Dear

It has come to our attention that this  still uses harmful pesticides for weed control in

As a resident of  I ask that you**DO NOT**apply Pesticides/chemicals outside my house for weed control.

I do not want harmful chemicals being applied outside the home for weed control where we live. I will take full responsibility for the small strip of weeds in front of my house by manually weeding.

I understand maintenance and tidiness of  grounds are of utmost important to some, however manual weeding methods or safe alternatives free from harmful chemicals could be used to provide this.

Safety should be the no.1 priority, especially for those vulnerable in our communities.

Also environmentally friendly methods are more desirable to protect our natural environment.

 **Glyphosate** is the key ingredient in most weed killers used in the U.K the majority of councils to remove weeds. Along with being a notorious harmful chemical under worldwide investigation for its harmful effects on human and animal health including Cancer, it is also under investigation for its long term negative effects on our environment.

**The World Health Organization** released a statement in 2015 stating that glyphosate was **“probably carcinogenic to humans.”**

Progressive governments, local councils, schools and companies across the world have been reducing and making proactive moves away from this unnecessary use of pesticides, in particular glyphosate, used on our streets and pavements and our urban spaces.

Pesticides do not just harm the weeds that they are marketed as to control, they have a major impact on non-target organisms, like soil, biodiversity and humans.

They contaminate our air, soil and water.

When using chemical weed killers, you are relying on having 24hrs rain and wind free weather for application. Rain and wind can lead to the wrong plants being targeted, as well as run-off into other areas that you wish to avoid.

Such avoidable applications could be contributing to declines in bee pollinators, beneficial insects, birds, aquatic animals and non-target plants.

The University of Nebraska published an article showing that more than 29 species of weed had developed a tolerance to pesticides. Rather than replacing one harmful chemical with yet another more harmful destructive one, we could choose to move away from chemical weed control altogether and use to safer methods such as manual weeding or Hot Foam/ Hot water

Fortunately, many towns and villages made safety a priority many years ago when they stopped using pesticides for weed control and successfully replaced with using safe alternatives.

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For example, Pesticide Free Balerno is an initiative who work alongside The City of Edinburgh Council and successfully became pesticide free in 2020. They have a volunteer weeding group and the council trialled Foam Stream Safe alternative by Weedingtech in 2021.

As a resident of   I request that you**DO NOT**apply Pesticides/chemicals outside my for weed control. These chemicals could be harmful to my health and I do not consent to having them forced upon me.

I will take full responsibility for the small strip of weeds in front of my house by manually weeding.

I would like to see  make Health and the Environment of its residents as an absolute priority.

 Here are some educational links to read more

<https://issuu.com/pan-uk/docs/a_guide_to_lobbying_against_glyphos?e=28041656/59432891>

<https://www.weedingtech.com/alternatives-to-glyphosate/>

<https://www.baumhedlundlaw.com/toxic-tort-law/monsanto-roundup-lawsuit/where-is-glyphosate-banned-/>

<https://cropwatch.unl.edu/multiple-herbicide-resistant-weeds-and-challenges-ahead>

<https://www.pesticidefreebalerno.com/>

I look forward to hearing from you

Kind regards