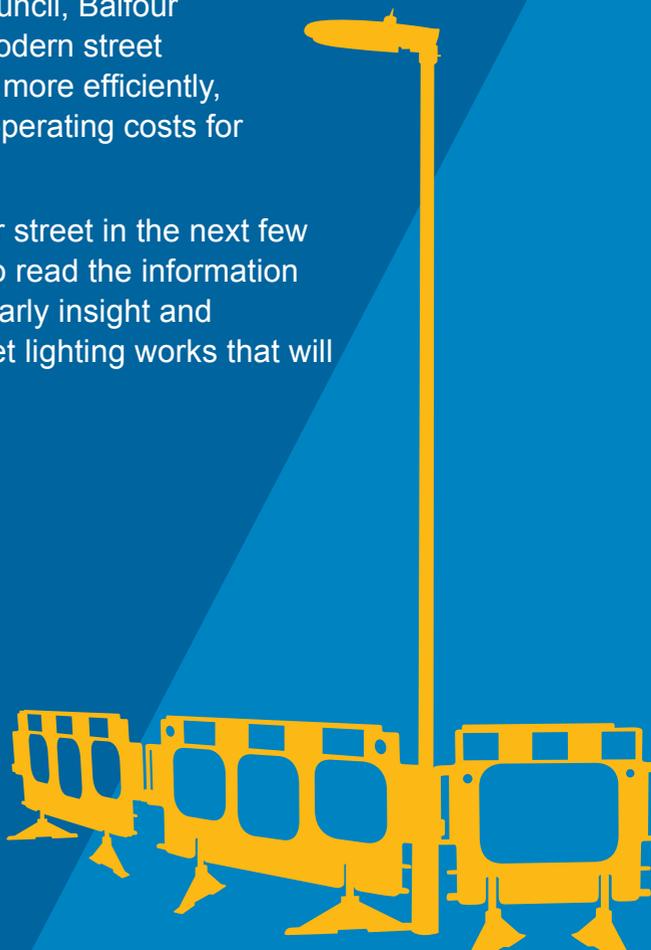


# Improving your streetlighting

**Starting in July 2011, over the next five years, Balfour Beatty is working on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council to upgrade the County's street lighting.**

In partnership with the Council, Balfour Beatty will be providing modern street lighting which will operate more efficiently, save energy and reduce operating costs for years to come.

Work is set to start in your street in the next few months and we ask you to read the information enclosed to give you an early insight and understanding of the street lighting works that will shortly be taking place.



## Why is this happening?

The project to update the street lights is funded by additional money from Central government. It will enable us to replace most of Cambridgeshire's street lighting, much of which is in poor condition. This will enable us to safeguard the future of our street lighting stock so that we are able to continue to offer a street lighting service in the future.

As part of the Private Finance Initiative funding deal, the Government requires us to reduce the number of street lights by approximately 10%. There are certain requirements for street lighting on main roads for safety reasons meaning that the number of lights cannot be reduced. Therefore in residential areas, the number of lighting columns may be reduced by more than 10%.

## What are the benefits?

- **Brand new, safer steel columns and an innovative, future-proofed asset**
- **Savings of approximately 46% in energy useage**
- **Dimming of lights in off peak periods**
- **Conversion to solar powered or high reflective bollards**
- **Improved performance and response times to faults**
- **A greener street lighting stock, saving a huge 4.5k tonnes of carbon emissions per year**



## What are we doing?

We are providing new, modern street lighting which will operate more efficiently, save energy and reduce operating costs for many years to come.

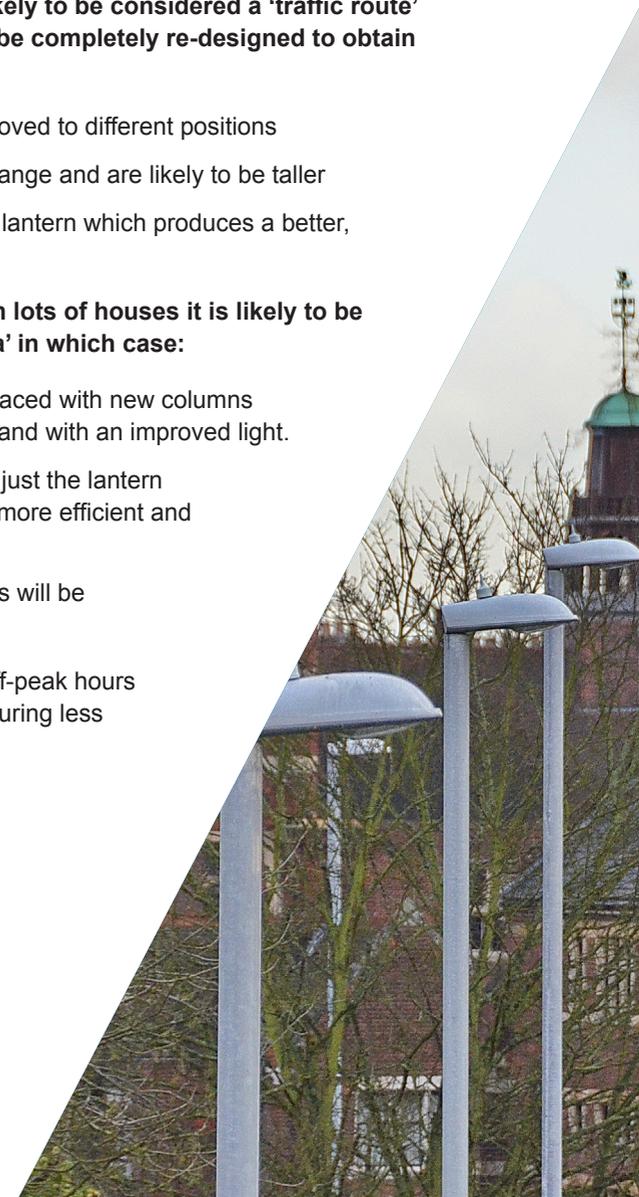
**If you live on a busy road it is likely to be considered a 'traffic route' where streets lights will mostly be completely re-designed to obtain the best spacing, which means:**

- Locations of columns may be moved to different positions
- The size of the columns may change and are likely to be taller
- Street lights will be given a new lantern which produces a better, clearer light

**If you live on a quieter, road with lots of houses it is likely to be considered as a 'residential area' in which case:**

- Some older columns will be replaced with new columns which are likely to be little taller and with an improved light.
- Newer columns will remain with just the lantern being changed so to produce a more efficient and improved light.
- Some street lights in these areas will be permanently removed.

In all areas lights will dim during off-peak hours allowing for a lower lighting level during less busy periods.



## What happens next?

You have received this leaflet as work will be starting in your area during the next month. We will be consulting with Elected Members and Parish Councils prior to works.

To find out in advance of what the plans are in your area visit the website below or give us a call. You will receive a letter 10-20 days prior to work and we would urge you to contact us if you have any queries or concerns.

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