

**EASTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
ON 29TH OCTOBER 2014**

UPDATE REPORT

Item No: (5) **Application No:** 14/01558/FUL **Page No.** 229-246

Site: Land at Bradfield College, Bradfield

Planning Officer Presenting: Dave Pearson

Member Presenting:

Parish Representative speaking: Mr Andrew House

Objector(s) speaking: N/A

Supporter(s) speaking: N/A

Applicant/Agent speaking: Mr Trefor Llewellyn
Ms Lucy White

Ward Members: Councillor Quentin Webb
Councillor Graham Pask

Update Information:

1.0 CONSULTATION RESPONSES

1.1 No other comments have been received.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The recommendation for refusal remains unchanged. Officers wish to highlight the guidance in the National Planning Policy Framework which states in Part II, 'Conserving and enhancing the natural environment', at paragraph 125, that 'by encouraging good design planning decisions should limit the impact of light pollution from artificial light on local amenity, intrinsically dark landscapes and nature conservation'. This comment is made in support of points raised in regard to lighting in section 6.2, and is considered to reinforce the view that light pollution should be limited in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which are associated with intrinsically dark landscapes. Conditions alone and screening will not overcome the harm the new light will introduce. The photographs in the presentation highlight the impact of existing lighting and the contrast of the site which at the moment is dark.