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Bearing in mind that the grounds of Lauriston Castle are closed to the public during non-daylight hours why/what is/was the reasoning/justification for installing lights both in the car park and along the path from the front gate to the castle itself?

The lighting in the grounds is there primarily for safety reasons. Although seasonal closing hours means visitors are generally out of the Grounds by the time it is dark, in the winter when the afternoons can be quite dark (and the weather poor) it is important for people to be able to see safely in order to access the gate and/or their vehicles in the car park. Staff, and potentially emergency services, also need to be able to enter and exit the Grounds safely out of hours, as do people attending events held in the Castle in the evenings

The lighting along the path from the front gate to the castle itself was replaced within the past 2 months. Please provide the cost of a) the new lighting b) work to remove the old and install the new lighting.

The cost of the replacement of the damaged driveway bollard lights was £15,679.50