

# ***London Borough of Bexley***

## ***News Release***

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### **LED STREETLIGHTS PROVE HIT WITH BEXLEY RESIDENTS**

Over 10,000 LED street lights have now been fitted in the borough and feedback from residents has been overwhelmingly positive.

Some residents have remarked that the light given off by the new LED street lights is so much brighter and said that this makes them feel safer at night. Others have focused on the road safety aspects, commenting that they are able to see more clearly when driving at night.

Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transport, Cllr Alex Sawyer said: "I'm very pleased that Bexley's residents are benefiting from the introduction of the new street lights. We've listened to residents and made the change in over 60% of the borough's streets. This will not only save taxpayers' money but is also better for the environment."

It is expected that by March 2018 almost all of the borough will have made the switch to LED street lights. The change has come about as a result of feedback from residents following a part-night lighting trial and is set to achieve an annual saving of £330,000 in 2017/18, increasing to £685,000 in subsequent years.

LED lights are also approximately 40% more energy efficient than traditional sodium lighting. Over 60% of these LED lights are manufactured in the United Kingdom and this new investment requires less maintenance.

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