

Resident Questions for Housing Area Panel

Reference Number: E3.4

Department	Environment
Date question raised	25/08/2022
Date of Area Panel	W/O - 10/10/22
Area in city	EAST
Star rating applied by residents	3 stars
Deadline for officer response	19/09/22
Name of officer responding	Justine Harris
Officer job title	Head of Tenancy Services

Resident Question

Title of Question	Overgrown grass verges
Issue:	The grass verges in the city are overgrown. This is impacting on dogs/pets' health.
Background:	Residents have had reports from concerned dog-owners that the grass seeds from overgrown dart grass in the city are getting into their dog's ears, posing a danger to their health. This is costing pet owners huge amounts in veterinary bills. There is concern that unhappy dog-owners will sue the Council for neglecting to cut overgrown grass in the city.
Action requested by residents:	Residents would like to know: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What type of grass is the Council seeding in the city? - What are the Council doing to ensure that grass seeds don't get into dogs' ears?

Officer Response

Officer contact details:	robert.walker@brighton-hove.gov.uk
Officer Response:	The council seeds with rye, bent and fescue grass seed mixes, the mixture depending on the site. The mixes we use do not include barley grass which occurs naturally throughout the city and which there is no practical way to remove from grass areas.

	Unfortunately, we cannot ensure that seeds do not get into dog's ears.
Action:	No action required.
Start date:	N/A
End date:	N/A