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Categories:

Dear Planning

Application number	HPK/2026/0206	Application type	Advertisement Consent
Site address	34 , SPRING GARDENS , BUXTON , DERBYSHIRE , SK17 6BZ	Proposal	Advertisement Consent - Proposed works include a new shop front, internal alterations to a vacant unit with a full fit out into a retail banking hub, installation of illuminated signs including fascia signage, projecting sign, directory of services and vinyls to the front of the property and installation of ventilation grilles and condenser units to the rear of the property

Illuminated advertising isn't really a technical issue; it's simply a case of comparing the figures supplied by the applicant with an appropriate standard.

Standard – the following is widely adopted

Professional Lighting Guide 05: The brightness of illuminated advertisements (2015) – Institute of Lighting Professionals.

Unfortunately, I don't have access to a copy of this but these are the recommended levels for EZ3 and 4

SIZE OF ADVERTISE- MENT	AREA TYPE / ZONE	PROFESSIONAL LIGHTING GUIDE 05 MAXIMUM LUMINENCE LEVEL
Up to 10 m2	Suburban / Zone 3	600 cdm2
Over to 10 m2	Suburban / Zone 3	300 cdm2
Up to 10 m2	Urban / Zone 4	600 cdm2
Over 10 m2	Urban / Zone 4	300 cdm2

ENVIRONMENTAL ZONES:

The ILP recommended that in their Development Plans, Local Planning Authorities specify the following environmental zones for exterior lighting control.

Category Examples

E1: Intrinsically dark areas National Parks, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, etc

E2: Low district brightness areas Rural or small village locations

E3: Medium district brightness areas Small town centres or urban locations

E4: High district brightness areas Town/city centres with high levels of night-time activity

Illuminated advertising is probably not appropriate for EZ 1 and EZ2, but that's very much a matter for the planning officer to decide.

Hope this helps

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