

Motion to ban sky lanterns and ceremonial balloons on Council land and raise awareness of their environmental impact.

Proposed by Cllr. Edward Firmin

Seconded by Cllr. Alan Wedderkopp

This Council resolves:

1. To end the use of sky lanterns and balloons for ceremonial release to the open air from Council-owned public land.
2. To request the Leader of the Council to write a letter to the Environment Secretary of the UK Government to initiate legislation to ban sky lanterns and balloons for ceremonial use
3. To raise public awareness of the harmful environmental effects and risk to animals as a result of the release of sky lanterns and balloons.

Many councils across the country have already implemented bans or policies against sky lanterns. Other countries have also brought in bans such as Germany and New Zealand.