



Deputation to the City of Edinburgh Culture & Communities Committee, 27 February 2025

7.3. 'Firework Control Zones'

The Calton Hill Conservation Trust welcome the Firework Control Zones report before the Culture and Communities Committee on 27 February 2025.

As noted in 4.17, CHCT believe the 2024 Firework Control Zone was a success.

However we recorded, between 1 October 2024 and now, that there were 13 incidents of fireworks used on Calton Hill, and only three of these fell within the 1-10 November period. (The dates were 15, 30 October, 2, 3, 5, 17, 18, 23 November, 8 December 2024, 28, 29, 30, 31 January 2025.)

For that reason we would support a year-round FCZ, rather than a ten-day one.

Restricting the access of private cars to the hill, was key to limiting the quantity of fireworks let off during the dates of the Firework Control Zone in 2024.

Modern fireworks are often packaged in large boxes to go off automatically in a series (e.g. the '128 shot compound cake thunder bomb' and similar). Most of these are probably brought up the hill by car rather than carried up. They haven't been there when the Calton Hill Drive was closed.

It is essential unauthorised private vehicles are not allowed to drive to the top of the hill. Access to Calton Hill should always be managed in line with council rules.

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