



# Nottinghamshire County Council

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**Title: Sky Lanterns Policy**

**Aim / Summary:** This policy sets out the County Council's ban on the use and sale of sky lanterns (also known as Chinese lanterns) on County Council land or property.

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# Sky Lanterns Policy

## Context

1. The County Council, as is reflected in its Council Plan 2017-2021, has a duty to shape the environment in which we live and has a commitment to making Nottinghamshire a great place to live, work, visit and relax.
2. This policy sets out the County Council's ban on the use and sale of sky lanterns (also known as Chinese lanterns) on land or property owned and/or controlled by Nottinghamshire County Council.
3. Their increased usage is having a harmful impact on livestock and on the environment due to litter. In addition, they have been the cause of many fires with resultant injuries and damage to the environment.
4. The Fire Service, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) and many other organisations including the Marine Conservation Society, Women's Food and Farming Union (WFU), Soil Association and National Farmers Union (NFU) all support a ban on sky lanterns.

## Scope of this policy

4. The principles and commitments set out in this policy apply to all services and decisions of the County Council and to our contractors and partners delivering county council services on our behalf.

## Principles and Commitments

5. The County Council will:
  - Refuse permissions for the release of any sky lanterns from any Council owned land regardless of the purpose for the release;
  - Refuse the sale of any sky lanterns at any Council event or property;
  - Require Council 'standard conditions of contract' relating to outdoor events and organised functions on land or property owned and/or controlled by Nottinghamshire County Council to prohibit the release of any sky lantern regardless of purpose.

## Key actions to meet the commitments set out in the policy

6. The County Council will ensure that all relevant officers involved in the organisation and granting of permissions for outdoor events on Council owned land are aware of and implement this policy.