

**From:** [Christiane Startin-Lorent](#)  
**To:** [Darren Tilley](#)  
**Cc:** [Clr Robert Waterton](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Planning Decision - 1 Meridian South  
**Date:** 10 January 2022 15:11:01  
**Attachments:**

---

Good afternoon Darren,

I have been in touch with Blaby District Council with regards to the Planning Decision for 1 Meridian South and spoke to Kristy Ingles from the Planning Team.

She explained that with the display of advertisements (which is the case for this application) that the following considerations had been taken into account when the decision was made:

- Highways
- Heritage
- Amenity of the street scene
- Visual , i.e. light pollution

I believe we do understand these points and considerations, as these are what we are used to being taken into account in decision making for this sort of planning applications in general.

With regards to LED lighting, whilst the council would prefer to put something into place, there is currently not a policy that enforces LED lighting. With regards to Braunstone Town Council's comment of a light photoelectric sensor, as the maximum luminance is a condition in Blaby District Council's decision, there would be no need for a sensor.

Kristy also highlighted the importance of putting our points forward with regards to LED lighting and the sensor when getting involved in the local plan, as this will be taken into consideration when making planning decisions in future. FYI: Blaby District Planning are working on this at the moment to take the local plan into account in their practices.

A final comment that Kristy made after I asked if there was not a possibility to put recommendations to businesses with regards to LED lighting and the use of sensors, Kristy explained that advertisement rules do not allow to refuse applications with comments relating to climate change and they can only go by the legal framework that the government puts into place. However, Town councils can contact businesses to make them aware of our considerations and put the information in our responses to planning applications as we have done in this case.

I'm happy to elaborate further verbally on my conversation with Kristy in the next Planning and Environment Committee to give more detail if needed.

Kind regards,

Christiane

*Christiane Startin-Lorent  
Councillor for Thorpe Astley Ward on Braunstone Town Council  
T: 07763874881  
Email: [clrchristiane@yahoo.com](mailto:clrchristiane@yahoo.com)*

---