

Notice of Motion submitted pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No. 5.27

To consider the following Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor K King on behalf of the Conservative Group in relation to fireworks and airborne hazards:

We ask TMBC to:

- (1) require all public firework displays within Tonbridge and Malling borough to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people. This should involve organisers sending letters, social media and other channels at their own expense, to anyone living within close proximity to the display.
- (2) require Wedding venues to provide notice to local residents about firework displays which may happen as part of wedding celebrations, by sending letters, using social media and other appropriate channels at their own expense.
- (3) ask the Council's Communication Team to: -
 - promote details about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks – in advance of annual events in November and December
 - publish regular campaigns about the impact of Chinese sky lanterns to wildlife and the environment with a view to discourage to public to use them
- (4) write to Tracey Crouch MP and Tom Tugendhat MP asking them to: -
 - work with the Government to consider limiting the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB and to petition for a block on manufacturing or importing fireworks which contain plastic
 - ask the government to ban the sale of Chinese lanterns in the UK
 - encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock 'quieter' fireworks for public and private displays