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Dear MP,

As you may recall I wrote to all the district's MPs back in July of last year as a recommendation from our Overview and Scrutiny Committee, requesting you to lobby the government for tougher regulation on the sale and use of fireworks.

Whilst I appreciate this is being raised by our MPs to the Government at every opportunity. The committee have set further recommendation for the council to carry out after their meeting in January 2023.

These were to write to the district's MPs again to lobby the government on the following:

- (i) Reduce the noise levels of all categories of fireworks;
- (ii) Stop the sale of the more powerful fireworks, such as category 3 and 4;
- (iii) For individuals who sell fireworks to have a licence, which demonstrates that they are a fit and proper person to be able to sell fireworks.

I hope you can keep lobbying the government on the above points.

In the meantime, Bradford Council will continue to urge everyone to act responsibly when using fireworks and to avoid causing nuisance to other residents, ideally by respecting the laws and not letting fireworks off too late, attending well-run public events, getting appropriate permissions, and helping to educate young people about the dangers.

Yours sincerely

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