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Sent: 28 February 2026 17:24
To: clerk@edithwestonparishcouncil.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Adopted Highway Query: Street Lighting: Pennine Drive, Edith Weston, Oakham



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Sent: Saturday, February 28, 2026 9:58:14 AM
To: Pallister, Darren Capt (1MWD-RHQ-UWO) <Darren.Pallister180@mod.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Adopted Highway Query: Street Lighting: Pennine Drive, Edith Weston, Oakham

Thanks Darren – I'll have a read through and come back to you if necessary.
Sara

From: Darren.Pallister180@mod.gov.uk <Darren.Pallister180@mod.gov.uk>
Sent: 26 February 2026 15:16
To: clerk@edithwestonparishcouncil.gov.uk
Subject: Adopted Highway Query: Street Lighting: Pennine Drive, Edith Weston, Oakham

Afternoon Sara,

As promised, please see attached relevant documentation and the below response from DIO.

Any issues or further queries please let me know and I'll endeavour to assist.

"Dear Edith Weston Parish Council,

The Ministry of Defence has recently received a query from its Housing Section that a section of street lighting located at Pennine Drive, Edith Weston, as shown in the PDF dated 11-09-25 – Pennine Drive, Edith Weston – Copy to Rutland County Council, is not working (1st above attachment).

The Ministry of Defence - Defence Infrastructure Organisation Estates team has undertaken a property investigation, where it is has received information from Rutland County Council who have confirmed that the streetlights at this location are situated on a section of adopted highway.

To explain, an adopted highway is a road, footpath or verge that the local council maintains at public expense, where the council is responsible for cleaning, lighting and repairing the road.

This means that Pennine Road and the infrastructure situated on it are controlled by the local council, which in this instance is Rutland County Council. However, they have communicated further information on this point, which I will share with you in a moment.

Reverting to the adopted highway classification, evidence of this is contained within page 15 of the document 'Rutland County Council – Highways - list of streets maintainable at public expense March 2025' (2nd above attachment).

It is also stated on page 15 of the document titled 'List of Streets Maintainable at Public Expense 09-10-2025 (3rd above attachment).

On this adopted highway point the Ministry of Defence - Defence Infrastructure Organisation Estates Department has communicated with Rutland County Council who have explained the following:

'Pennine Drive is adopted, but we have no record of any lights that we maintain being on it. If there are streetlights on Pennine Drive, they would be Community Lighting.

All Community Lighting was, prior to 2016, managed / maintained by the relevant town or parish council. As far as we can tell we do not manage lighting on Pennine Drive.'

I can provide you with Edith Weston Parish contact details. Hopefully, they can assist you further'.

Consequently, the evidence collected shows that Pennine Drive is an adopted highway, where neither the road nor the street lighting situated on it is the responsibility of the Ministry of Defence to repair or maintain.

However, should the Edith Weston Parish Council disagree with the above findings the Ministry of Defence is content to consider any evidence the Edith Weston Parish Council wishes to share. Where the Ministry of Defence will take this information away to review before responding to the Edith Weston Parish Council".

Kind regards,

Darren

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