



*NTBCC Submission: Amplification of Sound in Public Spaces
Full Council 28 October 2021 Item 11.2*

The New Town and Broughton Community Council (NTBCC) welcome and support Cllr Neil Ross's motion (11.2) for the regulation of amplification of sound in public spaces.

We recognise the concerns of residents, businesses and visitors at the high level of amplification, sometimes used by buskers and street entertainers, in places such as Princes Street that are within the NTBCC area.

We echo Cllr Ross in asking officers to create straightforward ways for residents and businesses to report disturbances arising from the amplification of sound in public spaces, from whatever sources.

We believe there is no easily defined and enforceable level of acceptable amplified sound, especially in places with high ambient street noise. Instead NTBCC recommend a simple ban on amplification, following the successful Copenhagen policy, with musicians and other performers required to use natural acoustic sound.

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