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Glyphosate

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Information Request and Response by Eastbourne Borough Council

1. *Does the council or its contractors currently use glyphosate-based weed killers?*

Eastbourne Borough Council and its contractors do currently use glyphosate based weed killers.

2. *Does the council have any internal guidance on where and how glyphosate-based weed killers should be used? If yes please attach a copy of the guidance to your return email.*

The council is committed to reducing the use of pesticides in general, including the use of glyphosate.

A new joint policy on pesticide use is currently being drawn up with Lewes District Council.

This draft policy will focus on the reduction of chemical use, the creation of pesticide free parks and the use of alternative weed control measures such as hot foam, wherever possible.

3. *Can you give me all addresses or types of location (e.g. park, school playing field etc.) where glyphosate-based weed killers are used by the council?*

Parks, open spaces, housing areas and highways – excluding children's play areas.

4. *How much has the council spent on glyphosate-based weed killers for the financial years:*

Figures not available as it is purchased through a contractor.

5. *How many complaints has the council received for its use (or its contractors' use) of glyphosate-based weed killers in the financial years:*

- a. 2014-15 }
- b. 2015-16 }
- c. 2016-17 }
- d. 2017-18 }

A search of the council's database has not shown any complaints.