



Community Resources
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Dear Mr Freel

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA)
Request for Information

I refer to your information request received by the Council on 19 June 2009 in which you request the following information:

- Copy of the grass cutting specification of the cutting of verges around Stonehouse.
- Copy of any service level agreement between SLC Roads and SLC Land Services for the cutting of the verges.
- Copy of the specification for cutting grass verges in and around East Kilbride.
- Planned schedule for verge cutting around Stonehouse

Information Provided

The Council can give you the following information:

The specification for grass verge cutting in South Lanarkshire is as follows and depends on the national speed limit on the road:

- 30-40 MPH – 6 occasions per year depending on weather conditions. Cutting commences in April ends September/October in line with the growing season.
- Above 40 MPH – two occasions per year depending on weather conditions. Cutting normally takes place between June and September, during which time road/lane closures will be undertaken where appropriate depending on type of machinery used for grass cutting.

I can also advise that there is no Service Level Agreement between SLC Roads and Land Services.

In April 2004, following a service review of Streets Services, the responsibility for cutting road verges (within Council ownership) transferred to Land and Fleet Services. The works undertaken at the time of transfer and dependent on budget availability were:-

- 2 cuts of verge to 1.0m wide
- 4 cuts at viability splays
- 6 cuts on approaches to 30 mph limit
- 20% of network cut back to boundary each year on a 5 year rolling programme.

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