall approach

RCS is of the view that the approach taken, i.e. provision of 8 no. 6m high lamp standards, is more applicable to an edge-of-town retail park than a quiet residential area. Use of standards that are higher than the existing road lamp standards is unacceptable in any scheme.

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If this and the proposal for the illuminated full-size artificial pitch are both accepted, the resultant illuminated area, also including the existing illuminated smaller artificial pitch, would result in an unacceptable level of overall illumination. It would adversely affect the amenity of the adjoining residents and the setting of Rye. This application needs to be considered as part of an overall concept for the College and not just in isolation.

We believe that alternative schemes should be considered such as the use of low-level bollard lighting with perhaps a much-reduced number of lower lamp standards at significant points such as the entrance.

We also have concerns as to the effect of the lighting on the area of Special Nature Conservation Importance around Mountfield House on the other side of The Grove.

Yours sincerely

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