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Dear Sir or Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, relating to aerosol spraying. I am pleased to provide the response below:

i) What was the nature of this material sprayed.

The chemical we use is Glyphosate. It is the most commonly used weed killer for public areas. It is nationally approved and marketed as safe to its users and the public for use on the public highway. The specific product used was Barclay Trustee Amenity, MAPP number 12897.

ii) What are the health impacts of this material.

Barclays Trustee Amenity is approved by the Health and Safety Executive for use on Hard Surfaces and Amenity areas. More information on the product approval can be found at

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pesticides/topics/databases/new-pesticides-register-database-user-guide.htm>

iii) What steps were taken to inform residents that spraying was being carried out

We spray weeds on roads and pavements twice a year between mid-May to the end of July and between September and October. The timing depends on weather conditions. More information on our maintenance of the soft landscape can be found at: <http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/what-we-look-after/grass-cutting-and-verge-maintenance>.

iv) What steps were taken to avoid spraying on people's private property

The contractor's is required to adhere to the following codes of practice.

- a) "Code of Practice for Using Plant Protection Products".
- b) "The Code of Practice for Suppliers of Pesticides to Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry", the "Yellow Code".

Copies of the above documents are available from www.pesticides.gov.uk

The contract requires spot treatment of all non-cultivated vegetation growth to the following locations:

- a) Roads - including both sides and all footways adjacent to the road.
- b) Footpaths - including alleyways and footpaths not adjacent to roads.
- c) Paved areas - including tarmacked and modular type paving not adjacent to roads.

The following features are included in all spot treatments:

- i) kerb and channel
- ii) the rear of footways
- iii) bases of fences and walls
- iv) modular paving within roads, footways and footpaths
- v) traffic islands
- vi) roundabouts
- vii) central reservations
- viii) other paved areas not adjacent to roads
- ix) bases of lighting columns, traffic signs, tree surrounds and all other items of street furniture

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Yours sincerely

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