

Appendix 11 LFB supporting statement

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Whilst the London Fire Brigade does not directly advise people not to have barbeques or light fires in public open areas, we do advise that precautions are taken to ensure that these things are done safely and in a controlled manner. Even in these circumstances there are inherent risks, and we have seen on multiple occasions the effects of not carrying out these activities in a responsible and safe way, which can be very serious. Therefore, the elimination of the risk posed by carrying out these activities through the prohibition of them in public open spaces and parks can only serve to enhance public safety and the prevention of uncontrolled fires.

With regards to the letting off of fireworks, for the majority of the year, it is illegal to set off fireworks (including sparklers) between 11pm and 7am. However, for Bonfire Night the curfew is extended to midnight and for New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year the cut off is 1am. Adults can let off category 2 and 3 fireworks. These are available to the general public and can be found in supermarkets. They will normally have 'Category F2' or 'Category F3' labels on the box. Category 4 fireworks can only be used by professionals and are banned for sale to the public. London Fire Brigade encourages the public to attend public displays rather than setting off fireworks themselves, however as with the activities above, if people do chose to set off fireworks we advise them to take precautions to protect themselves, other people and surrounding property. The prohibition of setting off fireworks in a public open area will certainly help to remove the risk posed from carrying out this activity in such an environment.

Kind Regards

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