‘It’s now a jungle’: Take a look at what happened after an English seaside town banned glyphosate

Brighton has become the perfect example of how quickly nature reclaims the streets if weeds are left unchecked.

But the ‘rewilding’ of the seaside city has become a hot issue and almost everyone has an opinion.

Visitors say the weed infestation is making the normally dapper Regency resort look very down-at-heel and councillors say their email in-boxes are full with angry complaints.

The cause of the weed problem is the banning – by the Green-led council in 2019 – of glyphosate and other herbicides in the city.

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Glyphosate is the active ingredient in many of the weed killers on sale in Britain and it has been claimed is a potential cause of cancer.

The local authority has blamed a number of factors including Brexit for the infestation saying it has affected the recruiting staff and ordering equipment.

In a statement Councillor Tim Rowkins, said getting the weeds under control in Brighton and Hove was a top priority.

‘The ban on glyphosate in 2019 emerged from a cross party consensus when the Council was under no overall political control. While well-intentioned – to reduce the use of chemicals and enhance biodiversity – there was no proper contingency plan, and the issue has simply not been treated as a priority since.’

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