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Brief description of accident/incident (include voltage):

During recent high winds, a decorative public lighting lantern fell to the ground from a public lighting pole. It appears that the lantern sheared from the bracket. There were no injuries sustained in the incident

On investigation it was found that the lanterns have two different mounting attachments, either through a pipe thread attachment or grub screws holding a slotted union. Both styles of lantern appear to be susceptible to failure.

The lantern in question is a Versalux Glen Waverley Oratrec 55, 150W HPS, installed in late 2000.



Typical sheared area of lantern

Local action taken:

- The site was made safe
- An inspection was made of the immediate surrounding area in which this style of lantern had been installed and temporary support chains installed to prevent further recurrences. Replacement of the lanterns was not possible, as neither the council nor the manufacturer had any replacement stock.
- The lantern design is currently under investigation by United Energy, the council and the manufacturer Versalux

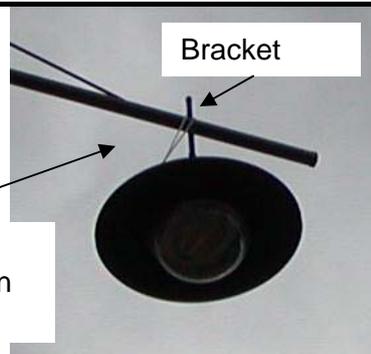


Additional comments:

All areas within United Energy network that have this style of lantern installed shall be inspected to determine the integrity of the lantern and where required an immediate temporary repair completed.

On completion of the investigation a permanent countermeasure (as determined by Versalux in conjunction with United Energy and effected council(s)) shall be implemented.

Temporary support chain, affixed to bracket & lantern



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