

Castle Cary Town Council wishes to make clear that it is not empowered to ban hunt meetings from the public highway within the town or elsewhere. That is entirely a matter for the Police and Somerset County Council as the highway authority. Road closure orders, if required, are a matter for Somerset County Council.

The Council recognises the strength of feeling about hunting and does not support or condone any form of illegal hunting or attempts to circumvent the law. It notes the banning by certain landowners of trail hunting but the Council does not own land open to hunting and it does not offer facilities directly or indirectly to hunt meetings.

No Councillor is a hunt member.

The Council urges those for and against hunting to be respectful of each other's right to express their views peacefully and direct their observations or complaints to the relevant authorities above, not the Town Council which remains impartial and does not enter into controversy on the matter or reply to campaign emails from either side.

This Council decision is not subject to alteration by an individual Councillor. The Council will report threatening or abusive behaviour, emails and telephone calls directed to individual Councillors or its officers to the Police.