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Members of the Public's Questions to Council.

Questions from Emily Lawrence

Question 1

Please can the District council confirm that all forms of hunting with hounds including trail hunting, exempt hunting and hound exercise is banned from District Council land?

I notice that you have a ban on council land but it is not clear if this includes all forms of hunting with hounds. With the story of a bagged fox being found at a meet of the Cotswold Hunt on March 18th it would be great to get this clarified.

Reply

Our Animal Welfare Charter, which was approved by members at a Cabinet meeting on the 11th March 2010, states that 'hunting is not allowed on Council owned land'; this covers all hunting with dogs.

The Council would not give permission for any form of hunting on its land, including those listed in the question.

Supplementary Question

If the ban on hunting does include all forms of hunting with hounds please can the council amend the Animal Welfare Charter to reflect this?

Reply

The Animal Welfare Charter currently bans hunting on Council land, and to ensure that it is clear that ALL types of hunting are prohibited, we will consider whether the wording needs to be updated or strengthened to emphasise that all forms of hunting are excluded, when the Animal Welfare Charter is next reviewed.