



A joint plan with IEL and Lambeth Council:
Promoting safe and sustainable alternatives
to hazardous pesticides

Pesticide free Lambeth

A campaign to eliminate pesticides and herbicides from Lambeth.

We all know that we are experiencing a devastating decline in our wildlife - from bees to butterflies, sparrows to hedgehogs. One significant reason for this decline is the use of chemicals on verges, shopping centres, schools and green spaces. These have also been linked to an array of health problems - with the young, the elderly and pregnant women amongst the most vulnerable. These chemicals also contaminate our water supplies.

“ 68% want their local schools, parks, playgrounds and other open spaces to be pesticide free”

38 different types of pesticide are used in UK towns and cities in recent survey (26th april 2018)

17% of your water bill is the cost of removing pesticide from our water systems.

We can change this by jointly working to improve our environment by:

Reducing and ultimately ending the use of all pesticides (for the most part herbicides) by the Council, its officers and contractors on all land that is directly or indirectly under its control.

Bringing in other key stakeholders to follow suit in ending the use of pesticides on their land.

Encouraging the general public to stop the use of pesticides in gardens, allotments and other areas.

Making Lambeth a Pesticide-Free borough - a healthier place to live.

You might like to know that there is a 'London pledge', which councillors are being encouraged to sign.

If you go here: <http://www.pan-uk.org/pesticide-free-london-pledge/>
you can see which councillors have signed the pledge and to get more information



Pesticide you decide

Steady reduction is the answer, until it is eventually stopped entirely. As increasing numbers of councils in the UK have gone pesticide-free, we in Lambeth want to be next.

Year 1 A clear strategy working with: The Council Our residents Local businesses

We will:

Jointly provide information to residents and the wider public on understanding the benefits of going pesticide-free.

Help to set up a forum for people to get involved.

Support an audit of current pesticide / herbicide use across all sectors.

Publicise the benefits.

Encourage ending the use of herbicides in public parks and green spaces by the end of year 1.

We will support trials of alternatives.

Bring everyone together in a common purpose.

We also need a public campaign to encourage Lambeth residents, amateur gardeners and allotment holders to follow suit in reducing and stopping their use of pesticides/herbicides. We can do this if we work together.

Year 2 Consolidate the work and take things further.

Commit to halving the miles of streets and pavements that are sprayed.

End the use of pesticides/herbicides in areas of housing stock and other properties owned or controlled by the Council.

Work in partnership with members to ensure that other land managers are working to ultimately stop the use of pesticides/herbicides in areas outside Council control.

Ensure there is an ongoing public awareness about progress.

Year 3 The final year, time to deliver our objective.

End the use of pesticides/herbicides on the remaining miles of streets and pavements.

Through other media channels we will continue to encourage other stakeholders to follow suit on areas under their control.

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