

Report to Rugeley Town Council

Meeting – 4th October 2023



Street Lighting

The email below has been received from Eon Energy.

Our lighting is due to be updated as part of the PFI contract with SCC.

The details of what stage the process is at are given below. I have been asked to circulate the information to the town council.

From: Christian Downing – EON

We are currently in the planning and design stage for the replacement of streetlighting as part of our ongoing 25 year PFI Contract for the maintenance of Staffordshire County Council's street lighting columns and illuminated signs. Our records indicate that Rugeley Town Centre is due for renewal and forms part of a Conservation Area and as such we are required to notify you of our intentions to replace the existing lighting columns and also consult with you in respect of the standards and aesthetic appearance of the replacement units within the overall street scene. The lighting columns within the Town Centre have essentially reached the end of their maintainable life and due to their age we can no longer guarantee their structural stability which is why we must renew them.

The lighting system to be installed will be funded via the PFI arrangement between E.ON and Staffordshire County Council, which includes the like for like replacement, or modern day equivalent, of heritage style units where they already exist and where practicably possible. As part of this process, we would request that you seek the views of local interested parties such as Parish Council's, local Heritage or Conservation Groups to ensure that the local viewpoint has been taken into consideration.

Our proposals are as follows:-

All 17 units which are columns 2, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 42, 44, 47, 51, 52 and 53 to be replaced using ornate style 5m columns and decorative style lanterns. All painted black. Please see details below.

Lanterns

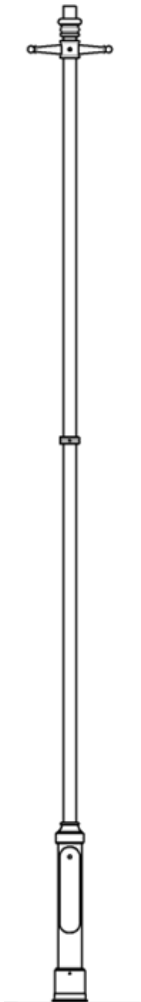
- *The decorative style lantern that is already installed is what is commonly known as a coach style lantern which we install quite frequently over the county and is available to us from our lantern supplier. A close-up version is shown below.*



Columns

- *We install embellishment kits which fit around standard columns which help to enhance the appearance. The closest option is below.*

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Painting (Units 1-7)

- *We have several options regarding painting. The most common colour used throughout the county is Gloss Black which we would suggest as we find this helps to blend in with the surroundings without detracting from other local buildings and other street furniture. Other options would be a Moorland Green (12b21) which is a light green or most recently we have painted some columns in Lichfield using a Juniper Green (12b29) which is a dark green. When choosing the colour please also bear in mind that the lanterns will come with black covers as standard and we unable to change this (see above).*

Locations

- *We try and utilise the existing locations wherever possible as this helps to keep disruption down to a minimum.*

Our timescales are reasonably flexible but as soon as you confirm you are happy with our proposals, we will order the materials which on average take 15 weeks for delivery, when we have a delivery date we will then plan our installation dates. If we order in September 2023 we would be looking at January 2024 for delivery and potentially installation.

I've attached some photos which I took on site when carrying out our initial survey so you can see what is on site already and enable you to compare these with the new equipment.

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E.ON Highway Lighting & Grid Connections

Source: Sue Buxton -Town Clerk