

# Appendix 1 - 'Considerate Lighting Charter' within the adopted Lighting SPD (2023)

## Appendix A: Considerate Lighting Charter City of London Corporation

The City of London Corporation's Considerate Lighting Charter is a set of commitments that will help to ensure that buildings and public spaces in the Square Mile achieve the right light, in the right place, at the right time.

Building owners, managers and occupiers in the Square Mile are encouraged to sign up to this Charter. By doing so, they commit to undertaking the actions of the Charter within a reasonable timeframe.

These actions are the minimum required to comply with the Considerate Lighting Charter. More detailed guidance is available in the City of London Corporation's Lighting Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

**By signing up to the Considerate Lighting Charter, we commit to:**

### 1. Manage lighting well, by:

- 1.1. **Turning lights off when not in use.** Lights in unoccupied interior spaces, particularly commercial spaces, will not be left on unnecessarily. We will ensure external lighting accords with curfew times in the Lighting SPD.
- 1.2. **Installing control systems** such as passive infrared detectors (PIR) as part of a 'smart' lighting system designed in a way that minimises the amount of light used.
- 1.3. **Embedding good lighting management practice** in our facilities management teams and undertaking training for staff on how lighting systems should be operated.

### 2. Review our lighting system, by:

- 2.1. **Carrying out an initial review** and updating it regularly, with the aim of minimising light spill, reducing energy consumption and carbon use, improving safety and character and ambience, and which considers equality, diversity and inclusion.
- 2.2. **Consulting neighbouring properties** particularly those who are most affected by our lighting, as part of the review. We will publish information about changes to our internal and external lighting and provide contact details.
- 2.3. **Considering biodiversity**, through identifying the local context and adjusting our lighting system to limit impacts on biodiversity.

### 3. Minimise the impacts of our lighting, by:

- 3.1. **Reducing glare and light spill for internal and external lighting**, through measures such as installing low-glare downlighting, louvres or blinds, and removing or reducing any internal lighting within 1.5 metres of the building facade.
- 3.2. **Procuring sustainable light fittings** that have the minimum embodied carbon and lowest operational energy, and can be easily repaired, replaced and recycled. We will consider 'lux leasing' and other circular economy approaches.
- 3.3. **Improving the performance of our lighting**, through avoiding cooler colour temperatures after dark; putting limits on the illuminance and brightness of external lights, and internal lighting that is visible from outside our building(s); and making external lighting efficient (in line with Building Regulations and/or BREEAM).

