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(CCC) Use of pesticides by council

Do you manage your open spaces yourself or are they are outsourced?

If they are outsourced, what is the name of the company/companies that manage them?

What is your policy for weed control in the open spaces - parks, sports fields, grass verges etc?

Do you use herbicides containing glyphosate eg Roundup, Weedol etc

If yes, what do you use

What areas have been sprayed with herbicides containing glyphosate?

What is your policy on the use of glyphosate?

What precautions were taken ahead of its use?

For the calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, please can you tell me:

The volume of these herbicides you have you used

The cost

Response

Our open space is managed by ourselves.

Our Policy is available on our website

We do use herbicide containing glyphosate and this is applied to highways and hard surfaces in housing estates.

Our policy on the use of glyphosate is set out in the herbicide reduction plan published on the website

We publish online a street register and make social media updates of our spraying routes and areas.

For the calendar year we have used and the total costs are set out below. (NB The figures include equipment and cleaners as well as product)

2018 326 litres £5494.80

2019 941 litres £22252.20

2020 580 litres £8739.60

2021 760 litres £14464.80

2022 543 litres £3665.46

We aim to provide a high-quality service to you and hope that you are satisfied with this response. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk