

## **Environmental Information Regulations – Response - 27504**

*I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000/Environmental Information Regulations about the use of glyphosate for amenity weed killing and any breaches of UK pesticide regulations.*

Suffolk County Council have a service level agreement with our wholly owned company Vertas, who carry out our facilities management services, including weed killing. Please see the following response from them:

*The queries are as follows:*

*1. Do you or your landscape/ grounds maintenance contractors use glyphosate?*

Yes

*2. Have you or your contractors used any alternative products or methods to glyphosate for weed control? If so what are they?*

Yes, we have tried to use a vinaigrette and spot on pro however this is not suitable for killing weeds.

*3. Has your council's policy regarding use of glyphosate to kill weeds changed in the last 5 years? Are there any plans to change in the future?*

We are trialling new products as and when they become available.

*3. Have your grounds maintenance teams or contractors been found to be in breach of Health & Safety Executive Official Controls (Plant Protection Products) Regulations 2020 or Plant Protection Products (Sustainable Use) Regulations 2012 in the last 12 months?*

*If so, please outline:*

*the nature of the infringement of each incident and whether it led to of the following:*

*Improvement Notice*

*Fee for Intervention*

*Prosecution*

No