

LightAware media release - for use immediately

People throughout the UK are having their lives ruined by LED street lighting. Councils are installing the most damaging LED street lighting, despite research showing it makes people sick and damages local ecology.

Before introducing LEDs:

- only 21% of councils conducted a Disability Impact Assessment.
- only 32% conducted an Equality Impact Assessment
- only 22% conducted an Environmental Impact Assessment.

Many people with disabilities are having their conditions made worse. Councils not doing statutory assessments could be breaking the law by not identifying people sensitive to LED lighting before installing it. Up to a million people could be affected.

LightAware's report "A bright idea? - Adverse health, social and environmental impacts associated with LED street lighting" gathers evidence from scientific publications, a Freedom of Information request sent to 120 Councils and a survey of people made ill by LED street lights.

LightAware trustee Dr John Lincoln said, "It is shocking that councils have spent over a billion pounds installing street lighting that makes people ill".

LightAware is calling on councils to: STOP installing LED street lighting, LOOK at the scientific evidence, LISTEN to people's complaints and THINK about why they are putting financial savings before people's health.

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The [Executive Summary](#) and [full report](#) are available on our website www.lightaware.org

Notes to editors:

LightAware is a charity which was founded in 2015 to respond to the needs of those whose lives and health have been profoundly affected by the ban on incandescent lighting and the development of new forms of light, including LED technology. LightAware's charitable objectives are:

- To raise awareness about the effects of artificial lighting on human health and wellbeing.
- To stimulate discussion and investigation into the effects of artificial lighting on human health and wellbeing.
- To promote equality and diversity through encouraging provision of access to civic life for those excluded by sensitivity to artificial lighting.