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Request:

Fireworks

- 1. Does the local authority impose any restrictions on the sale, possession and use of fireworks?*
- 2. If yes, what restrictions are in place and which local byelaw (/ legal mechanism) does it fall under?*
- 3. Who within the local authority is responsible for enforcing this?*
- 4. How many complaints has the council received in relation to fireworks in the last 3 years:*

Restrictions on sky lanterns and balloon releases

- 1. Does the local authority impose any restrictions on the use of sky, or Chinese lanterns, and balloons on land controlled by the local authority?*
- 2. If yes, what restrictions are in place?*

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 06 August 2018.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to fireworks, sky lanterns and balloon releases.

Council carry out a very limited range of duties on an agency basis for the Department of Justice, Firearms and Explosives Branch and as such the majority of this request should be redirected to the aforementioned Department.

Environmental Health have received no noise complaints regarding fireworks in the last 3 years.

Council are not aware of any council restrictions placed on the use/release of Chinese lanterns and or balloons from council property.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/230/1819 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.