



Design and Access Statement for additional 7 Solar Lights

Millom School Playing Field, Salthouse Road, Millom

The proposal is to provide an additional 7 solar lights to complete coverage of the Millom Community Track. The Millom Community Track (Installed in 2021) is becoming more popular by the day (and night) with users numbering more than 50 on some nights. (Millom Striders Running Club – Juniors and Seniors, Millom Rugby League, Millom Velo Club and Millom AFC being some of the regular users on evening sessions as well as some regular walkers. Funding has allowed us to submit two previous approved applications of 11 and 10 solar lights (application - 4/21/2288/OF1 and 4/22/2353/OF1 (PP-11428151)). These were installed to the very darkest parts of the track and the final addition of the planned 7 lights will give more light coverage to the track. There is a lighting design provided by Prolectric that illustrates the design layout of the original 21 solar lights with the addition of a further 7 solar lights. There is a key attached to the design that indicates the existing 21 solar lights that are currently in situ plus the additional 7 solar lights. The design also indicates the lux and the amount of light it would produce on the layout. The new lights are to fill in the areas which we know to be poorly lit areas, and this we want to rectify to encourage female and youths to use the facility through the winter months in a safe and secure environment and encourage people to stay off the roads in the darker months. The new areas to be lit are near the residential houses on Salthouse Road but are behind the tree line on the perimeter of the track, will be facing away from the houses and are of a lower brightness than the current permanently lit street lighting. There is an area to the back of the houses that back onto the culvert, but again these are a significant distance away from the houses and there is also a woodland area between the back of the houses, the culvert and the trees before the perimeter of the track. All the lights again are positioned on the outside edge of the track with the lights facing onto the track and away from any residential housing. As per the previous applications the lights will come on automatically to an ambient status of 30% at dusk for a maximum of 6 hours. When members are using the track the PIR's will detect movement and raise to 100% output. While there is movement the lights stay at 100%. After 6 hours and not beyond 10pm the lights will turn off. There will be no PIR motion detection after 6 hours or 10pm.

The dark areas proposed to be lit in the future if this application is approved, will provide peace of mind, safety and security to those using the community track. Security lighting has been addressed by the Government following the murder of a female on Clapham Common, London and more recently in 2022, Ashling Murphy. Following the installation of the 21 original lights on previous

planning applications, we are more aware of the dark unlit areas and feel that we need to fill in these gaps with additional lighting as soon as the funds are raised.

All lights are identified on the block plan and also on the site location plan. If these 7 solar lights are approved that will give the track the 28 lights in total and complete our target of providing a safe place to run, walk and cycle. The lights are very efficient and reliable and require very little maintenance.

Information and installation

Prolectric AE3 luminaires are high quality, year round, solar powered LED units mounted on 6m root columns. They provide permanent lighting. Simple and quick to install. There is no need to dig drenches or install trunking cables.