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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

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Thank you for your request for information relating to use of pesticides by the Council.

You have requested the following information:

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

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

We confirm our open spaces are outsourced and managed by Empire Ground Care Ltd.

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

Only personnel trained to NPTC PA1, PA2 and/or PA6 are permitted to apply herbicides. Spraying herbicides is only undertaken in suitable weather conditions and our staff operate in accordance with a clear Risk Assessment, Safe Systems of Work Practices and in accordance with the manufactures guidelines.

3. Do you use herbicides containing glyphosate eg Roundup, Weedol etc

a. If yes, what do you use

Adopted highways, footpaths. cemeteries and authority owned commercial sites - Glyphosate 360g/l.

Routine maintenance programme (e.g. treatment around street furniture etc.) - Glyphosate 480g/l.

4. What areas have been sprayed with herbicides containing glyphosate?

The areas which have been sprayed with herbicides containing Glyphosate are adopted highways, footpaths, cemeteries and council-owned commercial sites.

5. What is your policy on the use of glyphosate?

As mentioned in our response to Question 2, only personnel trained to NPTC PA1, PA2 and/or PA6 are permitted to apply herbicides containing Glyphosate.

6. What precautions were taken ahead of its use?

As mentioned in our response to Question 2, spraying herbicides is only undertaken in suitable weather conditions and staff operate in accordance with clear Risk Assessment, Safe Systems of Work Practices and in accordance the manufactures guidelines.

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

a. The volume of these herbicides you have you used

Not known.

b. The cost

Not known.

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Yours faithfully

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