

Appendix A

Responses to consultation on verge cutting regimes

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES TO DATE – (Details Follow)

Aberwheeler	List of specific locations that should be left until later
Bodfari	Wish to be part of the trial
Cefn Meiriadog	No change
Corwen	More not less (see below)
Denbigh TC	No change , except for the area around Lon Llewelyn / Groes Road which can be reduced
Dyserth	Leave all areas until mid-July, except for areas where highways deem it required for safety reasons
Llanarmon yn Ial	Review of timing of grasscutting would be beneficial
Llanbedr DC	All junctions. One swathe on all roads.
Llandyrnog	Have asked to see plans (they haven't been sent yet)
Llantysilio	First cut in first week in July, except between Ponderosa to the cattle grid on the Horseshoe Pass and Rock House to the Panorama on the Eglwyseg. Second cut of the year be done during October.
Prestatyn	No reductions
Rhyl	No change. They suggested volunteers in urban areas.
Trefnant	No change

DETAILS:

Aberwheeler

Cut Candy Lane to Aberwheeler – BUT leave from Gallt-y-DDol to Isa on wide stretch of road.

Do Not Cut Glan Clwyd Lane past Chapel.

Cut Tyn Celyn lane.

Do not cut Bryn Derw to Dolwen.

Do not cut Dolwen to Dre-Goch hill. But cut from Cornel to Bwlch Farm.

Cut from Geinas to Aberwheeler Farmhouse.

Cut from Berllen to Glan yr Arfon – on road safety issue.

Hold back on cutting the B5429 from Aberwheeler – Llandyrnog or small area again on road safety issue first.

Bodfari Community Council

We had a presentation at our last meeting regarding the county council's pilot scheme for enhancing the bio-diversity of verges and hedgerows. My council would wish to be included in the pilot scheme.

Cefn Meiriadog Community Council

I write in behalf of Cefn Meiriadog Community Council. The council would like the grass cutting to remain as it is. They would suggest that you use a smaller tractor on the narrow roads.

Corwen Town Council

This request was discussed at last weeks' meeting of Corwen Town Council. I was instructed to submit the following response to you:

- The timing of grass cutting needs to be improved when compared to last year
- The area between Clawdd Poncen estate and Corwen town needs to be cut more regularly

Denbigh Town Council

Denbigh Town Council at its meeting on Monday evening discussed the contents of the email.

I am instructed to respond as follows:

The town council believes that what is being done at present is more or less right but would suggest that the area around Lon Llewelyn / Groes Road could be included under "b" (LESS).

Dyserth Community Council

I write in reference to your e-mail, and in particular the two questions posed.

At the Dyserth Community Council meeting held on Monday evening, the Members agreed the following:

That Denbighshire could sensibly achieve less grass cutting until after mid-July. The Members agreed that should the grass cutting be delayed, it would allow more wild flowers to grow - with a number of Councillors' referring to areas within the community, were they were used to seeing wild flowers grow many years ago. However, the Members would wish that the grass around the various benches be cut as previously. The Members also agreed, that all areas within their community be left until mid-July, except in certain areas, at the discretion of the Highways, such as at road junctions.

Llanarmon yn Ial

- the grass is cut too soon in the year- when it's not very long. Then it's left for a long time almost too late and it grows very long, making it hard for two cars to pass each other or tractors etc.

Llanbedr DC

This was discussed at our community council meeting last week.

The verge areas at junctions and single carriageways (particularly if there is no pavement) and one width of the mower on all roads we feel should be cut.

Llandyrnog

Could you possibly send us a map here at Llandyrnog to explain which verges you are referring too - it will make things a lot easier to consult with Members.

Llantysilio

In reply to your recent email dated 24th January 2014.

The Council suggests the first cut takes place during the first week in July, with the exception of the stretch of road from the Ponderosa Cafe to the cattle grid on the Horseshoe Pass and Rock House to the Panorama on the Eglwyseg. This will enable the wildflowers to grow. It was also suggested that the second cut of the year be done during October.

I trust this is agreeable with you.

Prestatyn Town Council

I enclose some initial feedback from Councillors but will follow up once Council has discussed.

'The response to this is by no means straight forward, it somewhat depends on which "highway verges" they are asking about. It is my view that we should not agree to any reduction in grass cutting anywhere and the introduction of "meadow" provision is a red herring. Highway verges need to be cut at road junctions for visibility, i.e. road safety, if grass is not cut it may harbour litter, to pick this is an extra cost, the litter depending on what it is may encourage and/or harbour rodents and pests, it will be an extra cost to control these pests (it is a duty of the land owner to do so).

Rhyl Town Council

At the meeting of the Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee on 5th February Councillors considered your e-mail dated 24th January 2014 and determined that option (a) is their preference. Members are mindful that the Local Authority are looking to reduce costs wherever possible throughout and to this end suggest sustainable planting be incorporated as much as possible and for private sponsorship to be sought to assist with the cost of planting and maintaining Rhyls verges. They also suggest that you approach local community groups to ask if they would help with the physical planting, etc.