

## Grass cutting

### Frequently asked questions

#### Can the Council cut the grass more often?

The vast amount of grass the Council is responsible for and the amount of time it takes prevents the Council from doing more.

#### Why are grass cuttings not collected?

Collecting and transporting grass, together with acquiring specialist machinery, is time-consuming and expensive.

This means the Council does not collect grass cuttings in any areas.

#### What happens to grass at the base of trees and obstacles?

The Council uses the largest possible mowers to make cutting as efficient as possible and trimmers to get as close to trees/obstacles without causing damage.

Sometimes, for various reasons, the Council is unable to cut close to trees and bases of obstacles. The Council uses a fully approved herbicide in these locations.

#### Why does the Council cut grass when it's wet?

Grass cutting is a large-scale operation and needs to be carried out in all conditions. It can be delayed if conditions become so bad that the surface would be damaged or the Council's operatives are put in danger.

#### I get disturbed by the Council using mowers early in the morning. Can you start later?

Due to the size of the job of maintaining grass verges, open spaces and parks in South Derbyshire, work needs to begin early. Crews are asked not to start before 7am in heavily populated areas to cause as little disturbance as possible.

#### Why do you let grass grow to different lengths in some areas?

This encourages the return of wild flora and fauna to our open spaces. Land use is also considered. For example, more formal or games areas require shorter grass.