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Letter of support – Dark Sky Thy

The association "Hawboernes Forening, Lildstrand" in Denmark (in the following called "HFL") works on an application for IDA certification of the area Bulbjerg – Troldsting – Lildstrand as Dark Sky Park, named Dark Sky Thy. We have learned, that the area is already pre-approved by IDA.

Thy National Park is the oldest Danish National Park, and was inaugurated in 2008. It covers 244 km², and is situated ca. 20 km from Lildstrand. The area in between comprises mainly of protected dune landscapes and forest plantations. Most of it is owned by the Danish Nature Agency.

In addition to the application for IDA certification, HFL has also proposed, that Thy National Park should be extended, and some time in the future also could include the Bulbjerg – Troldsting – Lildstrand area. This proposal lies at the moment at the desk of the Danish Minister of Environment.

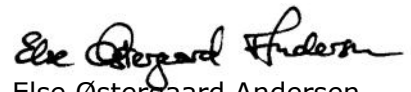
Dark Sky Thy will be an attractive extra experience also for visitors to the Nationalpark Park. Furthermore Dark Sky Thy will also put into the mind of the locals, that the dark night sky is a valuable asset in the modern world – and a value, that should be protected from pollution by light. If the proposal for expansion of Thy National Park with the area will be implemented in the years to come, Dark Sky Thy will be situated within the borders of Thy National Park.

Hereby we wish to confirm, that Thy National Park acknowledge the efforts to get the protected nature area as well as the little coastal village Lildstrand certified as a Dark Sky Park.

In general, together with the IDA objective, the Dark Sky Thy project focuses on environment, energy savings, sustainability, nature conservation, biodiversity and cultural dissemination. All issues of fundamental value to Thy National Park. Furthermore, certification is expected to have positive effects on year-round tourism and local business community in Northwest Jutland.

On this basis, Thy National Park can give our recommendation and full support to HFL's work with certification of Dark Sky Thy at Bulbjerg-Troldsting-Lildstrand.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Else Østergaard Andersen'.

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