

# Late Reports

## Culture and Communities Committee

10.00 am Friday, 23rd August, 2024

Dean of Guild Court Room - City Chambers

### Late Reports

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The attached report(s) were received after the deadline and therefore require to be ruled urgent by the Convener to allow them to be considered by committee.

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## Culture and Communities Committee

10.00am, Friday, 23 August 2024

### Firework Control Zones

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#### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 Culture and Communities Committee is asked to:
  - 1.1.1 Note this update on Firework Control Zones (FCZs) and the other actions which are being progressed to minimise the impact of fireworks on citizens in the Bonfire period 2024;
  - 1.1.2 Agree to proceed with four local FCZs in the areas outlined in paragraph 4.4 from 1 November 2024 – 10 November 2024 (inclusive); and
  - 1.1.3 Note that a report will be presented in February 2025 on the outcome of the FCZs and proposed next steps for future FCZs in Edinburgh.

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## Firework Control Zones

### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 This report summarises the proposals to implement a Firework Control Zone (FCZ) or zones in Edinburgh for the period 1 November to 10 November 2024 (inclusive) and seeks approval to implement four local FCZs in the city.

### 3. Background

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#### **Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022**

- 3.1 The Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022 (“the Act”) became law on 10 August 2022. The Act contains key provisions designed to support a cultural shift in how fireworks and other pyrotechnic articles are used in Scotland.
- 3.2 A FCZ is an area within a local authority’s boundaries in which it is a criminal offence to fire a firework, including on a private property such as a garden and would apply to individuals or households who wish to arrange a firework display at their home.
- 3.3 The legislation also includes provision that is an offence to fire a firework into the boundaries of a FCZ or to knowingly or recklessly throw or cast a lit firework into a zone.
- 3.4 This does not apply to public firework displays delivered by professional firework operators or community groups, clubs or similar organisations.
- 3.5 Designation of FCZs is a discretionary power for local authorities, providing the option of a specific targeted response that meets the needs of communities. They are not designed to be the first or only step taken by local authorities to tackle issues associated with firework use, to be used extensively, or to encompass an entire local authority area and should be viewed as one tool within a range of enforcement and preventative tools available to seek to resolve issues involving fireworks.
- 3.6 The Scottish Government has published [Firework Control Zones Guidance for Local Authorities](#) (“the Guidance”) to which local authorities must have regard. The Guidance supports local authorities to make informed decisions concerning the designation, amendment, or revocation of FCZs.

- 3.7 The factors to consider in respect of a FCZ are:
- 3.7.1 Mitigating circumstances: misuse of fireworks/injuries, impact on vulnerable groups, environmental protection, and animal welfare;
  - 3.7.2 Is there a historical nature to complaints within the designated area a FCZ has been requested from the police or fire services; and
  - 3.7.3 Are there any historical complaints about the designated area of a proposed FCZ made to the Council in Family and Household Support, Trading Standards or Public Safety. If there has, has it been captured via the city's CCTV network to show just cause for the implementation of an FCZ.

### **Dispersal Zones**

- 3.8 As set out in 3.5 above, FCZs are not intended to be a catch-all solution to deal with issues involving fireworks and should be used alongside other preventative and enforcement tools such as Dispersal Zones and our preventative **Community Improvement Partnership**.
- 3.9 It is likely that Police Scotland will again introduce Dispersal Zones this year in an attempt to combat antisocial behaviour and disorder over the bonfire period using the powers set out within the [Antisocial Behaviour Scotland Act 2004](#). The Dispersal Zones enable the Police to instruct groups of two or more people who are congregating and behaving in an antisocial manner in these areas to disperse. Those who fail to comply or fail to stay away for up to 24 hours can face arrest.

### **Citywide Bonfire Strategic Planning Community Improvement Partnership (CIP)**

- 3.10 Partners created the Bonfire CIP in January 2018, to develop a co-ordinated and consistent partnership response to resource planning for Bonfire Night focussing on keeping people safe.
- 3.11 The CIP convenes annually and its membership includes Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), Lothian Association of Youth Clubs (LAYC), Scottish Violence Reduction Unit, Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) (in particular Places for People and Wheatley Group), Lothian Buses, Scottish Ambulance Service, the City of Edinburgh Council, and EHSCP (Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership). Since March 2024 the Bonfire CIP has had regular CIP meetings to support Bonfire Night safety planning and preparations for this year.
- 3.12 Bonfire CIP partners individually and collectively are planning to progress a range of preparatory activities in the lead up to Bonfire Night including:
- 3.12.1 Concierge services (for the Council) and RSLs conducting spotter patrols and uplift activities in communal stairs and green spaces to ensure areas were free from combustibles;
  - 3.12.2 Patrols in fly tipping hotspots and open spaces for hazardous material and removal of accumulations;

- 3.12.3 Week of action to be supported by the Council's housing teams and community volunteers in mid-October to tidy up identified local areas (including fly tipping removal, litter picking and free removal of bulky items for a limited period ahead of Bonfire Night);
  - 3.12.4 Council co-ordination of CCTV cameras in collaboration with Police Scotland, to gather any relevant evidence on Bonfire Night and deployment of movable CCTV cameras to provide coverage in known hotspots;
  - 3.12.5 Lothian Buses and Police Scotland joint patrols, including police officers boarding buses in hot spot areas to engage with passengers and young people;
  - 3.12.6 Engaging with young people and their parents through targeted joint partner visits to provide advice in relation to safety and antisocial behaviour during the bonfire period;
  - 3.12.7 Liaising with youth clubs and diversionary activity providers to ensure that plans are in place for Bonfire Night to discourage people from engaging in antisocial behaviour;
  - 3.12.8 SFRS delivering educational presentations in secondary schools on bonfire and fireworks safety;
  - 3.12.9 Visits to all premises licensed to store and sell fireworks to conduct safety checks and provide advice on safe fireworks storage, underage sales, unlicensed sales and penalties for non-compliance;
  - 3.12.10 Raising awareness amongst young people to improve understanding of Dispersal Zones and their impact through Police Scotland School Liaison Officers.
- 3.13 Following the successful delivery of youth diversionary activities and uptake from the Voluntary Youth Work Sector, LAYC have already started to engage youth organisations across the city to support the co-ordination of preventative and other activity in the lead up to, and on, Bonfire night this year. LAYC will again offer a small grant funding for organisations to provide diversionary activities for young people, supplementing the contributions awarded by the Bonfire CIP. The Council, Scottish Violence Reduction Unit, Police Scotland and Places for People are also providing additional engagement with young people and organisations, including match funding of resources to support different opportunities for young people particularly within the Niddrie area of the city.

#### **Guidance for determining a FCZ**

- 3.14 The Guidance set out by the Scottish Government has been universally adopted by Scottish local authorities and has informed the development of guidance for Edinburgh as set out in Appendix 3.

### **Sale and Purchase Controls**

- 3.15 The Scottish Government have committed to a national fireworks licensing regime under part 2 of the Act, which is now expected in 2025 at the earliest.
- 3.16 The legislation will introduce a requirement that anyone buying retail fireworks in Scotland will need to be licenced, and probably have completed relevant training as set by the Scottish Ministers. It is worth noting this licensing regime will be national, including a national register, and will not be overseen by the City of Edinburgh Council or any other local authorities.
- 3.17 However, the Council will be responsible for compliance and enforcement in relation to any premises selling fireworks, to ensure they comply with the relevant legislation
- 3.18 The Convenor of Culture and Communities Committee has written to the Scottish Government on this. A copy of the letter and reply were circulated to Group Spokespeople on 11 July 2024.

### **Committee and Council Decisions**

- 3.19 On 16 May 2024, Committee approved a motion by Councillor Heap which requested:
  - 3.19.1 Evidence for a city-wide zone and individual zones;
  - 3.19.2 All requests are considered on an equal basis;
  - 3.19.3 The Council website and communications make clearer that a city-wide FCZ can be requested and explains how to do this;
  - 3.19.4 Proposals are presented in time for implementation in November covering the City of Edinburgh Council area and any other area(s) suggested by residents through the Community Request process;
  - 3.19.5 That it makes the final decision on the proposed FCZs to be implemented;
  - 3.19.6 That the guidance used by officers to make decisions on FCZ applications be shared;
  - 3.19.7 That it be consulted on how the £25,000 per FCZ should be spent; and
  - 3.19.8 That the Convener and Leader write a joint letter to the Scottish Government asking that part 2 of the Act be commenced as soon as possible and asking the Scottish Government to provide an indicative timescale for this.
- 3.20 On 27 June 2024, the Council approved an emergency motion by Councillor Heap requesting that the deadline for requests for a city-wide FCZ be extended to 31 July 2024.

## 4. Main report

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### Community Request Process

- 4.1 On 6 May 2024, the Council launched the application process for community organisations on how to apply for FCZ for their local area for the period 1 November 2024 – 10 November 2024 inclusive.
- 4.2 The communications plan for this included a dedicated webpage, alongside radio, social media and newspaper journals.
- 4.3 32 enquiries were received from citizens and community organisations, which included animal welfare organisations and the Health and Social Care Partnership.
- 4.4 Four community applications (Appendix 1) for FCZs were received from:
  - 4.4.1 The Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA) for Balerno;
  - 4.4.2 Edinburgh Cat and Dog home for Seafield;
  - 4.4.3 Friends of Calton Hill group for City Centre; and
  - 4.4.4 Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership on behalf of service users and care staff in Niddrie.

### Legislation, Guidance and Advice

- 4.5 The legislation itself does not stipulate the area or geography for individual zones, but the associated Guidance does state that FCZs have not been designed as a measure to cover a whole local authority area, or to cover extensive parts of a local authority area.
  - 4.6 The guidance proposes an evidence-based and proportionate approach to FCZs and expects the local authority to demonstrate why it is considered necessary for any geographic area to be covered by a zone. Before designating a FCZ, the local authority must prepare and publish its proposal in relation to the designation. It must also consult with people who live or work in the place which will be affected, other members of the local community in or near the place and any other persons or bodies that the local authority considers to have a connection with or be interested in/affected by the proposal.
  - 4.7 The [legislation](#) enables Scottish Ministers to make further provision about FCZs and procedures to designate, amend or revoke a zone. This includes, but is not limited to, setting limits on the size of place that may be designated a FCZ or the cumulative area that a local authority may designate as zones.
  - 4.8 Supporting the Guidance, Scottish Government officials have emphasised that the legislation was not intended to enable a FCZ to cover an entire local authority area and have indicated that, should one be implemented, they are likely to challenge this decision.
  - 4.9 The SFRS have indicated that, where possible, they would support FCZs but have highlighted an issue of resources if a citywide zone was implemented. Their
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consultation response confirms that they are concerned about committing to supporting something they do not have capacity to fulfil.

- 4.10 Police Scotland have indicated that their resources are focused on keeping the public, police and emergency personnel as well as wider partners safe and to ensure those responsible for the criminal and antisocial use of fireworks are brought to account. Planning for this year has been ongoing for several months and they are committed to working alongside SFRS, SAS, Scottish Government, SSPCA and the City of Edinburgh. They will also be engaging with young people through schools and youth services partners around the risks associated with fireworks and will be working with housing partners and waste services around collections throughout Edinburgh. Joint activity will also be conducted throughout October with Trading Standards to ensure the responsible sale and security of fireworks. Police officers will also be out with Lothian buses and Edinburgh Trams engaging with staff and public. There will be additional resources and patrols throughout the bonfire period and there will be a zero-tolerance approach towards violence and threatening behaviour.
- 4.11 Police Scotland have engaged with the FCZ process as a consultee providing analytical data to allow informed assessment by City of Edinburgh Council. Their policing approach is always intelligence led, focussing resources where there is the greatest threat of risk and harm. If implemented, FCZ's will be one of a number of tactical options open to police to tackle criminality and anti-social behaviour.
- 4.12 A summary of legal advice received is also attached in Appendix 5 (B Agenda).

#### **Firework Control Zone consultations**

- 4.13 All four local applications were progressed for wider consultation with residents, businesses and local community councils within the area that is being proposed for an FCZ.
- 4.14 A six-week period of consultation on small areas is underway and the consultation will close on 23 August 2024. A summary of the responses received so far is provided in Section 9 of this report.
- 4.15 Following on from the decision of the Council on 27 June 2024, on 1 July 2024 the Council website was updated, and the deadline was extended to 31 July 2024 for feedback on creating a city-wide FCZ.
- 4.16 Information on a citywide zone was collected by email from 1 July 2024 and, on 24 July 2024, a consultation on a citywide FCZ was launched on the Council's Consultation Hub. This was promoted through the Council's social media channels and on local radio stations.
- 4.17 Details of the consultation responses are provided in Section 9 of this report.

## City-wide FCZ

- 4.18 The information received during the consultation shows support for a citywide FCZ and it would be possible to progress a citywide FCZ for November 2024 within the current timeframe. However, Committee is asked to note the following risks:
- 4.18.1 The risk of appeal is likely to be greater (than for local FCZs);
  - 4.18.2 SFRS and Police Scotland have indicated that they would support the decision of the Council, however resourcing a citywide FCZ may be challenging;
  - 4.18.3 Failure to enforce a citywide zone could lead to reputational risk;
  - 4.18.4 The Scottish Government may challenge the decision of the Council; and
  - 4.18.5 There is a risk of other legal challenges being received.
- 4.19 A summary of the consultation results and information on the identified risks are outlined in Section 9 of this report.

## 5. Next Steps

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- 5.1 While there is support for a citywide FCZ as set out in section 9.4 below, officers recommend proceeding with implementation of FCZs in the four areas outlined in paragraph 4.4 for the period 1 November 2024 – 10 November 2024 inclusive. This is based on the practical aspects of enforcing an authority wide FCZ with public sector partners, and the associated risks.
- 5.2 The four zones emerged as a result of applications received from local residents or organisations and have been broadly supported through the consultation. It is, however, noted that some respondents in the Balerno area are concerned about the impact of this on the local community. Further information on the feedback received is outlined in Section 9.
- 5.3 If agreed, the decision of Committee will be provided in writing to each of the organisations who have submitted an application, and the required 60 day lay period will be applied from 26 August 2024 to allow for appeals to be made. If no appeals are received, following the 60 day lay period, the Council can proceed with designating a FCZ to take effect from 1 November 2024.
- 5.4 Committee could, however, agree to proceed with a city-wide FCZ, taking account of all of the information presented. The 60 day lay period would commence on 26 August 2024 and if no appeals are received, the zone could be implemented from 1 November 2024.
- 5.5 Assuming Committee agree to proceed with a FCZ or zones, a summary of the implementation in November 2024 will be reported to Committee in February 2025, with details of the process for applying for FCZ status in November 2025.
- 5.6 Recognising the support for progressing with a citywide FCZ, if Committee agree the report recommendations, officers will work closely with Elected Members, the Culture and Communities Committee – 23 August 2024

Scottish Government, Police Scotland and the SFRS to consider all of the options available to limit the impact of fireworks on communities across the city in time for Bonfire Night 2025.

- 5.7 The consultation materials were developed at short notice in 2024, and some feedback was received about the different approaches to positive and negative feedback. In advance of any future activities, officers will ensure that sufficient time is available to develop any consultation materials and that adequate time is available to conduct a consultation.

### **Other Activities**

- 5.8 Through the Citywide Bonfire Strategic Planning CIP, the activities outlined in paragraph 3.13 will be progressed. These will be supported by co-ordinated public safety messages, social media activity and posters. Safety awareness letters will be issued to residents in hotspot areas.
- 5.9 A multi-agency command arrangement (with the Council, Police Scotland, SFRS and Lothian Buses) will be in place to ensure efficient and co-ordinated deployment of resources where required, allowing a swift response to address reports of bonfire/firework related antisocial behaviour, criminal activity and minimising the risk of harm to staff, the public and transport/emergency services.
- 5.10 There are also on-going discussions with the local community in the Niddrie area, including the Community Alliance Trust and other partners, following the Council Leader's firework summit in December 2023 on proposals to organise a community bonfire night in November 2024.

## **6. Financial impact**

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- 6.1 The Scottish Government has agreed to provide local authorities adopting the FCZ provision with additional funding of up to £25,000 per designated zone.
- 6.2 If a FCZ is confirmed for the Niddrie area, an indicative breakdown of how the funding would be used is provided below.
- 6.2.1 £7,500 to support additional youth diversionary activities including SFRS delivering a six week Fire Skills course;
- 6.2.2 £10,000 for additional staffing associated with the consultation and processing of FCZs; and
- 6.2.3 £7,500 for a community bonfire night organised by the Community Alliance Trust.
- 6.3 For the remaining three zones, £7,500 will be allocated to SFRS Fire Skills Training and £10,000 to staffing. It is also proposed to allocate £7,500 for constituted local community groups. This funding would be available for activities in each local area for activities relating to diversionary activities or community events leading up to and during the period which the FCZ is effective.

- 6.4 If a citywide zone is approved, officers will engage with the Scottish Government on whether funding will be made available for the designated zone.

## **7. Equality and Poverty Impact**

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- 7.1 An interim Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) has been completed for the community safety and anti-social behaviour strategy. This will be updated with partners as consultation progresses.
- 7.2 This found positive impacts relating to equality, health, wellbeing and human rights including enabling people to have more control of their social/work environment by seeking ways to address anti-social behaviour in the city. This may include ways to reduce anti-social behaviour in both social and work environment and empower people to feel safe in these areas.

## **8. Climate and Nature Emergency Implications**

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- 8.1 An [International Evidence Review](#), published by the Scottish Government in October 2019, highlighted that fireworks can pollute the air with gases and particles, which can contain metals and other elements that are potentially harmful to human health. Local air pollution, the frequency of cultural traditions involving fireworks and meteorological factors can all influence the impacts of fireworks on the environment; and the extent of these impacts in Scotland is unknown.

## **9. Risk, policy, compliance, governance and community impact**

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- 9.1 The Scottish Government consulted with communities, local authorities, and stakeholders prior to developing the Act with additional public consultation events held in 2023 as part of the development of the Firework Control Zone Guidance for Local Authorities.
- 9.2 The legislation and associated guidance requires that the Council demonstrates why it is considered necessary for a geographic area to be covered by a zone and any approved zone should be evidence-based and proportionate.
- 9.3 The Council sought feedback from communities on localised FCZs, with four areas being identified. The four applications are attached in Appendix 1. Consultation on these four zones was progressed over the summer.
- 9.4 The consultation closes on the day of Committee (23 August 2024) however the responses received to date are summarised below and in Appendix 4. Officers will provide a verbal update to Committee on any responses received between the date of publication of this report up to the date of Committee.

<b>Proposed FCZ area</b>	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>Indicates Support</b>	<b>Indicates Opposition</b>	<b>Neither support or oppose (or unclear)</b>
Balerno	57	44	12	1
Calton Hill	19	16	1	2
Citywide	770	663	96	11
Niddrie	15	14	1	-
Seafield	7	7	-	-

- 9.5 The consultation questions did not request information on the reasons people supported the introduction of FCZs, but additional information was received from those who were not supportive.
- 9.6 For those opposing the FCZ in Balerno, the feedback received indicated that:
- 9.6.1 Fireworks are not a significant problem in the area;
  - 9.6.2 Fireworks are enjoyable and fun and that the zones are unnecessary and impossible to police;
  - 9.6.3 A curfew of 9pm could be effective in alleviating the noise concerns;
  - 9.6.4 Utilising existing powers and/or a proportionate response to the issue of fireworks (e.g. restricting the time period or the noise) could be more effective.
- 9.7 The feedback from those opposing a citywide zone highlighted that:
- 9.7.1 Fireworks are traditional and can be of cultural significance and heritage;
  - 9.7.2 This proposal seems to be targeting everyone and restricting people's enjoyment of activities that they have previously enjoyed;
  - 9.7.3 The proposed measures are disproportionate – these measures should be focused on areas which have experienced antisocial behaviour;
  - 9.7.4 This is unlikely to be enforceable, placing significant demands on the Police and SFRS;
  - 9.7.5 This will affect business income for both small and large organisations; and
  - 9.7.6 Restrictions on the sale of fireworks and rules which encourage the safe use of fireworks would be more effective.
- 9.8 The legal advice provided in respect of a citywide FCZ is attached in Appendix 5 (B Agenda).

9.9 Information provided by Police Scotland (for the period 28 October – 5 November) shows the following for the proposed local FCZ areas:

<b>Proposed FCZ area</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Balerno	0 calls  0 crimes	0 calls  0 crimes	2 calls (outwith the area of the applied FCZ)  0 crimes
Seafield	There have been no calls within the applied parameters of the FCZ		
Calton Hill Greenspace	0	0	2 calls on 4 November 2023
Niddrie	There have been 62 calls to the EC35 beat which encompasses the entire Niddrie area. 41 of these calls are within the applied FCZ. Multiple calls refer to the same incidents of disorder. Majority relate to fireworks being set off and sporadic disorder alongside targeting of buses and vehicles. Not fully reflected in the call volume was in 2023 the use of police tactics restricted the disorder to Hay Avenue/Cakemuir Grove/Niddrie Mains Road junction. Disorder involved targeting police with petrol bombs, fireworks and other projectiles.		

9.10 The SFRS provided the following information in respect of incidents across the city during the Bonfire Night period:

<b>Ward</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Total</b>
Almond			1		1
City Centre	1	1			2
Colinton & Fairmilehead	1	1	1		3
Drum Brae & Gyle	1	1			2
Forth	1	2	1	1	5
Inverleith	1	1			2
Leith Walk	1				1
Liberton & Gilmerton		2	1		3
Pentland Hills	1		1		2
Portobello & Craigmillar	2	2			4
Sighthill & Gorgie	2	3	3		8
Southside & Newington			1		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>34</b>

- 9.11 If Committee agree to proceed with a FCZ or zones, monitoring will take place prior to and immediately after the zone being effective. If local FCZs are approved, monitoring will also take place in the areas immediately bordering the zones to identify any potential displacement of fireworks to a wider local area.
- 9.12 Community impact will also be considered as part of on-going discussions with partners on FCZs in Edinburgh.

## **10. Background reading/external references**

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- 10.1 [Fireworks and Pyrotechnics Articles \(Scotland\) Act 2022 relating to Firework Control Zones](#)
- 10.2 [Scottish Government Guidance](#)
- 10.3 [Motion](#) to Culture and Communities Committee on 16 May 2024
- 10.4 [Motion](#) to the City of Edinburgh Council on 27 June 2024
- 10.5 The interim IIA for the Community Safety and Antisocial Behaviour Strategy is available on request.

## **11. Appendices**

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- Appendix 1 – Applications for a Firework Control Zone
- Appendix 2 - Timeline to introduce FCZs in Edinburgh
- Appendix 3 – Process for determining a FCZ
- Appendix 4 – Consultation Feedback Summary
- Appendix 5 – B Agenda – Summary of Legal Opinion

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# Community Request Fireworks Control Zone Application Form

## 1. Applicant Information

1. Are you applying as a: \*

- Community of residents  
 Welfare Group welfare charity SSPCA  
 Community Council

2. Name of Lead Applicant (Community of Residents)

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Miss Kim Gilchrist

3. Address of Lead Applicant: \*

Address Line 1:

Address Line 2:

Address Line 3:

City:

Postcode:

4. Lead Applicant Email Address: \*

## 2. Community of Residents- Supporting Applicants Details



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**A total of 25 supporting applicants is required for the application to be processed. The names and addresses of each supporting applicant must be provided for the application to proceed to the next stage of the application process.**

**5. Names and Addresses of Supporting Applicants:**

**Applications will not be progressed without the details of the supporting applicants.**

Name:

Address Line 1:

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### 4. Details of the Proposed Fireworks Control Zone

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**34. Location of Fireworks Control Zone Boundaries – Please note that an area will be surrounded by a minimum of three roads and postcodes, please give all roads surrounding the exclusion area: \***

Road A and Postcode	Balerno EH147JU *
Road B and Postcode	EH147JW *
Road C and Postcode	EH147JX *
Road D and Postcode	EH147JY
Road E and Postcode	EH147JZ

**35. If available, please attach a map of the area, highlighting the proposed Control Zone.**

- File: [{{filename}}delete](#)

Choose File

## 5. Details of the Proposed Fireworks Control Zone

**36. Please select the main reason(s) for requesting a Firework Control Zone and provide details for each reason selected, if applicable. \***

Safety  
Concerns (E.g.  
Fear of  
accidents,  
proximity to  
flammable  
structures etc)

Noise  
Disturbance  
(E.g. Sensitivity  
to loud noises  
for vulnerable  
groups e.g.  
medical  
condition,  
elderly  
residents,  
young children,  
residents with

Our Balerno SSPCA centre is situated in the above post code area and we have a massive responsibility for the welfare and care for all our animals especially around the month of November and firework season,

A lot of our animals especially dogs and cats are extremely nervous in a basic environment and fireworks would absolutely heighten this and trigger this and can have a major impact on welfare and overall health. The noise from Fireworks seriously affects our animals and of course we want to prevent this from happening.

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PTSD or anxiety etc)

Environmental Impact (E.g. Air and water pollution, effect on local wildlife etc)

Respiratory issues (E.g. Respiratory problems aggravated by smoke from fireworks etc.)

Property damage (E.g. Risk of damage to property or fallout from fireworks etc.)

Livestock and pets (E.g. Disturbance to farm animals and pets, risk of animals escaping or injuring themselves etc)

As above this is where our grounds would lay due to the animals in our care being extremely nervous and self harm in kennels due to the noise levels from fireworks, we of course want to alleviate this where possible. We also have horse in this centre that would risk trying to bolt and could cause serious harm to the animals.

Cultural or religious considerations (E.g. Respect for cultural or religious beliefs that discourage the use of fireworks, proximity to funeral parlour etc)

Preventing Fire Hazards (E.g. Mitigating the risk of wildfires in areas prone to dry conditions)

Other

**37. What date(s) would you require the Fire Control Zone to be operational? \***

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1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November

**38. What years would you like those dates to be operationally enforced? \***

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- In both 2024 and 2025
- In years 2024, 2025, 2026 All years please due to the above
- Permanently (subject to review)

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We are here to protect all animals from any harm or stressful situations and this is one of the most triggering factors we know from previous years that it has an enormous affect on our animals welfare and of course want to prevent this at all costs.

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Signature (lead applicant)

Date

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34. Location of Fireworks Control Zone Boundaries – Please note that an area will be surrounded by a minimum of three roads and postcodes, please give all roads surrounding the exclusion area: \*

Road A and Postcode	*	REBENT ROAD	EH7 5BL
Road B and Postcode	*	CALTON HILL	EH7 5AA
Road C and Postcode	*	GREENSIDE ROW	EH1 3AN
Road D and Postcode		BLENHEIM PLACE	EH7 5JH
Road E and Postcode		ROYAL TERRACE	EH7 5AQ

35. If available, please attach a map of the area, highlighting the proposed Control Zone.

• File: {{filename}}delete Attached  
Choose File Calton Hill outlined in red.

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36. Please select the main reason(s) for requesting a Firework Control Zone and provide details for each reason selected, if applicable. \*

Safety Concerns (E.g. Fear of accidents, proximity to flammable structures etc)

Noise Disturbance (E.g. Sensitivity to loud noises for vulnerable groups e.g. medical condition, elderly residents, young children, residents with

Fear of accidents

Noise disturbance to residents

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Environmental Impact (E.g. Air and water pollution, effect on local wildlife etc)

Air pollution and effect on wildlife

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Property damage (E.g. Risk of damage to property or fallout from fireworks etc.)

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Disturbance to pets and wildlife

Cultural or religious considerations (E.g. Respect for cultural or religious beliefs that discourage the use of fireworks, proximity to funeral parlour etc)

Preventing Fire Hazards (E.g. Mitigating the risk of wildfires in areas prone to dry conditions)

Risk of gorse and other wildfires

Other

Problem of extensive litter.

37. What date(s) would you require the Fire Control Zone to be operational? \*

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Please use the space below.

We understand the FCZ would apply to private fireworks but not council authorized events.

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40. I hereby declare that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge

Signature (lead applicant) \*

Date \*

  
8 May 2024.



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**28. Names and Addresses of Supporting Applicants:**

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## 5. Details of the Proposed Fireworks Control Zone

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<p>Safety Concerns (E.g. Fear of accidents, proximity to flammable structures etc)</p>	<p>There are numerous safety concerns for the people receiving care and support from the council and other partner providers who also operate in the area. Many of the people that are supported in the area are older people who experience a wide range of vulnerabilities. Some of the people are wholly dependent upon the local authority to meet their care needs and there are also people with complex medical and health issues which may be exacerbated by stress and anxiety. There are people who are bed and house bound and who live alone and many told us last year how frightening it was to have to listen to loud bangs and riotous like behaviour in close proximity to them. One member of staff had a lit firework thrown at her car – this was extremely alarming and distressing to her. Others have told us that they are very anxious about being asked to go out to work on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and that they feel fearful for their personal safety</p>
<p>Noise Disturbance (E.g. Sensitivity to loud noises for vulnerable groups e.g. medical condition, elderly residents, young children, residents with PTSD or anxiety etc)</p>	<p>Many of our staff that were out working on 5/12/23 had to be escorted behind Police riot shields however, the Police were not able to escort them all into the areas they needed to go into and as a result some had to call colleagues or in some cases members of their family to provide them with a safe escort so that they could get from one place to another. Some staff were unable to be supported by their own spouses/family however, as some local roads had to be closed. Staff felt alarmed, fearful and intimidated at what they experienced and we are keen to try and put measures into place that may reduce this happening again this year We support people with wide ranging needs and those who become fearful and alarmed in response to the type of behaviour that was prevalent in the area in 2023</p>
<p>Environmental Impact (E.g. Air and water pollution, effect on local wildlife etc)</p>	<p></p>
<p>Respiratory issues (E.g. Respiratory problems aggravated by smoke from fireworks etc.)</p>	<p></p>

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Property damage (E.g. Risk of damage to property or fallout from fireworks etc.)

Some residents told us that they were frightened their homes and/or out buildings were at risk from fire and some had fireworks thrown onto their property (mainly into gardens)

Livestock and pets (E.g. Disturbance to farm animals and pets, risk of animals escaping or injuring themselves etc)

Many residents in the area have pets who were extremely frightened and panicked by the noise and commotion outside. This was distressing for the owner as well as the animals

Cultural or religious considerations (E.g. Respect for cultural or religious beliefs that discourage the use of fireworks, proximity to funeral parlour etc)

Preventing Fire Hazards (E.g. Mitigating the risk of wildfires in areas prone to dry conditions)

Other

As a service we need to try and reduce the risk of harm, injury or distress to both the people we support and the staff that work in the service. Requesting a fireworks controlled zone is one of the mitigating measures that we feel we have a duty of care to apply for. If we are unable to offer staff as safe a working environment as is practicable, we may not be able to agree to them being out working after a particular time in the evening. If we have to apply a curfew to the time they can be out working in those areas most at risk of disturbance, this will also have a significant impact on the people (and their family's) that rely on staff for support and care.

**37. What date(s) would you require the Fire Control Zone to be operational? \***

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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**39. Are there any other issues that we need to consider when assessing your application?  
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The vast majority of people that have given their names and addresses as an endorsement to this application live and/or work in the areas that were most affected in 2023. Where there is a signature of an individual that does not live in the area, these are either staff whose work base is that area, or members of the public who need to come into the area on a regular (sometimes very frequent) basis in order to provide support to the people that do live there.

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**19. Names and Addresses of Supporting Applicants:**

**Applications will not be progressed without the details of the supporting applicants.**

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**25. Names and Addresses of Supporting Applicants:**

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**28. Names and Addresses of Supporting Applicants:**

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Address Line 2:

Address Line 3:

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### 3. Community Council / Welfare Group Applicant Information

31. Q3. Name of Community Council/welfare group \*

32. Name and Address of Lead Applicant: \*

Name:   
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Address Line 1:   
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Address Line 2:   
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Address Line 3:   
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City:   
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Postcode:   
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33. Lead Applicant Email Address \*

### 4. Details of the Proposed Fireworks Control Zone

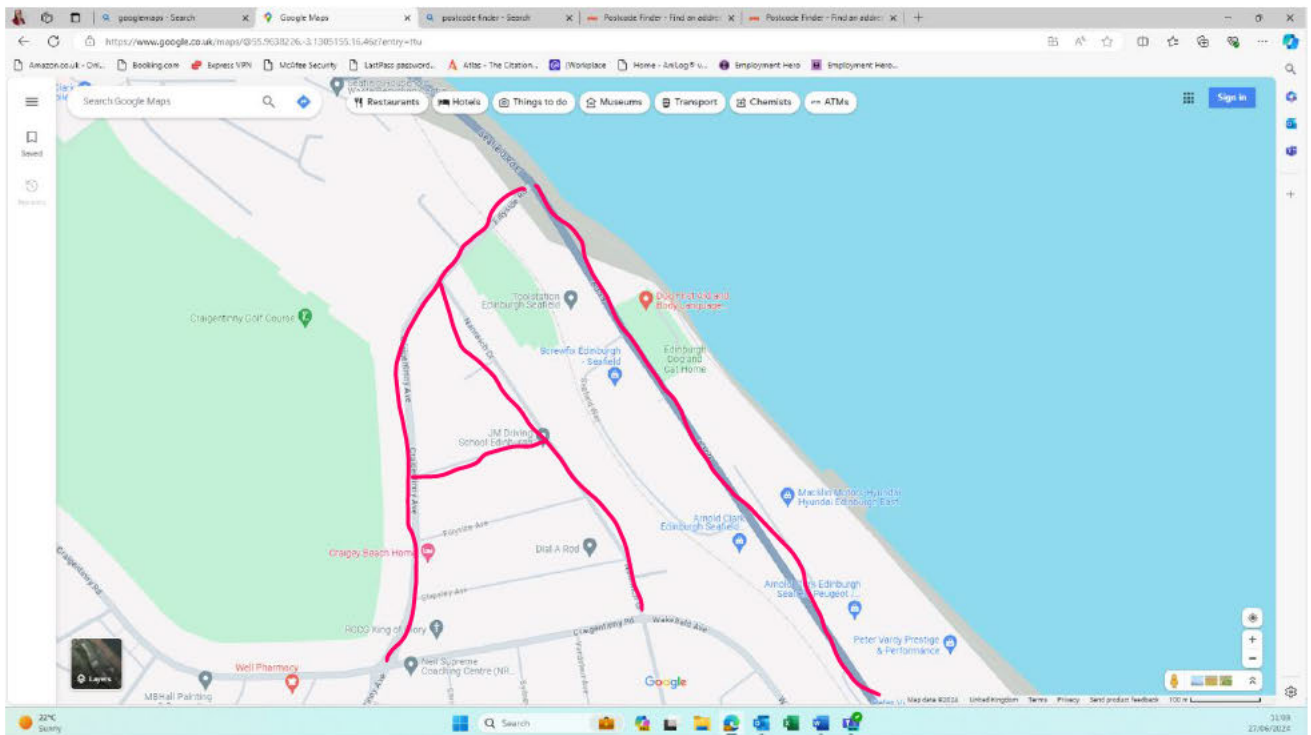
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**34. Location of Fireworks Control Zone Boundaries – Please note that an area will be surrounded by a minimum of three roads and postcodes, please give all roads surrounding the exclusion area: \***

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Road B and Postcode *	<input type="text" value="Fillyside Road, EH7 6RD / 6RF"/>
Road C and Postcode *	<input type="text" value="Craigentinny Avenue EH7 6PU / 6PX"/>
Road D and Postcode	<input type="text" value="Nantwich Drive, EH7 6QW"/>
Road E and Postcode	<input type="text" value="Fillyside Terrace, EH7 6QW"/>

**35. If available, please attach a map of the area, highlighting the proposed Control Zone.**

<https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@55.9636237,-3.130595,16.71z?entry=ttu>



**5. Details of the Proposed Fireworks Control Zone**

**36. Please select the main reason(s) for requesting a Firework Control Zone and provide details for each reason selected, if applicable. \***

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Safety  
Concerns  
(E.g. Fear of  
accidents,  
proximity to  
flammable  
structures  
etc)

Serious animal welfare concerns due to the proximity of the Edinburgh Dog and Cat home and the severe impact caused by fireworks to approximately 100 animals on site overnight in our kennels and cattery. This is unmanned overnight. Risk of animals being terrified and seriously injuring themselves or being mentally affected by the impact.

Noise  
Disturbance  
(E.g.  
Sensitivity to  
loud noises  
for vulnerable  
groups e.g.  
medical  
condition,  
elderly  
residents,  
young  
children,  
residents with  
PTSD or  
anxiety etc)

Environmental  
Impact (E.g.  
Air and water  
pollution,  
effect on local  
wildlife etc)

Respiratory  
issues (E.g.  
Respiratory  
problems  
aggravated by  
smoke from  
fireworks  
etc.)

Property  
damage (E.g.  
Risk of  
damage to  
property or  
fallout from  
fireworks  
etc.)

Livestock and  
pets (E.g.  
Disturbance  
to farm  
animals and  
pets, risk of  
animals  
escaping or  
injuring

Serious risk to our approx. 100 cats / dogs at the Home escaping or injuring themselves many of whom already are anxious

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themselves  
etc)

Cultural or  
religious  
consideration  
s (E.g.

Respect for  
cultural or  
religious  
beliefs that  
discourage  
the use of  
fireworks,  
proximity to  
funeral  
parlour etc)

Preventing  
Fire Hazards  
(E.g.

Mitigating the  
risk of  
wildfires in  
areas prone  
to dry  
conditions)

Other

**37. What date(s) would you require the Fire Control Zone to be operational? \***

22<sup>nd</sup> October until 19<sup>th</sup> November

**38. What years would you like those dates to be operationally enforced? \***

- 2024 only
- In both 2024 and 2025
- In years 2024, 2025, 2026
- Permanently (subject to review)

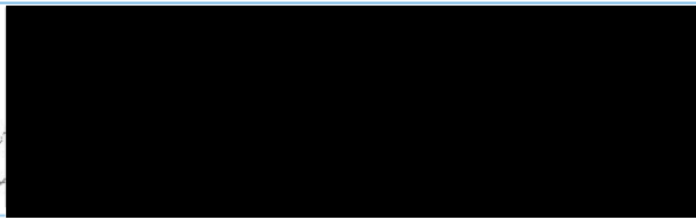
**39. Are there any other issues that we need to consider when assessing your application?  
Please use the space below.**

## 6. Declaration

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40. I hereby declare that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. \*

Signature (lead applicant)

\* 

Date

\* 27/06/24

## Appendix 2 – Timeline to introduce FCZs in Edinburgh

24 Jun	01 Jul	08 Jul	15 Jul	22 Jul	29 Jul	05 Aug	12 Aug	19 Aug	26 Aug	02 Sep	09 Sep	16 Sep	23 Sep	30 Sep	7 Oct	14 Oct	21 Oct	28 Oct	
FCZ application process																			
															Ideal consultation period at earliest possible start				
																			Culture and Community Committee dates
										Consideration period prior to publishing notice to create FCZ									
				Statutory notice period (60 days)															
												Firework Control Zone(s) in effect (1 Nov to 10 Nov)							

## Appendix 3 – Process for Determining a Firework Control Zone

### The factors involved when considering an FCZ:

- **Mitigating circumstances: misuse of fireworks/injuries, impact on vulnerable groups, environmental protection, and animal welfare.**
- **is there a historical nature to complaints with in the designated area a FCZ has been requested from the police or fire services.**
- **Are there any historical complaints to the designated area an FCZ has been requested made to the CEC in FHS, Trading standards or Public Safety. If there has, has it been captured via the cities CCTV network to show just cause for the implementation of an FCZ.**

Once an application has been submitted, they will be acknowledged within 5 working days and then there will be a case discussion convened to ascertain whether these criteria have been met and a measured approach is taken to decide its viability based on the availability of proportionate evidence gathered by all concerned parties.

### Who would be present at this case discussion?

- **Police Scotland: Superintendent Partnerships**
- **SFRS: Local Area Liaison Officer**
- **Public Event Safety: Senior Public Safety Officer**
- **Trading Standards: Trading Standards and Licencing Enforcement Manager**
- **Community Safety: Family and Household Support Manager**
- **Community Safety: Community Justice Development Officer**

Then Information Gathering will begin with partner agencies as well as going out to consultation within the communities that have applied to have an FCZ.

Following a local authority's decision to establish a firework control zone, or to amend or revoke an existing control zone, appropriate steps must be taken to raise awareness of the decision.

Section 30 of the Act sets out that as soon as is practicable following the publication of confirmation that a firework control zone proposal is proceeding, the local authority must take reasonable steps to inform those who live or work in or near the zone, other members of the local community in or near the zone, and any other persons or bodies that the local authority considers to have a connection with, be interested in, or affected by the proposal.

The local authority must make these groups aware of:

- the date any decision to designate a place as a firework control zone, or to amend or revoke an existing zone, is to have effect (and, if different, the days on which the zone is to operate),
- the boundaries of the zone (or any changes to those boundaries),
- what is permissible within a zone,



- exemptions that apply, and,
- consequences of failure to comply.

Communities have indicated that knowing why a decision has been made will help people understand the need for the zone and support compliance with it. This is likely to be most effective if it goes beyond simply detailing a headline reason and provides more context of the evidence that was considered and the key issues which were highlighted. Therefore, as well as the above statutory requirements, it is good practice to describe the reasons for a control zone being designated, amended or revoked in any activity designed to publicise and raise awareness of a zone.

Local authorities should also ensure that details of any and all designated firework control zones are communicated with all key delivery partners – for example, Police Scotland, and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. Local authorities will engage with such partners as a matter of course, working closely together pre-consultation on a proposal. It therefore should be standard practice to ensure that any relevant partners are aware that a zone is in place, has been modified, or revoked.

It is also good practice to notify the Scottish Government of any new zones by contacting [fireworks@gov.scot](mailto:fireworks@gov.scot) as part of the awareness raising strategy. This will feed into the Scottish Government's evaluation of the overall impact of the measures within the Act.

Whilst the methods used to raise awareness will vary depending upon local circumstances and may change over time as new forms of communication arise, we have set out a number of suggestions for local authorities to consider when raising awareness of a firework control zone.

These suggestions came directly from the input of key stakeholders and communities during the Scottish Government's community engagement work. Given the wide range of groups and individuals who legally must be made aware of a firework control zone, it is suggested that a number of the methods outlined below are used in combination, as well as any other methods of communication considered appropriate. This should ensure that those who are digitally engaged and those who are more reliant on traditional media formats are reached:

Issue a letter/email (dependent on the initial communication method) to all consultation respondents and all registered addresses and businesses within a firework control zone. This should be done at the point where a control zone is established to adhere to the legislation, and again in advance of traditional firework periods which are celebrated in the community where a control zone is designated in order to maximise compliance.

Signage should be displayed at and within the boundaries of a firework control zone, to notify people of the area covered by the zone. This could, for example, include a QR code to point toward a relevant local authority webpage with more information.

Social media pages should be updated with information relating to the firework control zone – both at the time of the zone being established and at the beginning of the traditional firework periods.

Inform the local Community Council of the details of the firework control zone to allow them to disseminate the information to their members and the wider local community.

Take reasonable steps to inform local community groups of the details of the firework control zone. This would be via social media, email correspondence or putting notices on Public Notice Boards within the community.

Inform local media outlets and other local social media groups to promote the details of the firework control zone. It is best practice to utilise a combination of digital and traditional media formats to ensure that the digitally excluded can still engage with this.

Engage with other community safety partners, such as Neighbourhood Watch Scotland and Crimestoppers, and request they share the information throughout their networks.

Consider the benefits of engaging with respected and influential people in the local community ("influencers"), such as sportspeople or community leaders, to support awareness raising, particularly when engaging with young people. Young people may be less inclined to engage with more established forms of authority and may view others within the community as more credible. Peer-to-peer learning can also provide useful opportunities for engaging young people and getting messages across.

Local authorities may also wish to utilise internal communications networks to inform a range of local authority staff who work directly with communities that can support information sharing and awareness raising of firework control zones.

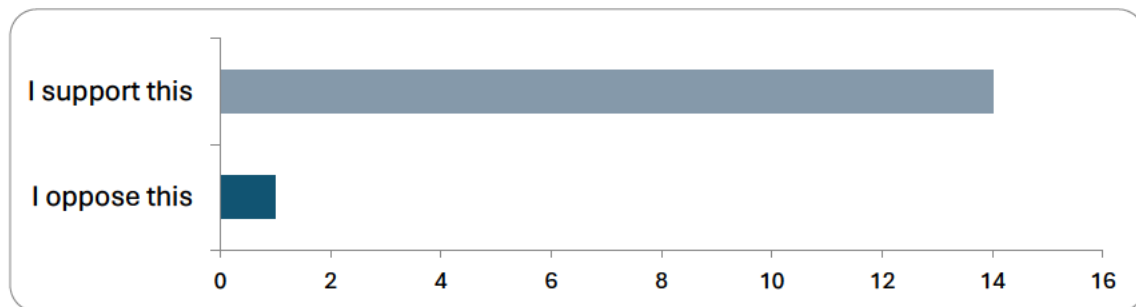
## Appendix 4 – Consultation Feedback Summary

# Niddrie

Do you support or oppose setting up a Firework Control Zone in this area?

### Do you support or oppose setting up a Firework Control Zone in this area?

There were 15 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
I support this	14	93.33%
Neither support or oppose	0	0.00%
I oppose this	1	6.67%

### Concerns Raised

Option	Total	Percent
Safety Concerns (e.g. fear of accidents, proximity to flammable structures, etc)	14	93.33%
Noise Disturbance (e.g. sensitivity to loud noises for vulnerable groups e.g. medical condition, elderly residents, young children, residents with PTSD or anxiety, etc)	13	86.67%
Environmental impact (e.g. air and water pollution, effect on local wildlife, etc)	10	66.67%
Respiratory issues (e.g. respiratory problems aggravated by smoke from fireworks, etc.)	2	13.33%

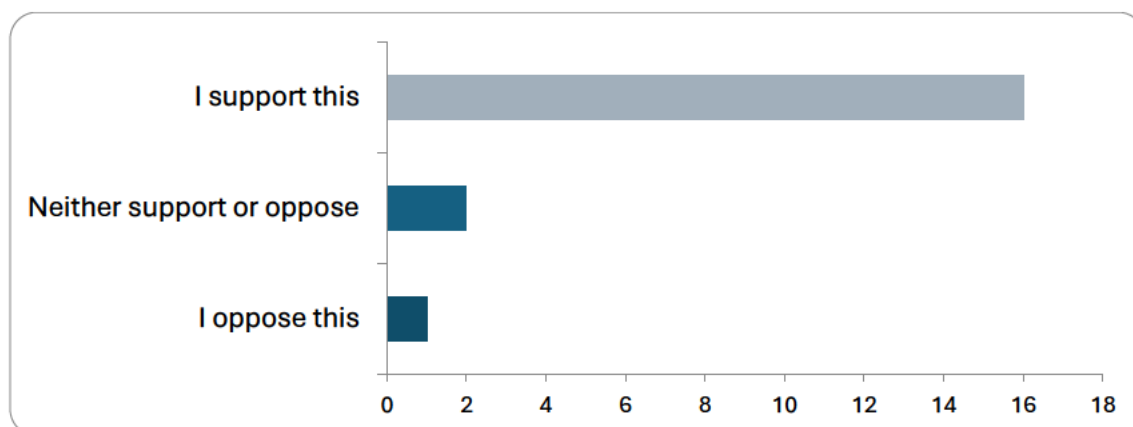
<b>Property damage (e.g. risk of damage to property or fallout from fireworks, etc.)</b>	13	86.67%
<b>Livestock and pets (e.g. disturbance to farm animals and pets, risk of animals escaping or injuring themselves, etc)</b>	14	93.33%
<b>Cultural or religious considerations (e.g. respect for cultural or religious beliefs that discourage the use of fireworks, proximity to funeral parlour, etc.)</b>	2	13.33%
<b>Preventing fire hazards (e.g. reducing the risk of wildfires in areas prone to dry conditions)</b>	5	33.33%

# Calton Hill

Do you support or oppose setting up a Firework Control Zone in this area?

Do you support or oppose setting up a Firework Control Zone in this area?

There were 19 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
I support this	16	84.21%
Neither support or oppose	2	10.53%
I oppose this	1	5.26%
Don't know	0	0.00%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

## Concerns raised

Option	Total	Percent
Safety Concerns (e.g. fear of accidents, proximity to flammable structures, etc)	7	36.84%
Noise Disturbance (e.g. sensitivity to loud noises for vulnerable groups e.g. medical condition, elderly residents, young children, residents with PTSD or anxiety, etc)	15	78.95%
Environmental impact (e.g. air and water pollution, effect on local wildlife, etc)	15	78.95%

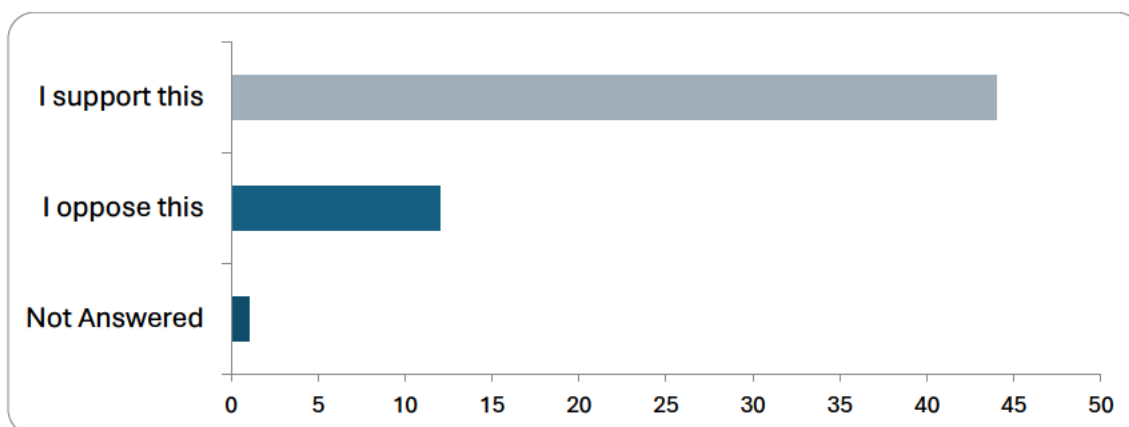
<b>Respiratory issues (e.g. respiratory problems aggravated by smoke from fireworks, etc.)</b>	4	21.05%
<b>Property damage (e.g. risk of damage to property or fallout from fireworks, etc.)</b>	6	31.58%
<b>Livestock and pets (e.g. disturbance to farm animals and pets, risk of animals escaping or injuring themselves, etc)</b>	11	57.89%
<b>Cultural or religious considerations (e.g. respect for cultural or religious beliefs that discourage the use of fireworks, proximity to funeral parlour, etc)</b>	1	5.26%
<b>Preventing fire hazards (e.g. reducing the risk of wildfires in areas prone to dry conditions)</b>	11	57.89%
<b>Other (please specify below)</b>	3	15.79%
<b>Not Answered</b>	2	10.53%

# Balerno

Do you support or oppose setting up a Firework Control Zone in this area?

Do you support or oppose setting up a Firework Control Zone in this area?

There were 56 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
I support this	44	77.19%
Neither support or oppose	0	0.00%
I oppose this	12	21.05%
Don't know	0	0.00%
Not Answered	1	1.75%

## Concerns Raised

Option	Total	Percent
Safety Concerns (e.g. fear of accidents, proximity to flammable structures, etc)	31	54.39%
Noise Disturbance (e.g. sensitivity to loud noises for vulnerable groups e.g. medical condition, elderly residents, young children, residents with PTSD or anxiety, etc)	40	70.18%
Environmental impact (e.g. air and water pollution, effect on local wildlife, etc)	30	52.63%

<b>Respiratory issues (e.g. respiratory problems aggravated by smoke from fireworks, etc.)</b>	8	14.04%
<b>Property damage (e.g. risk of damage to property or fallout from fireworks, etc.)</b>	23	40.35%
<b>Livestock and pets (e.g. disturbance to farm animals and pets, risk of animals escaping or injuring themselves, etc)</b>	44	77.19%
<b>Cultural or religious considerations (e.g. respect for cultural or religious beliefs that discourage the use of fireworks, proximity to funeral parlour, etc)</b>	2	3.51%
<b>Preventing fire hazards (e.g. reducing the risk of wildfires in areas prone to dry conditions)</b>	29	50.88%
<b>Other (please specify below)</b>	1	1.75%
<b>Not Answered</b>	12	21.05%

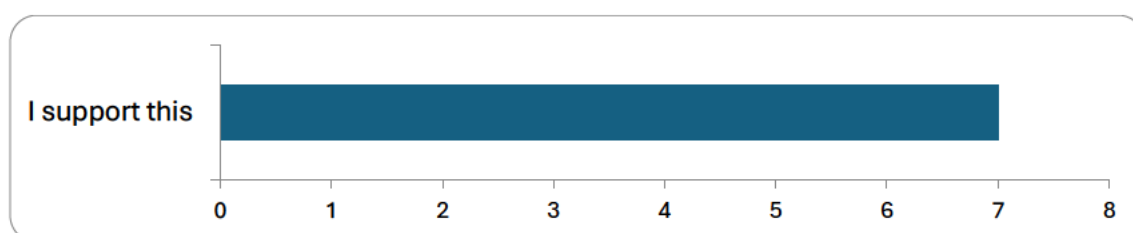


# Seafield

Do you support or oppose setting up a Firework Control Zone in this area?

Do you support or oppose setting up a Firework Control Zone in this area?

There were 7 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
I support this	7	100.00%
Neither support or oppose	0	0.00%
I oppose this	0	0.00%
Don't know	0	0.00%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

## Concerns Raised

Option	Total	Percent
Safety Concerns (e.g. fear of accidents, proximity to flammable structures, etc)	5	71.43%
Noise Disturbance (e.g. sensitivity to loud noises for vulnerable groups e.g. medical condition, elderly residents, young children, residents with PTSD or anxiety, etc)	7	100.00%
Environmental impact (e.g. air and water pollution, effect on local wildlife, etc)	6	85.71%
Respiratory issues (e.g. respiratory problems aggravated by smoke from fireworks, etc.)	2	28.57%

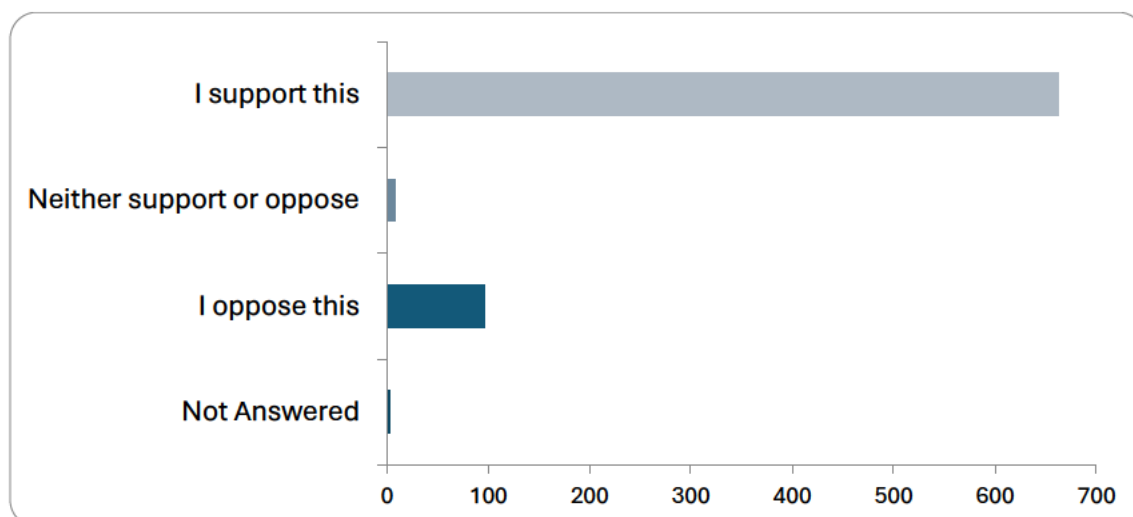
<b>Property damage (e.g. risk of damage to property or fallout from fireworks, etc.)</b>	2	28.57%
<b>Livestock and pets (e.g. disturbance to farm animals and pets, risk of animals escaping or injuring themselves, etc)</b>	6	85.71%
<b>Cultural or religious considerations (e.g. respect for cultural or religious beliefs that discourage the use of fireworks, proximity to funeral parlour, etc)</b>	1	14.29%
<b>Preventing fire hazards (e.g. reducing the risk of wildfires in areas prone to dry conditions)</b>	3	42.86%
<b>Other (please specify below)</b>	1	14.29%
<b>Not Answered</b>	0	0.00%

# City-Wide

Do you support or oppose setting up a Firework Control Zone covering the whole of the City of Edinburgh boundary area?

Do you support or oppose setting up a Firework Control Zone in this area?

There were 767 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
I support this	663	86.10%
Neither support or oppose	8	1.04%
I oppose this	96	12.47%
Don't know	0	0.00%
Not Answered	3	0.39%

## Concerns Raised

Option	Total	Percent
Safety Concerns (e.g. fear of accidents, proximity to flammable structures, etc)	515	66.88%
Noise Disturbance (e.g. sensitivity to loud noises for vulnerable groups e.g. medical condition, elderly residents, young children, residents with PTSD or anxiety, etc)	616	80.00%

<b>Environmental impact (e.g. air and water pollution, effect on local wildlife, etc)</b>	495	64.29%
<b>Respiratory issues (e.g. respiratory problems aggravated by smoke from fireworks, etc.)</b>	164	21.30%
<b>Property damage (e.g. risk of damage to property or fallout from fireworks, etc.)</b>	325	42.21%
<b>Livestock and pets (e.g. disturbance to farm animals and pets, risk of animals escaping or injuring themselves, etc)</b>	591	76.75%
<b>Cultural or religious considerations (e.g. respect for cultural or religious beliefs that discourage the use of fireworks, proximity to funeral parlour, etc)</b>	63	8.18%
<b>Preventing fire hazards (e.g. reducing the risk of wildfires in areas prone to dry conditions)</b>	415	53.90%
<b>Other (please specify below)</b>	61	7.92%
<b>Not Answered</b>	102	13.25%

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