

# Council 28 November 2024

Meeting recording: [(1) Cambridge City Council - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/@camcitco/streams)

## Motion 6b. Street Lighting on Kings Hedges parks and open spaces.

Council notes:

1. The Council manages 37 lights on King’s Hedges Recreational Ground (including the Pulley Park area) and 11 lights on Nuns Way Recreational Ground, making 48 lights in total.
2. There is no known evidence that there are widespread community concerns about lighting. During the past 11 months since January 2024 there has been 1 report of anti-social behaviour (ASB) at the Pulley Park and 1 report on Nuns Way, making 2 reports of ASB in total.
3. The alleged arson attack on the new Pulley play area is not pertinent to this motion as this tragic event occurred during daylight hours.
4. Office for National Statistics data shows that four out of five women and two out of five men feel unsafe walking alone after dark in a park or other open space.
5. This Council has recently funded a research project by Women in Sport to look at girls’ perceptions and experiences of parks and open spaces in the city. The report highlighted barriers to accessing parks, including feelings related to safety.
6. Research has not identified a consistent correlation between higher light levels on pedestrian paths and greater public confidence in using said paths.
7. A review of evidence by the College of Policing found that improved street lighting reduced violent crime and property crime by 21% on average

Council calls for:

1. A feasibility review to explore the installation of various possible lighting treatments on all or part of Nuns Way Recreation Ground and the Pulley Park area and for this review to be reported back to councillors.

Notes:

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