

# Five Principles For Good Outdoor Lighting



## 1 Useful

### Use light only if it's needed

Only use light if it is needed for a reason. Think about how it affects your neighbours and nearby wildlife.



## 2 Targeted

### Direct light so it shines only where needed

Aim light exactly where you need it and use shielding to stop light from spilling into places it doesn't belong.



## 3 Low Level

### Light should be no brighter than necessary

Use the lowest brightness that still gets the job done and watch out for shiny surfaces that reflect light back up into the sky.



## 4 Controlled

### Use light only when it's needed

Use smart controls like timers and motion sensors, so light is only on when someone is there, dimmed where possible and off when not in use.



## 5 Warm-coloured

### Use warmer coloured lights where possible

Choose warm yellow/amber light instead of harsh cold blue light. This is safer, easier on the eyes, and better for human health and nature.



Light polluted sky

Visible night sky



**Fully Shielded  
with Timer or  
Motion Sensor**

Unacceptable



Best

