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Councillor Sam Forsyth
Chair of Licensing Committee
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Dear Councillor Forsyth

Re: Fireworks in Birmingham

In November 2025 my colleague Councillor Baber Baz presented a petition at full council, calling for Birmingham City Council to:

1. Tighten local licensing rules to restrict and better control the sale of fireworks.
2. Press the Government for stronger powers, so local councils can properly protect communities.
3. Work with the police and community groups to clamp down on illegal and antisocial use of fireworks

In July 2026 the Government launched an open consultation on 'Fireworks and Pyrotechnics in the UK'

Following the devastating fires that have destroyed homes and numerous areas of parkland across Birmingham I am sure I am not the only Councillor to have received multiple concerns about the continuing use of fireworks in this hot dry weather, even after a government national alert.

I am therefore writing to ask if this subject can please be urgently added to the next meeting of the Licensing and Public Protection Committee and steps taken to:

A: provide a response and any progress about the petition, especially around the request to tighten local licensing rules:

B: Ensure Birmingham City Council responds to the government consultation, considering the recent events and concerns of many residents across the area.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Izzy Knowles