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Brendan a chara,

As a citizen and taxpayer, I wish to ask the name of and type of weed killers and pesticides used by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council (F&ODC). Where it is used and how often?

In the present climate with the biodiversity crisis and breakdown the threat to human health, I'd like to know why the practice is still required as our bee population is endangered.

Secondly, the mass destruction of our hedgerows and trees is a major concern. Nowadays hedges and trees seem to be cut down at all times of the year with no regard to nesting birds/animals. Surely in council run properties, for example Cross Cemetery, there is no need to 'butcher' the lovely hawthorn hedges, could the old art of 'hedge laying' be used and this would be an example to others on how to care for our environment and creation.

Along the new road at the back of St Michael's College where I walk, appears to have weed killer sprayed along the whole footpath. How are the newly planted trees expected to thrive and grow in this toxic soil.

I think F&ODC must take a lead in a lot of ways in promoting biodiversity and encouraging pollinators in this beautiful part of the world.

Trusting to hear from you,

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