

Dear Asset Owner,

We are contacting you at this time to keep you informed of the current situation regarding energy and maintenance costs relating to the street lighting/highway electrical equipment you own. As you are aware Suffolk County Council provides a service to maintain the assets and/or processes energy payments on your behalf with invoices being made towards the end of the financial year.

Energy

The current economic situation has seen unprecedented increases in electricity energy costs since the beginning of the financial year. We have been tracking the costs this financial year and can confirm that after the first 5 months our energy costs have increased by 102% above that of last years' costs. Our current projections are showing that this increase is unlikely to fall and may increase further over the remaining 7 months of the financial year. This is something that we are closely monitoring.

Maintenance

As a result of rapidly increasing fuel costs and material prices, coupled with component shortages, the usual annual indexation adjustment is now subject to regular review. Current increases are exceeding previous years' inflation figures and this financial year we are anticipating an increase of approximately 12-20% on last year's costs. Please note the exact figure is unknown at this stage and this figure could go up further. We are reviewing this regularly and monitoring this closely with our term maintenance provider.

With these increases in mind, please be aware that the full end of year costs could be significantly higher than you may have budgeted for. If you have replaced traditional lighting sources to LED lighting during this year, or have ordered replacements, then some of these increases may have been negated as your energy consumption decreases.

We appreciate this is disappointing news however we will continue to work with you to limit the effects of these increases wherever possible. If you would like to discuss options such as changing to energy efficient LED fittings or installation of our Control and Monitoring System that enables the implementation of part night lighting and/or dimming as energy saving options, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards.

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