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Dear Susan Piergianni,

RE: CCC – Weed Spray Policy Letter

Thank you for your email dated 03 October raising your objection to the Councils change in roadside weed management policy this year. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

I apologise for the lack of communication ahead of the policy change. This is something we should have done but unfortunately didn't engage with you. I will be ensuring we do not make similar mistakes in the future.

On Friday 29 September, we sent out a short survey to all Town and Parish Councils asking for your feedback on the impacts of the policy change and how we can communicate and work better with you. The survey results will be used to inform a review of the current policy ahead of next years weed growing season. The information will also help us understand what actions could be taken to remove weeds this year. We have also undertaken a review of the operational impacts.

We are submitting a report on our Weed Spraying Policy to the Highways and Transport Committee meeting on 23 January 2024. which can be viewed when published ahead of the Committee meeting – [Place and Sustainability Committee Reports - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](#).

The policy change has not affected how we deal with Ragwort or other noxious weeds. The Policy change whilst aimed to make a cost saving has also been driven by the need to reduce the carbon footprint of the highways service and support nature recovery by reducing the use of chemicals that are potentially damaging to the environment.

Currently where weeds are reported to us as being a hazard or nuisance we will inspect and assess the location. Any weeds causing a nuisance or hazard will be removed by non-chemical means. Please report weeds and other defects through [Cambridgeshire County Council - ReportIt](#). We will ensure we investigate and provide a response to you.

Yours sincerely,



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