

Appendix 10: Supporting statement Sky Lanterns Head of Neighbourhood Management

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Subject: FW: Sky lantern & Helium Balloons on Brent Council Land

Hello Simon,

As per the email below and the advice attached I would like to confirm as the Head of Neighbourhood Management that I echo the concerns raised about launching sky lanterns and / or flame propelled lanterns or devices from or over council land.

Key concerns I have are:

- That the devices contain combustible fuels, are propelled by the heat from a naked flame and are thus a fire risk – compounded further by the fact that once launched there is no operational control over the device.
- That the devices themselves pollute land or water bodies once they eventually land thereby having a detrimental effect on animals, insect birds, fish etc.
- That the devices pose a risk (albeit a small risk) to aviation - given that Brent is in the flight path of Northolt Airport and aircraft are often quite low as they leave or come into the area.

While my service area has little historic data related to complaints regarding these devices, we do however recognise that the impact of a potential fire as a result can be catastrophic and like most other local authorities we seek to prohibit this activity before such an event occurs.

Regards

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