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FEEDBACK ON PART NIGHT LIGHTING TRIAL

Residents in the 'part-night lighting' trial area in Welling are being asked for their views on how well they feel it worked.

Following a price increase, the energy bill for the 20,000 street lights the Council maintains is likely to reach around £1 million a year. Because of this, and the increasing financial pressures on the Council, a number of options for reducing these costs have been considered, including part-night lighting.

The trial has been in place since last October. During that time residents' concerns have been taken into consideration, including an adjustment to the times the lights were turned on and off again during the trial.

Bexley police figures show that there has been no increase in crime, anti-social behaviour or road safety incidents during the switch-off hours in the affected area.

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transport, Cllr Alex Sawyer said: "I'd like to thank residents for their involvement in this trial. We are now asking them to complete the feedback survey so they can tell us their views. These comments are important to us and will help us shape the way we light the borough going forward."

Residents have until 24 April to give their feedback. Visit https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/part-night_lighting

A paper copy of the survey it is available on request by emailing streetlighting@bexley.gov.uk or calling 020 8303 7777 and askingh for 'street lighting team'.

For more information on the scheme visit www.bexley.gov.uk/partnightlighting.

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