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Dear [Name Redacted]

Environmental Information Regulations – Request for Information

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Environmental Information Regulations. Please find the information you requested below with reference to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

Details of Request

- Does the council use any garden/environmental products that contain glyphosate? If so, what are they?
- Does the council use Roundup or RangerPro weed killer from company Monsanto? If so, which products?
- How much has the council spent on these items in five years? (Separated by each year and product)
- Does the council have immediate plans to discontinue use of the Roundup and RangerPro weed killer products or any other products mentioned? If so, why?

Response

1. Yes If so, what are they? Roundup Pro 360,
2. We use Roundup. It is unknown if it's from Monsanto If so, which products? Roundup Pro 360
3. We spend £3,680 annually on Roundup
4. No the Council has no plans to discontinue using glyphosate based products

Chemicals used for amenity management are more rigorously tested than many household products. Not only are amenity chemicals thoroughly tested and approved but they are continually monitored.

In the case of the active glyphosate, it has only recently undergone a thorough review in Europe and been re-approved for use in amenity situations as a safe chemical. This review, conducted by the Expert committee of scientists in Europe and approved by vote of member states, took into account some concerns expressed about the active possibly having carcinogenic effects. Based on all the science and evidence available, it was concluded that these were unfounded and it was safe to use.

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Yours Sincerely

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