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Dear Ms Kelso

New Metering Technology in Public Highway

I refer to your consultation letter dated 1 April 2008.

Moving onto Central Management Systems (CMS) is something that the City of York Council has under consideration and we are currently running several small street lighting trials to help understand customer opinion on the dimming of lights.

The cost of CMS is expensive and will only be introduced gradually so clearly the existing metering systems have to remain in place, running in parallel with CMS metering.

The savings from CMS come from a number of sources but savings on the cost of electricity used is the main element. Without removal of the perceived legal barriers it will be difficult to make the progress required to reduce energy usage and reap the environmental benefits.

I am not aware of any consequences or impacts of your proposal that have not been considered and I can support it, as it fits neatly into the sustainable street lighting strategy approved by Members of the City of York Council.

Yours sincerely

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