

What is light pollution?

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Light pollution is the excessive or misdirected use of artificial light produced by human activities.

Our report aims to introduce mitigation measures to protect the environment from light pollution.

*ALAN disrupts ecosystems, interferes with wildlife behaviour and migration patterns, impacts human health, and obscures our view of the night sky.

Light pollution occurs as an unwanted side effect of people using lighting to be safely active outdoors at night.

Lighting that causes light pollution is often referred to by the umbrella acronym '*ALAN', referring to artificial light at night.

*ALAN has increased over time, due to industrialisation, urbanisation and population growth.



*Artificial Light at Night



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