

## Reducing the Use of Pesticides on Council Land Scrutiny Review Questionnaire.

### Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.

Please answer the following questions as far as you can. All responses are useful so leave questions unanswered if you need to.

- 1. Does your organisation have a policy about the use of pesticides? If so, please can you share it with us?**

No specific policy but we reduce where possible

- 2. Have you done any research into what works to manage vegetation/ gardens and other green spaces without using pesticides? If so, can we see them?**

My team do not use pesticides on any of the reserves that we manage unless in extreme circumstances to manage invasives like Japanese knotweed.

Management of vegetation is done through strategic mowing/grazing or cutting regimes. Most control can be done like this and herbicides are not necessary.

3. What actions do you think organisations that own /manage land in Portsmouth should take?

	<b>Actions</b>	<b>By when</b>	<b>Comments including evidence of what works</b>
<b>Reducing total amount of use of pesticides (including Glyphosate used).</b>	A simple analysis should be available for each job. All pesticides use should be stopped unless no other option can be identified	Immediately	
<b>Reducing the dosage used.</b>	Probably pointless as will require more return visits		
<b>Reducing the places where pesticides are used.</b>	Cetrtainly ecologically sensitive areas and areas adjacent to these should have pesticides greatly reduced		
<b>Reducing the frequency of use</b>			
<b>Using alternative pesticide free solutions</b>	This should be the case wherever possible.		

4. Please suggest the principles that should guide any new policy that the council might choose to adopt. This could include any exceptional situations where pesticides might be necessary, the use of alternatives, the extent to which unmanaged green spaces should be extended etc.

Pesticides should be minimised in all cases, especially in or near ecologically important areas. Alternatives should be explored, and management options reviewed that minimise and preferably remove all pesticide usage.

**Comments**

**Contact details**

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