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Dear Mrs Barker

Agreement relating to parish lighting at Higham and Meopham (incl. Vigo) Kent

I am writing to you to advise that, as indicated by the Leader of the Executive at two recent meetings with Parish Council Chairmen, the Council has resolved to terminate the Agreements between the Gravesham Borough Council and the Meopham (incl. the new area of Vigo) Parish Council in respect of the operation, maintenance and financing of street lighting in their area with effect from midnight on 31 March 2022. This decision was taken by the Council's Cabinet on 7 September 2020.

I have, today, written to those Parishes to formally serve Notice of termination, but we shall be working with them to ensure a smooth handover.

It has also been pointed out that the Kent County Council no longer carries out periodic inspections of lighting assets, relying upon Council's and the general public to inform them of faults. We are suggesting that those Parishes affected by this decision may wish to undertake such inspections themselves, possibly with the assistance of local people, and you might wish to consider this also.

Yours sincerely,



Kevin Burbidge
Director (Planning and Development)