**HIGHLAND COUNCIL GUIDANCE ON WEEDKILLING IN PUBLIC PLACES**

Following some social media coverage of recent inappropriate weed control examples, Craig Fraser has received both an apology and some helpful guidance from the Highland Council.

Firstly the apology -

“Unfortunately this was Highland Council that actioned the spraying. I have spoken to the Officer looking after this Ward, and the area has been sprayed too wide with some possible drift of the chemical, resulting in a wider kill than we would like, or intend. She will instruct that the brown areas are strimmed off to ground level, which will make it look much easier on the eye.”

**CF** - Discussed at length with **IJ** about community concerns and sought assurances this should not happen again and **IJ** agreed that weed killer will only be used in specific areas and will not be used around schools, sports grounds and play parks in-line with HC policy. **CF** explained that the Links and the Park are used by families, with children and many dog walkers.

And then the guidance –

Members of the public should refrain from using hazardous chemicals in public places. Unlike Council operatives, they are unlicensed with no public liability insurance cover, do not have suitable protective clothing and are not trained.

In addition, please refer to the following link -

Round up material safety data sheet - <https://www.fumigationzone.com/files/53/Roundup+Original+-+EPA>

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