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Dear Sir/ Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ07660**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Guerrilla Gardening.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

1. What are your policies and procedures for dealing with the act of Guerrilla Gardening?

We do not have any policies in place for this.

2. What does your Council deem as an acceptable level of planting for Guerrilla Gardening? For example, planting floral at the base of street trees or planting floral in existing land uses such as parking lots.

Any planting scheme that would take place would be undertaken as part of a community initiative, which would be pre-approved and supported by the service.

3. How would your Council deal with health and safety concerns from the floral planted in Guerrilla Gardening? For example, plants that are poisonous to humans, pets and wildlife, Guerrilla Gardens which include food planted for community consumption, trip hazards from the flowers planted.

If any unauthorised planting was to take place and deemed a risk as suggested, it would be removed.

4. There are some London councils that actively encourage Guerrilla Gardening and regard it as being a community project instead of just being 'Guerrilla

Gardening'. Is this something that Coventry City Council has considered getting on board with?

The City Council has always been happy to work with voluntary groups and individuals who are interested in assisting the Council in maintaining or improving areas of greenspace or features which the Council is responsible for. Any potential sites need to be approved by the council to ensure suitability and maintenance or improvement works formally agreed and monitored again to ensure the areas remain safe and well maintained.

5. Are you aware of the number of Guerrilla Gardening acts in the Coventry area in the last 5 years?

We are not aware of any.

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Yours faithfully

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