



**Norfolk** County Council

# **Your views on our proposal to save money by reducing weed spraying activities**



**Some of the things in this paper  
are not easy to understand.**

**You may need help from  
someone to read it.**



Norfolk County Council has to maintain highways and this includes roads, footpaths and verges, making them safe for road users.



We spray weeds on some roads and pavements, and also deal with ragwort, thistles, nettles, brambles and giant hogweed on the highway.

May						
Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

June						
Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

July						
Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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August						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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We usually treat weeds in May or June, and again in July or August.



We treat weeds with environmentally friendly weed killer, which is harmless to animals or humans.

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Norfolk County Council are proposing to save money by treating weeds on our highways once a year, rather than twice.



This proposal would save us £130,000 in 2023/24.



Reducing weed control may result in less pleasing looking streets.



Some weeds spread quickly and can cause damage to hard surfaces which costs a lot to repair.



We do not think a reduction in weed control will have any safety impact for people.



We would like to hear your views on our proposals.

A survey form titled "Questions" is shown. It features two teal speech bubble icons containing question marks. The first question is "1. What do you think about it?". Below the question are three radio button options: "Good", "Bad", and "Not sure". A hand holding a black pen is shown checking the "Not sure" option. The form is presented as a stack of papers.

You do not have to answer all of the questions, only the ones you want to.



Please send us your response by **Friday 16th December.**

We will take a report about the findings of this consultation to the Council Cabinet in January 2023. We will set a new budget on 21st February.



Please send your survey back to the address below. You do not have to put a stamp on the envelope.

**Freepost Plus RTCL-XSTT-JZSK, Norfolk County Council, Ground floor – south wing, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH.**



You can also tell us what you think via our website:  
[www.norfolk.gov.uk/budget](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/budget)



Or you can send an email to [haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk).

**Question 1. Do you agree or disagree with our proposal to reduce the frequency of weed control?**

Please tick one box

Strongly agree

Agree

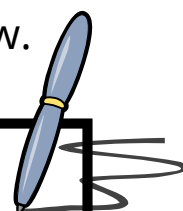
Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

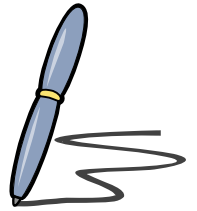
Don't know

Please tell us more about why you chose that answer below.



**Question 2. How, if at all, do you think our proposal might affect you?**

Please write your answer in the box below:





# About you



Please tell us about yourself.



This will help us make our decisions.



We will keep your information safe.  
We will not share it with anyone.

**Question 1. Are you...?**

Please tick the correct box

Male

Female

I prefer not to say



I prefer to describe myself as...  
(Please write below)



**Question 2. How old you are you?**

Please write your age in the box below



**Question 3. Do you have any long-term illness, disability or health problem that limits your daily activities or the work you can do?**

Please tick the correct box

Yes

No

Prefer not to say



**Question 4. How would you describe your ethnic background?**

Please tick the correct box

White British

white Irish

White other

Mixed/multiple ethnic group

Asian or Asian British

Black/African/Caribbean/Black British

Prefer not to say

Other ethnic background -  
please describe in the box below



## Question 5. What is your first language?

Please write your answer in the box below

Polski

Cymraeg

বাংলা লিপি

الصومالية



**Question 6. Are you responding as...?**

Please tick the correct box

An individual/member of public

A partner/carer

On behalf of a voluntary/community group

On behalf of a statutory organisation

On behalf of a business

A Norfolk County Councillor

A district or borough councillor

A town or parish councillor

A Norfolk County Council employee

# How to have your say



Fill out this consultation online at  
**[www.norfolk.gov.uk/budget](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/budget)**



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**Call: 0344 800 8020**