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Winter ready - 16,000 LED street lights installed

Now the clocks have gone back, the benefit of the 16,000 new LED street lights so far installed on many of Bexley's residential and main roads is even clearer.

The scheme is on target to convert all 19,000 street lights in Bexley by March 2018. As well as brighter streets, the programme is set to achieve annual savings of more than £300,000 due to reduced electricity consumption and maintenance costs.

Residents are already benefiting from the changes to the more energy efficient LED lights, as one resident explained: "I already feel much safer walking home in the dark." Another said that safety had been improved as "the LED lamps are so much brighter".

One new resident praised the investment saying: "I'm really impressed that the streets around my house have LED lighting. I know it requires investment but saves cash and cuts carbon." Others have praised the lamps that look "really smart", and are "100% better" than the traditional sodium lighting they replaced. Such comments echo earlier support for the project that began last autumn.

Reflecting on the positive feedback, Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transport Cllr Alex Sawyer said: "The response to upgrading our street lighting in some residential areas has been overwhelmingly positive. It's important that residents feel comfortable walking the streets at night, especially in the winter months. The progress made means residents will benefit as we move into the winter."

Bexley is one of the safest boroughs in London and the work also supports the Council's commitments to make the Borough greener and more environmentally friendly.

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