

East Staffordshire Citizen Jury on the use of Glyphosate on East Staffordshire Borough Council owned land Information Pack for Jurors

You are being invited to participate in a Citizen Jury, independently facilitated by Support Staffordshire, on the use of Glyphosate by East Staffordshire Borough Council. Before you decide whether to participate, it is important for you to understand why this work is being done and what it will involve.

Please take time to read the following information carefully and feel free to ask if you would like more information or if there is anything that you do not understand.

About this Project

East Staffordshire Borough Council would like the public's opinions on the use of glyphosate within its services. Support Staffordshire will facilitate a Citizen Jury to explore the issue.

What is a Citizen Jury?

A Citizen Jury is a form of democracy where a group of people come together to consider a public issue in depth and make recommendations. It is designed to give citizens a meaningful voice in complex decisions that affect their lives. A Citizen Jury is designed to be representative of the local population.

What is Glyphosate?

Glyphosate is a widely used chemical herbicide that kills weeds and unwanted plants by blocking a key enzyme they need to grow. It is an effective weed killer, but concerns have been raised globally about its environmental and health related impacts.

What will taking part involve?

Support Staffordshire staff will run two days of presentations and discussions to help the Citizen Jury understand the issue. As a Jury member, you must attend both sessions. The sessions will be held on Saturday 21st February (09.30am-2.00pm) and Saturday 28th February (10.00am-3.00pm).

You will hear from experts about glyphosate, including arguments for and against its use. At the end of the two days, the jury will make recommendations based on the

evidence you have heard, that will be shared with East Staffordshire Borough Council. Your feedback will play an important role in their decision-making.

Do I have to take part?

Your participation is voluntary. There is an expectation that jurors will attend both sessions.

Unfortunately we cannot accept applications from Borough, Town and Parish councillors in East Staffordshire, or staff (and family members) who work for East Staffordshire Borough Council.

Are there any benefits in taking part?

Jurors will be offered £100 shopping voucher as a thank you for participation. This will be paid in instalments: 25% after the first session, with the remaining 75% after the second session. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. We will support jurors with reasonable travel expenses.

Are there any risks in taking part?

We do not believe there are any risks to participants.

How will my data be used?

Notes from the Citizen Jury will be made by the facilitators. Recordings will be made of the presentations. These will be stored securely on Support Staffordshire's computer system.

Data will be used for the purposes of this project only. The notes will be compiled into a report for East Staffordshire Borough Council which will be used to inform their decisions on the use of Glyphosate. Cabinet reports are generally discussed in public, however any exempt or confidential information would be either redacted or discussed privately, as is normal Council practice. Your details may be shared with East Staffordshire Borough Council.

For more information about this project, please contact research@supportstaffordshire.org.uk