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Dear Sir or Madam,

MANAGEMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL OWNED LIGHTS

As you will be aware, the Borough Council is the Highway Authority for this area but your council owns a number of street lights within your parish.

Whilst your council is therefore responsible for such lights, the Borough Council also has a duty of care in respect of their safe operation as they are located on the highway.

We are currently assessing the safety of all non-Borough Council owned lights, and consequently I write to request a list of the lights for which your council is responsible. I also require confirmation of how you are currently inspecting and maintaining these lights, including provision of the most recent structural and electrical testing reports for them.

We have also noted a number of pole- and wall-mounted lights that are causing us safety concerns, both in terms of their ongoing maintenance and for passing highway users. In particular, there is the potential for electrical hazards, structural fixing concerns and / or asbestos related to these assets.

If there are any pole or wall mounted lights within your lighting stock, please could you also advise us of how you intend to manage their future safe operation and what actions you will take to ensure this.

Yours faithfully,

James Salmon
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