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**Request:**

**Hi I am a Master's student, studying Zoology at the University of Sussex. My dissertation is centred around Plantlife's campaign 'No Mow May', which encourages people to refrain from mowing their lawns in the month of May, in order to improve nectar availability for pollinating insects. The Campaign began in 2019.**

**Would you be kind enough to respond to the following questions?  
Thank you for your assistance.**

**a) Has your council heard of the scheme 'No Mow May' – (designed by the wild plant conservation charity Plantlife?)**

**\*\*No.\*\***

**b) Has your council implemented this scheme? If so, how?**

**\*\*N/A.\*\***

**c) Has the scheme been promoted? If so, how?**

**\*\*N/A.\*\***

**d) If you haven't implemented the scheme – did you consider it and what were your reasons for not doing so?**

**\*\*We are unable to leave grass uncut throughout May as this would lead to logistical issues where we would be unable to collect arisings. It would also leave areas unusable as amenity space and attract problems with litter and dog fouling. Instead, we introduced Biodiversity Areas in 2015-16 which are areas of open space with low amenity value or road side verges that were sown with wildflower mixes and left to grow throughout the growing season. They are then mown at the end of season in late September/Early October.\*\***