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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI426518598

Thank you for your request for information relating to terraced properties front doors.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. Please tell me if there has been any discussion in Townhall about noise reduction originating from front door closing/shutting in Victorian Era party walled terraced properties?**
- 2. Please tell me if there has been discussion in Townhall about having rules in terms of which side the hinge is and which side is opening/closing is on front doors of terraced properties so as to minimize the noise from the closing/shutting front door noise in Victorian Era party walled terraced properties?**
- 3. Please tell me if there has been discussion in Townhall about having rules in terms of installing door closures on front doors of terraced properties so as to minimize the noise the closing/shutting front door noise in Victorian Era party walled terraced properties?**

For Questions 1 to 3, this has not been an issue discussed at Planning Committee, primarily because it is not something the Council could control with the Town and Country Planning legislation; this is because changing the way a door opens is not an act of development.

We can only add that traditionally in the United Kingdom, a door opens into a building and is hinged on the left, given most people would unlock the door/turn the handle with their right hand; but there is nothing within the planning legislation to stop any person changing that arrangement if they want

to. The exception to this is unless it is related to a listed building.

4. If there has been no such discussion, please tell me the modus operandi to have this discussed at Townhall?

Residents wishing to bring this matter up at a Council meeting would need to contact their local Councillor with their query. A list of the local Councillors can be found on the Council website on the following link:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/councillors>

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Yours faithfully

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