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## **NOTICE TO RESIDENTS – BARBEQUING ON BALCONIES IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED**

It has recently been brought to my attention that a small number of residents are having barbeques on their balconies. I must stress that this is strictly against health and safety policies we have in Goulden House and must stop with immediate effect. While we understand that weather such as we are having should be enjoyed, barbequing on balconies is strictly prohibited under Health, Safety, Fire & Smoke Regulation, unsafe for yourselves and those around you. This is also a clear breach of the Terms & Conditions of your lease & Tenancy Agreements.

Residents who have gardens are permitted to have BBQ's but should use the appropriate materials. **For a residential block, where minimising smoke is crucial for neighbours and safety, the following options are best:**

### **Best Food-Safe "Smokeless" Options**

**Coconut Shell Briquettes:** Often considered the best "smokeless" option for balconies or close-proximity living. They are made from compressed coconut husks, produce almost no smoke or sparks, and burn hotter and longer than standard charcoal.

**Binchotan (White Charcoal):** A premium Japanese oak charcoal known for being virtually smokeless and odourless. It is highly efficient but typically more expensive and requires a chimney starter to light.

**High-Quality Lumpwood Charcoal:** Sustainable hardwoods (like oak or beech) burn much cleaner than cheaper, chemically treated alternatives. Look for "Restaurant Grade" which has larger pieces and less dust.

**Smokeless Wood Briquettes:** Compressed sawdust "eco-logs" that are designed to burn quickly and cleanly. Ensure they are specifically labelled as safe for cooking.

**Please do not be responsible for endangering your life and the lives of others.**

For and on behalf of Goulden House Co-Operative Ltd

Kindest Regards

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