

Draft CMDN	Feedback Received From	Feedback	Response	Proposed New Words
Following a number of resident complaints with the majority namely in Sugar Way, Werrington, Gunthorpe, Hampton, Stanground, Central ward, Park Farm, Orton Goldhay and Paston It is proposed to move all areas where residents and Councillors have expressed concern and consider the longer grass has caused detriment, to be put on the 8 cut regime with immediate effect	Cllr Sandford	Need to be more specific with regards to the areas that will move back to 8 cuts, as it was agreed at group leaders we would only change the frequency on areas that have had significant complaints	In addition to named areas in the CMDN we have added the following sites: Staverton Road Werrington, Open Space area behind Rowland Court Werrington, The Pastures Werrington, Howlands Werrington, Mountsteven Avenue recreation ground, Gladstone Park, Wharf Road Fletton, Fletton recreation ground, Belsize recreation ground, Derby Drive Eastfield, Sunningdale Orton Waterville, Chisenhale Orton Waterville, Elstone Green Orton Waterville, Ridgeway Stanground, Coneygree Road, Stanground, Recreation ground behind Heltwait school, Sugar Way all areas of grass near to residents properties, Woodston recreation ground, Kilham Orton Goldhay, Tirington Park, Orton Brimbles and Wistow area (Earlswood), Celta Road, Fieldfare Drive, Stanground, Warwick Road, Walton, All Grassed sponsored roundabout, Northborough grass verges, Area to the left of Lincoln road as you enter Glington.	Incorporation of the following sites: -  Staverton Road Werrington, Open Space area behind Rowland Court Werrington, The Pastures Werrington, Howlands Werrington, Mountsteven Avenue recreation ground, Gladstone Park, Wharf Road Fletton, Fletton recreation ground, Belsize recreation ground, Derby Drive Eastfield, Sunningdale Orton Waterville, Chisenhale Orton Waterville, Elstone Green Orton Waterville, Ridgeway Stanground, Coneygree Road, Stanground, Recreation ground behind Heltwait school, Sugar Way all areas of grass near to residents properties, Woodston recreation ground, Kilham Orton Goldhay, Tirington Park, Orton Brimbles and Wistow area (Earlswood), Celta Road, Fieldfare Drive, Stanground, Warwick Road, Walton, All Grassed sponsored roundabout, Northborough grass verges, Area to the left of Lincoln road as you enter Glington.  Any other areas that are reported by residents as causing significant issues and complaint, will be dealt with by exception, an officer will visit the site to ascertain if their concerns raised are valid before making any changes to the grass cutting cycle.
Where residents and Councillors have expressed concern and consider the longer grass has caused detriment, to be put on the 8 cut regime with immediate effect	Cllr Sandford	What criteria is going to be used for the review, the main drivers of the original change was to save money and avoid cuts to more essential services. The best time to carry out a review of the grass cutting is at the end of the season, how can you review part way through a scheme that spans the whole of the summer	We are currently reviewing all areas where we have received complaints from residents or councillors	Where residents and Councillors have expressed concern and consider the longer grass has caused detriment, to be put on the 8 cut regime with immediate effect. However these areas will then be subject to a full review as with all other areas of open space at the end of the summer ready for 2016. If there are any further changes proposed they will be subject to a further CMDN. Consultation with Natural England will be undertaken to ensure this review enables us to best manage our grass lands to benefit biodiversity, reduce costs and manage public perception.
	Cllr Sandford	As suggested at group leaders we need to have discussions with natural England on how best to manage our grass lands to benefit biodiversity, reduce costs and manage public perceptions	We will speak with Natural England to look at the long term strategy and help to formulate the guidelines for the full review at the end of the growing season	Included in the text above to advise we will consult with Natural England on how we should undertake the review.
The proposal to implement the increase in grass cutting will leave a shortfall of £24,000 in the Park Trees and Open Space budget.	Cllr Sandford	What would be the financial implication of moving all areas back to 8 cuts presumably more than £24k	£24,000 has been confirmed with Amey as being the worst case scenario if we where to move all areas back onto an 8 cut regime	No further change to CMDN

	Cllr Sandford	Officers and councillors have informed me that during the first year of changing a grass cutting scheme significant complaints are received but this drops significantly in year 2	When we implemented the 7 biodiversity sites last financial year we had a significant number of complaints, we worked with local residents to compromise and these complaints have significantly reduced this year.	No further change to CMDN
Where residents and Councillors have expressed concern and consider the longer grass has caused detriment, to be put on the 8 cut regime with immediate effect	Cllr Okonkowski	Cllr Okonkowski is in full support of going back to 8 cuts as he gets, a lot of issues from the vast amounts of shrubs and grass in Orton Longueville, Malbourn and Goldhay	Areas of Orton already included within the CMDN	No further change to CMDN
The above changes in grass cutting will not impact the 7 areas already designated as Biodiversity. We will continue to cut these once per year and monitor them for increased wildlife and flowers. Regeneration will also be recognised and areas under trees or in low shade that do not need to be cut will be left	Cllr Okonkowski	Biodiversity is an excuse not to cut the grass and should not be used in urban areas of the city but out in the countryside.	Biodiversity is a benefit to local wildlife and flower species, we have 7 areas around the city already designated as biodiversity which are currently cut once a year. Although this does offer some monetary saving the environmental benefits far exceed the monetary value. Areas of the city where there are lots of open space areas are ideal for setting aside certain section to be used as biodiversity while maintain others for play.	No further change to CMDN