

Dear Member of the Community and Protective Services Committee,

I just learned of the presentation by Daniel Mailer regarding the impacts of high frequency deterrents and I endorse the recommendation to prohibit outdoor high frequency devices to deter wildlife and rodent species.

Many years ago the City of London adopted a humane wildlife policy and its application would be appropriate in the case of high frequency deterrents. It is a 'do no harm' approach to human/wildlife conflicts and specifically species referred to as 'nuisance' species.

The technology causes species to disperse because it likely causes them harm and moves the 'problem' to other areas. There is ample scientific research on the negative impacts of high frequency deterrents on wildlife.

The City of London is a River City and along with the luxury of having a beautiful river run through it, is the wildlife that depend on that river. There are other methods including peaceful co-existence to resolve human/wildlife conflicts. This includes non lethal and 'do no harm approach' in all conflicts including conflicts with rodents.

Property standards is likely the key issues that influence rodent populations including commercial properties such as food markets and restaurants. Prohibiting high frequency deterrents is bringing us closer to fulfilling the principles embraced in London's Humane Wildlife Policy. It is important to note that prohibiting high frequency deterrents is not an endorsement of lethal control but rather a step forward to 'a do no harm' approach and peaceful co-existence.

They should also be prohibited because individuals may be exposed and harmed without their knowledge.

I hope you take this issue seriously as the harmful effects of noise on human health is a emerging but fast evolving science that quantifies what many individuals already know through years of constant exposure to unwanted noise pollution.

Sincerely

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