

From: [FOI](#)
To: [REDACTED]
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Dear Requester

Thank you for your request for information about the mowing regime for grass verges in Nottinghamshire. You asked:

1. On the road verge network you are responsible for maintaining, are you or your services contractor implementing a mowing regime to benefit wild flowers?

- **If yes, can you outline your management practices (e.g. cutting verges later in the year, cutting them less often, collecting the arisings).**
- **If not, are you or your contractor planning on implementing one from 2021 or beyond?**

2. If you or your contractor are implementing such a scheme, what has prompted you to do so (eg. cost savings, reduced CO2 emissions, the impacts of the pandemic)?

What benefits, if any, have you seen? And what, if any, problems have you encountered?

3. If you or your contractor have not implemented one, what, if any, reasons are preventing you (eg, safety concerns, lack of information, resident views)?

4. What is your approach to using glyphosate for weed control?

We are now able to provide the following information:

Currently there are three locations where wildflowers are planted, these areas are not mown but are rotovated and reseeded every couple of years. NCC, as part of a recent review of the green estate, have decided that further sites should be encouraged around the county, and initial discussions have occurred between NCC, Via and Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust into suitable locations and what action might be required. There is further discussion required on this and Parish Councils will also be involved.

The main driver for this is to enhance wildlife and the environment. We have undertaken trials on reduced mowing at a small number of sites over the last couple of years, but the cost savings have been negligible.

In terms of glyphosate it is NCC policy to allow this as a means of weed control and therefore ourselves, and the sub-contractors we employ, use this as part of our programme of works.

I hope that you find this information to be helpful, however if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, then please email us at foi@nottscc.gov.uk quoting the reference NCC-047241-20 and we will be happy to review your request

With kind regards

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