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Cornwall Council is facing a growing backlash over plans to reintroduce glyphosate weedkiller – with warnings it could put public health, wildlife, and trust at risk.

Cllr Anna Thomason-Kenyon has backed calls to halt the rollout, describing the move as a serious mistake that demands urgent reconsideration.

*"This is not simply about weeds on our streets. It is about trust, public health, and whether we remain consistent with the commitments we have made to our residents and our environment."*

The decision has been branded a major U-turn after the Council previously pledged to cut chemical use and declared climate and ecological emergencies.

## "CHEMICAL QUICK FIX" UNDER FIRE

Critics say the move risks creating a cycle of repeated chemical use – without fixing the underlying problem.

*"Killing weeds chemically does not address the root cause. Without tackling the build-up of soil and debris, we risk repeated chemical use instead of a sustainable solution."*

## CONSULTATION "RUSHED AND UNFAIR"

Fury is also mounting over how the decision has been handled.

Town and parish councils were given just three weeks to respond to complex proposals – including over the Easter holiday period.

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“*That is not meaningful consultation. And it is not partnership working.*”

Concerns have also been raised that councils choosing to avoid glyphosate could face financial penalties.

“*Doing what a council believes is right for its community should not come at a cost. That cannot be right.*”

## **CALL TO HALT**

The motion calls for an immediate pause, proper consultation, and a full review before any further rollout.

“*Let us pause. Let us listen. And let us make a decision we can stand behind – not just today, but in the years to come.*”

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