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Letter of support to: DARK SKY PARK BULBJERG

Everyone can be amazed by staring into the seemingly endless starry night sky. To experience a truly magnificent dark sky is something everyone should have easy access to. Therefore, we at Aarhus University, Department of Physics and Astronomy, support any initiative to make this available to the public and thereby strongly support the initiative of Dark Sky Park Bulbjerg.

Aarhus University is already supporting Dark Sky initiatives at Anholt and on Mandø and with Dark Sky Park Bulbjerg anyone in western Denmark will be able to experience the stars in the best conditions possible.

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Aarhus University hosts the Ole Rømer Observatory, Observatorievejen 1, 8000 Aarhus, which is being fully renovated (2022/2023) and will be the center for outreach activities in relation to the night sky in Aarhus. Even after renovation light pollution from Aarhus will highly affect the experience when visitors look at stars with or without a telescope from this location. Dark Sky Park Bulbjerg will be one of the closest Dark Sky Parks to Aarhus and will be an obvious location to suggest to visitors at the Ole Rømer Observatory, guest at public lectures and other outreach activities. Aarhus University additionally operates telescopes globally where light pollution is one factor to take into account when selecting a location to put up new telescopes. Activities to enlighten and teach the general public in the effects of light pollution is therefore highly appreciated.

We, at Aarhus University, therefore recommend and fully support the application from Dark Sky Park Bulbjerg to become a certified Dark Sky Park in north western Denmark.

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