## **Evington Park Lights – Funding Feedback**

Following comments from Park Users and people using the House in the evenings, the general feeling was that some lighting would be beneficial on the Park. After some consultation 4 columns were considered an adequate number and the path leading from Cordery Road to the House was the main choice to illuminate.

Consideration was given to the local residents on the location and length of time the lights were to be illuminated. There was also the potential risk of drawing in an antisocial behaviour element onto the Park at night therefore a cut off time of 10.00pm was agreed. The lights automatically come on at dusk.

We were also conscious of disturbing wildlife and the area around where the lights were to be installed.

A bid was submitted to the Evington Community Ward Committee in February for £6,618.00 for the cost of the 4 columns and installation. Park services contributed £550.00 for a timer clock to control the length of time the lights would be on for and 10 years of estimated energy costs.

The bid was successful as it was deemed a necessity for all users of the Park and House, encouraging a sense of safety when using the Park in the early evenings and when visiting the House for meetings.

They were erected with care and no damage or disturbance to the footpaths and the surrounding habitat occurred. Many Thanks to Joe Clay from Street Lighting for his advice and installation care.

We have received positive feedback from Park and House Users who have said that the lights are non-intrusive but give enough light to safely walk through that area of the Park to and from the House. We are pleased with the feedback and the improvement to the site and Thank the Councillors and Community for their support with this project.



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