

**Extract from an email received 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 from Debbie Mulford-Joy**

Dear Tony

Thank you for your reply.

I am shocked and very concerned that Roundup is still being used by the Council and I am copying in Ms Brooks in the hope that someone would be able to explain why this herbicide is still being used when there are so many questions over its safety for the user, the public, wildlife and the environment.

In light of Cornwall Council declaring a Climate Emergency earlier in the year and the potential harm that the product can cause our bee population (<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/sep/24/monsanto-weedkiller-harms-bees-research-finds>) is it not time to consider other options? According to this report, more than 40% of insect species are declining and a third are endangered, due in part to the 'heavy use of pesticides': <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/feb/10/plummeting-insect-numbers-threaten-collapse-of-nature>

There seem to be so many concerns about this product in terms of the impact of the health of users, the public, dogs who come into contact with it before it dries, and wildlife and the environment, surely as a responsible town council, Liskeard should be looking at alternatives?

I know following a recent US court case that some Councils are re-evaluating their use of the chemical ( <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2019/apr/05/uk-councils-weedkiller-cancer-link-monsanto-roundup> ). Could you please tell me if the Council are looking into the implications of its use of glyphosate-based weedkillers in light of this?

I completely appreciate that this is a policy issue but I would be very grateful if someone could please get back to me on this issue, as I feel that it is a real area of concern.

Kind regards

Debbie