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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 21/22-317 please find your question and our response below.

Request:

1. Which glyphosate-based herbicides are currently used by or on behalf of the Council and/or on land owned by, managed by, or under the control of, the Council?
2. For the most recent 12-month period for which information is available, please could you tell me the amount and brand of each glyphosate-based herbicide in question, as well as the size of the area over which they were used.
3. Please could you explain the basis for (i) the Council's choice of particular product(s), and (ii) the Council's decision to use glyphosate-based herbicides rather than alternative methods. Please could you provide me with copies of any policy or other document which informs that decision-making.
4. I understand that, if the Council uses, or instructs other to use, plant protection products (including glyphosate-based herbicides) then the Council is required by law to ensure that:
 - all reasonable precautions are taken to protect human health and the environment;
 - the application of the plant protection product is confined to the crop, land, produce, buildings, contents of buildings, materials or other areas intended to be treated;
 - and when the product is used in places of heightened concern (which includes, among others, areas used by the public or vulnerable groups, areas in the close vicinity of healthcare facilities, and on or along roads, railway lines, very permeable surfaces, or other infrastructure close to surface water or groundwater) that the amount used and the frequency of use are as low as reasonably practicable.
5. Please explain how the Council ensures that it complies with the requirements set out above in paragraph 4, particularly in terms of operational decision-making by the Council?
6. Please provide me with copies of any policy or other document which informs the Council's decision-making in relation to compliance with the legal requirements set out in paragraph 4 above. Please also provide copies of evidence of the Council's decision-making over the past 12 months relating to the records of decisions taken to ensure the amount of plant protection products used and the frequency of use are as low as reasonably practicable.

Response:

1. Amenity and Chikara.
2. Trustee Amenity = 15L Used. Chikara = 400 Grams Used. Area covers all public open space across the District
3. This is used for weed control on hard surfaced areas and street furniture and spot spraying beds within the District. By being able to use glyphosate at very selected areas, this frees us to deliver biodiversity projects across the District.
4. Please see Q5
5. We follow all the current guidelines and only qualified staff with PA1, PA6, can use these products
6. Please see attached

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 21/22-317

If information has been refused please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

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