



The road network in the UK radial road network totals approximately 29,000 miles of main roads, 2,200 miles of motorways and 213,750 miles of paved roads. Keeping this network clean and maintained is very expensive but vital for our economy and safety.

HOW IS IT DONE?

Weed growth can cause visibility problems at road junctions causing accidents and deaths. Vegetation on motorway and high speed roads impedes access, makes inspections of safety critical structures difficult, reduces visibility and blocks drainage structures.

Implementing a proper planned approach to weed, pest and disease control especially along all verges, central reservations at roundabouts and the like is a vital task.

Pesticides used safely and correctly remain a key element in such approaches.

Inadequate visibility is an important factor that influences the risk of road crash among all types of road users. Control of weed growth is a vital element in visibility.

At the same time road margins and verges, if maintained, play an important part of our natural environment and vital for a range of wildlife habitats.

SOME KEY POINTS

- Whilst all methods of control are and need to be utilised, pesticides remain key to the solution
- Nobody would wish to use a chemical which is unsafe but the current process of authorisation and checking ensures this is not the case.
- Any consideration must be based on proper science & evidence
- The Amenity sector in the UK has led the way in committing itself to best practice & developing an Amenity Assured Standard
- Weed, pest and disease control is both important and essential
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