

**FULL COUNCIL AGM – 18 MAY 2023**

**MINUTE 6 – CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WRITTEN RESPONSE TO QUESTION REGARDING THE USE OF BARBED WIRE AT FLEET POND**

The standard for the fence was agreed in Cabinet in November 2018 and the paper notes that it was consulted with the Fleet Pond Society at the time.

Since then, colleagues have checked with the British Deer Society this week and they confirmed that a correctly maintained single strand of barbed wire is appropriate.

*"The British Deer Society recommends that as long as there is an appropriate gap between the top of the mesh section and the barbed wire strand, and the fence is kept properly tensioned, the danger of inadvertently trapping a deer is much reduced. Regular checks reduce the danger further yet.*

We can confirm that the fence does meet the recommendations of the British Deer Society and that we are committed to maintaining to the standards required.