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Dear Planning Inspectors

I attended the Open Floor Hearing on 6th February, and you asked me to send you in writing the 2 new points I made when I spoke.

This was my first new point:

**Holiday Lets**

*Why did VF ignore the holiday let businesses in Necton? Because they were negligible they say. (Just like our road junction?)*

*One holiday let business in Necton rents out for £1800 in high season – or used to – with the substations and the NG extensions this will all change as they are just across the fields. (The Barn, Necton)*

*Another gentlemen close to Ivy Todd who runs high end lets gets his repeat business currently from people enjoying star-gazing in rural Norfolk. This is after all designated as a dark rural landscape - well that will all change first during construction, and then during the maintenance work we're told will happen every summer for up to 2 months, 24/7. No wonder VF chose to ignore these businesses. (Westbrooke Holidays).*

1. Attached - **Dark Rural Landscape Map** – which clearly shows that Necton is designated as such. From: DAVID HOOK, CPRE NORFOLK **CPRE NORFOLK LIGHT POLLUTION CONFERENCE 2015**

2. Link to representation from **Westbrooke Holidays where they mention the star-gazing** : <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/norfolk-vanguard/?ipcsection=relreps&relrep=27212>

3. Link to High end holiday let in St Andrews Lane, Necton, **which rents for £1800 in high season** and is just across a field from the National Grid substation. <https://www.english-country-cottages.co.uk/cottages/st-andrews-barn-cpi>

4. **National Planning Policy Framework Paragraph 125** “By encouraging good design, planning policies and decisions should limit the impact of light pollution from artificial light on local amenity, intrinsically dark landscapes and nature conservation.”

**5. PLANNING POLICY - NORFOLK**

**Norfolk County Council's Environmental Lighting Zones Policy and Maps**

Gives protection to Rural Dark Landscapes and recognition of their importance to the character of Norfolk for the benefit of both residents and visitors.

Fully shielded 'cut off lamps' will be used on all lighting schemes in areas classified as Rural Dark Landscape.

The policy applies to all street lights that are the responsibility of the County Council and is

also advisory in respect to non County Council lighting.

This was my second new point:

Fire Risks

*I spoke to Derek Sim, the Station Manager of the local fire service. He said their worst risk will come from field fires, as they're so common and this site will be surrounded by drying crop fields. There were 261 of them in 2018 – actually the link below amends this to 452.*

1. Link to **Field fire numbers** in Norfolk – more than I quoted - 452 :

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-norfolk-45033515>

2. Demonstration of how quickly and far-reaching field fires can be. Wroxham:



Please accept and consider this information.

Thank you

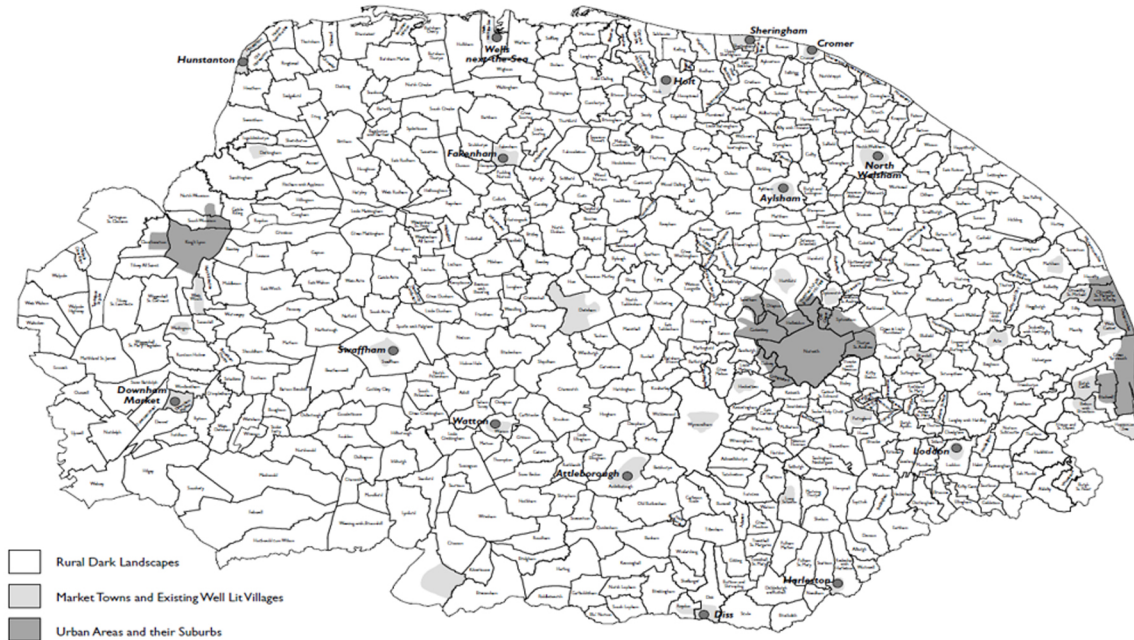
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# Environmental Lighting Zones



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