

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

F&S – Christmas Lights

7th May 2019

1. Introduction

As requested by the Parish Clerk, I have been asked to produce a report on the supply & installation of Christmas lights along Cricklade road, Gorse Hill.

2. Report Details

Due to its strong footfall and high levels of trade through local businesses, Cricklade road has been suggested as a potential site to set up a festive display this Christmas. It's thought a display would create a real attraction to draw consumers to area and have a positive impact on sales for business owners over the Christmas season. It will also aid the parish in its objective of building strong ties with its community & residents.

A site meeting was carried out along Cricklade road on 3rd April 2019 between I, Cllr John Ballman, Andy Reeves and Danny Galvin from a national lighting company called Sparkx.

The purpose of the meeting was to assess the site as a viable option for Christmas lighting for the 2019 Festive period, and subsequently request the costs of undertaking.

At the meeting, the following design options were discussed:

1. Cross level street lighting – These are larger designs that span across the Highway from one structure and attach to another.
2. Column mounted motifs – These are smaller designs that sit on individual columns.

Under the advice of Mr Galvin, we were informed that the current infrastructure would not support the cross-street lighting. This is due to the inconsistent height of the buildings and the inability of the existing columns to support the significant weight load.

The Column mounted motifs weigh between 5-9kg and would have little impact on the existing structures.

There are 24 columns, which start at the cross junction and finish before the transfer bridges roundabout. The suggested proposal would be to install 24 motifs' (one per column) along the road.

(Please see sample motif design included)

Cost

Two quotations from Sparkx have been provided:

1. Infrastructure cost:

Supply & fit of a temporary infrastructure, consisting of a standard socket and trip switch - **£2,400.00 +Vat** for parts & labour.

Motif cost:

One-year rental of the motifs, including installation and removal - **£5,520.00 +Vat**

Breakdown of this cost:

£150.00 (per motif)

£80.00 (Per motif install)

2. Infrastructure cost:

Supply & fit of a temporary infrastructure, consisting of a standard socket and trip switch - **£2,400.00 +Vat** for parts & labour.

Motif cost:

One-year rental of the motifs, including installation and removal - **£3,600.00 +Vat**

Breakdown of this cost:

£70.00 (per motif)

£80.00 (Per motif install)

The price is negotiable if a longer-term contract can be agreed. However, this is subject to confirmation from the council on their intentions for the columns long term.

I have contacted the council to outline the request.

I requested a comparable quotation from a company called 'Field & Lawn':

- 3.** To install infrastructure of 24 16-amp commando sockets on each lamp column which would include the 16amp socket, an RCBO (Residual current circuit breaker with overcurrent protection, all wiring would be compliant to BS7671), the enclosure and 24 individual motifs - **£7,920.00 +Vat** (£330.00 + vat per column).

A timer could be fitted with each socket for an additional **£120.00** + vat per column.

Please note both quotation **1** & **3** are the same 'total' price.

Considerations

1. A Full Risk Assessment will be carried out
2. The company to be used is Hers registered, fully insured & qualified
3. The motif installs will not cross the street
4. Low energy LED lights are used with negligible running cost.

Additional lights

There is an option of also installing lights on the tress at St Barnabas Church. The cost to undertake this is approx. **£500.00** per tree (supply & fit).

The lights would be positioned high enough to limit damage and vandalism and remain in the tree all year to be switched on at Christmas. There would be an additional cost for the power supply and permissions from the church required.

Rodbourne

Whilst drafting report the possibility of a secondary site consideration for 'The Lane' (Rodbourne Road) was also raised, as there are 12 columns which could have the installation of similar motifs on them.

1. Infrastructure cost:

Supply & fit of a temporary infrastructure, consisting of a standard socket and trip switch - **£1,200.00 +Vat** for parts & labour.

Motif cost:

One-year rental of the motifs, including installation and removal - **£1,800.00 +Vat**
Approx.

Recommendation

The Estates manager is awaiting the outcome of structural testing that will be carried out by SBC at the end of May / beginning of June. A decision will then be made by SBC as to whether permission for the columns can/will be granted for use. That infrastructure can be installed on the existing columns and what the council's plans are for the columns going forward in conjunction with the parishes long-term light displays.

Please note – the same structural testing has been requested for the columns in Rodbourne.

If authority is given by SBC, Cllrs to instruct Estates Manager to proceed with 'quotation 2' at total of £6000.00 +VAT for the supply & fit of 24 Column mounted motifs and infrastructure on a 'one-year rental trial' paid for as a capital cost.

Request Cllrs decision on installation of similar motif design to be installed at Rodbourne. If approved this report will be presented at full council on 15th May.

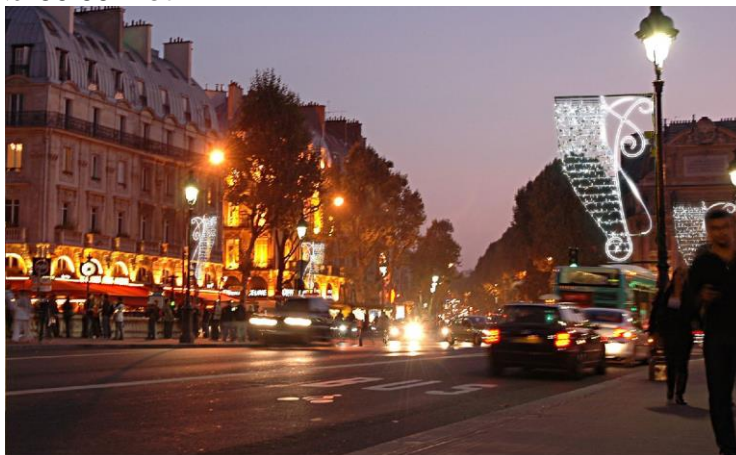
A letter will be drafted and sent to local businesses about Cllrs promoting local economy for Christmas Shopping etc in Gorse Hill and signage will be placed on one of the column's advertising that the lights have been provided by the parish.

A review will be carried out to ascertain the success of the 2019 display. This will then aid the consideration for its annual continuation and the possible expansion of lights in St Barnabas Church in 2020.

£70.00 Motifs



£150.00 motif



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NAXOS BLANC

Voltage :	230 V
Wattage :	65 W
Weight :	9.2 Kg
Dimensions (hxLxl) :	2,00m x 1,07m
No. luminous points :	767
Luminosity :	897 lumens
Ratio No. points/Wattage :	11,8
No. of elements :	1
Windage (S x Cx) :	1,3 m2
Carbon Footprint :	45,5 kg eq CO2
Decoration:	glitter
Animation :	Flashy - Comet