

Hello Jenny

I have some information hopefully to help with your next meeting.

For **grass cutting**, we produce plans of our entire network and designated sites into different categories, which will then dictate the type and frequency of cutting. The type of designation is determined by our soft estates asset manager, and is periodically reviewed based on experience and also changes to the road network.

Amenity cutting is intended to keep the areas of grass very short so that tall weeds are deterred from growing. This gives the area a traditional roadside verge look and therefore tends to be more frequent. This is normally six to eight times in the year.

For areas where there is a need for visibility (for example at junctions or in front of signs), the grassed areas are cut to provide that visibility. The frequency may be less often, as long as there is sufficient visibility in place, but typically three times a year.

In National Highways, we determine the frequency for our grass cutting, but the programme to deliver this is produced by our contractors. We can of course instruct additional cuts where this is required, such as the recent one we did at Stanwick.

Regarding the **surveys**, these have been completed, but a number of surveys were undertaken at the same time in support of potential schemes and the team are working through the results for all of these schemes. I currently do not have a timescale for when the work at Stanwick will be completed, but I have made the team aware of your interest.

I hope that this information is OK for your meeting. Please let me know if you need any further information.

Regards

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