

Item 14a – Full Council 17th November 2021

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To: admin@todmorden-tc.gov.uk

Subject: Community Risk Assessment

Hello Nicola,

In response to concerns for the safety of women and girls in Todmorden, my friend and I (members of reclaim the streets) have carried out an assessment of vulnerable areas within our community, which prevent women and girls from walking the streets after dark. As a result, this prevents women and girls from making their way safely from work, home and leisure. Ros and I walked Todmorden boundary from Burnley, Halifax and Rochdale roads. The following is a list of identified issues which we hope you can assist us to resolve.

STREET LIGHTS OBSCURED BY TREES (OBT);

Ashenhurst Rd - before and after the railway bridge, there is a light on both sides of the bridge.

Hunters Lane - the corner light.

Burnley Rd between Ashenhurst and Pennine Lodge. Several lights.

Burney Rd & Ewood lane. Rd sign with light obscured.

Halifax Road - opposite the social club x3 lights

Junction with Cross St - 1 light

BADLY LIT

Ashenhurst Rd; the new estate is very dark and intimidation. It has no lights at all.

Water St - lights too dim.

Union St and car parks (for this and union st south) Quite dark and lights are orange/dim.

Burnley Rd - on corner of cemetery. No light at or next to bus stop. Adjacent Rd is badly lit.

Ewood Lane - x3 lamplights not working.

Bond St

Oxford St

Hall St

Meadow Lane car park has no lights at all. And due to ineffective lighting on water st, it is more risky.

Rochdale Rd near morrisons.

Footpath from Burnley Rd (at side of Aldi) to station. Light not working.

TODMORDEN PARK

1) Lights not on next to bandstand and from the lucky dog to side of leisure centre there are x10 lights not working.

2) lights came on at 7pm but not early enough; torch needed at 6:10pm.

3) Young people would like the skate park to have a light as they can use the park in evenings..

4) Conversations with local people indicate they no longer use the park in evening as they don't feel safe due to it being so dark e.g. A mother and her child " I used to walk with the baby to settle her at night, I now send my husband as i don't feel safe".

TODMORDEN TOWN CENTRE - at our most recent vigil and patrol the market lights were on. Local police commented that it was to deter criminal activity. The market felt approachable and much safer due to the lights. However, since then they have been turned off, and consequently feedback indicates the lights being on made people feel safer as the market at night can be quite intimidating.

We look forward to safer streets.

Regards

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