

Request for consideration of an issue by Overview and Scrutiny

Guidance on the use of this form:

This form is for use by councillors and members of the public who want to request that an item joins an Overview and Scrutiny agenda. Any issue may be suggested, provided it affects the BCP area or the inhabitants of the area in some way. Scrutiny of the issue can only be requested once in a 12 month period.

The form may also be used for the reporting of a referral item to Overview and Scrutiny by another body of the council, such as Cabinet or Council.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee receiving the request will make an assessment of the issue using the detail provided in this form and determine whether to add it to its forward plan of work.

They may take a variety of steps to progress the issue, including requesting more information on it from officers of the council, asking for a member of the overview and scrutiny committee to 'champion' the issue and report back, or establishing a small working group of councillors to look at the issue in more detail.

If the Committee does not agree to progress the issue it will set out reasons for this and they will be provided to the person submitting this form.

More information can be found at Part 4.C of the BCP Council Constitution
<https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=151&Info=1&bcr=1>

Please complete all sections as fully as possible

1. Issue requested for scrutiny

1. What were the quantities of chemicals used by BCP 2023?
2. Why is the BCP council not restricting the use of these chemicals in the listed sensitive public areas in accordance with the Directive 2009/128/EC?
3. How is the BCP council informing the public of the risks to these chemicals in accordance with the Directive 2009/128/EC?

2. Desired outcome resulting from Overview and Scrutiny engagement, including the value to be added to the Council, the BCP area or its inhabitants.

The answers to the above questions.

I would like to see the BCP Council prohibit the use of glyphosate within BCP and for it to follow the example of the 42 other boroughs and townships in the UK and the other EU countries which have gone further than the EU restrictions and conditions, as outlined in my report.

If the Council continues to use these chemicals, that the public will be informed about the use of chemicals in their environment.

Order that the public can make an informed choice about whether they wish to put themselves at risk in the areas where glyphosate or other chemicals have been applied.

3. Background to the issue

I'm writing to you in my capacity as the Environmental Representative for UCU at Bournemouth University.

Last July Andy Hadley supplied me with the list of Chemicals used at BCP. I am deeply concerned about the chemicals used. Particularly Glyphosate and Asulox.

In the new plan for **BCP Draft Local Plan**, there are 62 times in the document where the importance of Biodiversity is mentioned, quoting **the Councils** responsibilities and legal duties. It is difficult to understand how the Council can achieve **its sustainability** goals while using chemicals that are harmful to the environment, ecology, and human health.

I attach a detailed report, (**BCP Chemicals used 2023 UCU Report**) which details the toxicity of these chemicals and the harm already caused. I have also documented the regulations and the best practices followed by other councils and countries. This report has also been endorsed by East Dorset Friends of the Earth.

I feel the Council needs to answer the following questions:

1.What were the quantities of chemicals used by BCP 2023?

2.Why is the BCP council not restricting the use of these chemicals in the listed sensitive public areas in accordance with Directive 2009/128/EC?

3.How is the BCP council informing the public of the risks to these chemicals?

4. Proposed method of scrutiny - (for example, a committee report or a working group investigation)

A Public report from the committee to the council for regulations to the full council.

The impact of these chemicals is public health-related; the Health and Wellbeing Board may need to be informed.

As I've been advised, the Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee would be a place to hear my concerns.

5. Key dates and anticipated timescale for the scrutiny work

Before the season of spraying starts, or these chemicals are used in public spaces, such as public parks and gardens, sports and recreation grounds, school grounds and children's playgrounds and in the close vicinity of healthcare facilities.

6. Notes/ additional guidance

Please see the attached report " BCP Council Chemicals used 2023 UCU Report"

Details of this and all the research and information is available on the following google shared drive.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Q0zGdPfFPahPKWncX99CLsAFCElsjE3I?usp=sharing>

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