

# Resident Questions for Housing Area Panel

Reference Number: E3.4

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

## Resident Question

<b>Title of Question</b>	Overgrown grass verges
<b>Issue:</b>	The grass verges in the city are overgrown. This is impacting on dogs/pets' health.
<b>Background:</b>	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.
<b>Action requested by residents:</b>	Residents would like to know: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What type of grass is the Council seeding in the city?</li> <li>- What are the Council doing to ensure that grass seeds don't get into dogs' ears?</li> </ul>

## Officer Response

<b>Officer contact details:</b>	robert.walker@brighton-hove.gov.uk
<b>Officer Response:</b>	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.
<b>Action:</b>	No action required.
<b>Start date:</b>	N/A
<b>End date:</b>	N/A