

### **QUESTIONS TABLED FROM THE FLOOR:**

At Subcouncil meetings, organizations and the general public are welcome to raise a maximum of 2 issues affecting the South Peninsula Subcouncil area of jurisdiction.

You will be given the opportunity to address the Subcouncil for a maximum of three (3) minutes per issue.

Please hand in the completed form to the secretariat  $\pm$  7 days before the meeting.

### **MEETING HELD ON June 2022**

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ISSUE / TOPIC</u></b></p> <p>We request that our Councillors introduce into an appropriate by-law (Municipal Planning By-Law) or Health regulation that optical bird deterrents be banned.</p> <p>Stemming from a Zoom presentation on 30 March 2022 to interested parties, UCT Masters student, Eunice Tshilengu, presented her findings showing that many people are irritated by the rotating, sun reflecting mirrors that triggers Photosensitive Epilepsy in some, but are mainly ineffectual in deterring roosting birds from buildings.</p> <p>From 5 May 2022, FHVRRA conducted a relevant survey with its members, posted the link on its Facebook page and forwarded the survey link to all representatives of civic organisations and environmental groups in the Far South Community.</p> <p>Findings: Over the past month, 81.8% of all respondents agreed that FHVRRA should request Council to regulate the optical bird deterrent devices.</p>	

Of the respondents, 75.6% live in Fish Hoek; 8.9% in Clovelly, 6.7% in Sun Valley, 4.4% in Noordhoek, 2.2% in Kommetjie and 2.2% in Capri & Sunnydale.

None of the respondents had bird deterrents installed, but 88.9% had seen them installed in our area.

When asked where they had seen these bird deterrents, they said that they had seen them in: Fish Hoek 82.9%; Sun Valley 41.5%; Clovelly 39%; Kalk Bay 31.7%, Simon's Town 12.2%; Noordhoek 9.8%, Capri & Sunnydale 9.8% & Glencairn 9.8% or elsewhere 14.6%.

Of the respondents, 52.3% could see a bird deterrent device from their residence.

When asked if bird deterrents had a negative impact on their lives: 66.6% either agreed or strongly agreed.

The survey asked if neighbours installed a bird deterrent device, would it bother them with 64.4% saying it would bother them or strongly bother them.

When the survey asked if there was a need to regulate the installation of bird deterrents, 73.3% agreed or strongly agreed that there was a need.

When asked if these devices should not be permitted on any building: 60.0% agreed or strongly agreed.

When the survey asked if FHVRRA should request that appropriate regulations be promulgated to control the installation of bird deterrents, 81.8% agreed.

Therefore, we humbly beseech our Councillors to assist in the initiation of suitable legislation to ban these optical bird deterrents. We see our local politicians in the same light as our National legislators in introducing new laws or amending existing legislation to the benefit of its constituents.