

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA030119-1783

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 3 January 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act (2000)

Please note that the GLA is London's strategic government and does not operate in the same way as London's Borough Councils, including the City of London (listed at <https://www.london.gov.uk/in-my-area>). Unlike the Boroughs we are not responsible for parks and highways. However, we are responsible for Trafalgar Square, Parliament Square and some land and property holdings.

The GLA's contractor for the squares has confirmed that no chemical weed killer is used either for the cleansing or the ground maintenance services of the square. Trafalgar Square is not a green space.

The information below all relates to GLA Land and Property (GLAP) Estates.

Our response to your request is as follows:

1. Name of council

GLA Land and Property Limited (GLAP)

2. Does the council or its contractors currently use glyphosate-based weedkillers?

Yes

3. Does the council have any internal guidance on where and how glyphosate-based weedkillers should be used? If yes please attach a copy of the guidance to your return email.

GLAP would expect the contractor to follow the manufacturer's instructions and guidance when applying any chemical weed killer. This would be monitored by a GLAP Estate Manager and by GLAP's Managing Agent.

4. Can you give me all addresses or types of location (eg park, school playing field etc) where glyphosate-based weedkillers are used by the council?

- External landscaping at The Siemen's Crystal, Brothers Way, London E16 1GB
- Thames Barrier Park, LB Newham, London E16 2HP
- External landscaping at the London Sustainable Industries Park, Choats Road, Dagenham, London
- Branch Road –landscape area on the corner Branch Road and Horseferry Road, LB Tower Hamlets, London

5. *How much has the council spent on glyphosate-based weedkillers for the financial years: 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18*

- 2014 - £550.00
- 2015 - £500.00
- 2016 - £500.00
- 2017 - £550.00
- 2018 – £400.00

6. *How many complaints has the council received for its use (or its contractors' use) of glyphosate-based weedkillers in the financial years 2014 - 18*

As far as I am aware GLAP has not received any complaints relating to the use of glyphosate-based weedkillers in the financial years 2014 - 18

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Paul Robinson
Information Governance Officer

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>