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To the Community and Protective Services Committee,

Although I do enjoy the visual effects of fireworks, there are a number of reasons to consider a move towards banning them. Let's start with the sound. It is horrible for children; pets and wildlife; for those who wear hearing aids, such as myself; and for the many immigrants who have left a war-torn or politically unstable situation who are triggered by these sounds.

Another major reason for the ban is the effects on the environment. There is ample evidence that states that fireworks have a profound effect on the environment.

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1352231015301369>

There are potential solutions. Perhaps a first step could be to use only near silent fireworks for the next major event. Another solution is to try switching from fireworks to a laser or light show. Unfortunately, until London gives this a try, we won't know if it is better, worse or the same compared to traditional fireworks. However, we will know one thing for sure, and that is there will be a considerable reduction in the noise and the negative effects on the environment. There would be wisdom in giving it a try.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

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