FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 1495/17

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request/Response:

1. Please define the maintenance organisation(s) which manage ragwort control on your highway verges and on any other Council-owned property.

   Answer: Ragwort on highway verges and on any other Council-owned property is managed by the Council’s Environmental Services team. Subsequent actions will be taken via an appropriate contractor.

2. Who leads the organisation(s)?

   Answer: The Council’s Environmental Services team is led by the Senior Environmental Services Manager.

3. What is the geographic scope for each organisation?

   Answer: The Council’s Environmental Services team covers all of Rutland.

4. How does one reach them directly with reports of ragwort sightings?

   Answer: The most efficient way to report ragwort sightings is online via:


   Such reports will be received by the Council’s Environmental Services team and actioned accordingly.

5. How many cases of ragwort on your property were reported in 2017? Please provide in each case an incident first reported date, an incident closed date, and an indication of the location (nearest town, grid ref, post code or whatever).

   Answer: Numerous areas affected /reported as follows, with reports commencing on 21.07.2017:

   1. A47, to County boundary (Leicestershire)
   2. A606, Oakham - Barnsdale
   3. A6003, Preston - Manton Hill
4. A6003, Manton - Gunthorpe
5. A6003/A47 roundabout
6. A6121, Essendine to County boundary
7. B668, Stretton roundabouts and verges
8. B668, Cottesmore - Greetham
9. Ayston Road, Uppingham
10. Burley Road, Oakham
11. Bypass, Oakham - Barleythorpe
12. Oakham Road, Ashwell
13. Stamford Road, Oakham

Following a sustained period of hand pulling and spraying, all areas were cleared by 24.07.2017.

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Yours faithfully

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