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All the Children in Purple Class and the Eco Club

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Dear Children

Thank you for getting in touch about the bees in Broadbottom. It is really great that you are concerned about them and the environments in which they live. Our Grounds Maintenance workers are very careful not to spray flowers; some of the weeds disguise themselves to look like flowers but weeds are vigorous and invasive, and grow so quickly and forcefully that they need to be treated to allow the real flowers to blossom and grow.

It may be helpful for you to know that the weedkillers we use are not harmful to animals and insects but do attack the weeds to stop them spreading. However, we have to use weedkiller to keep the highways safe and the drains and paths clear to avoid blockages and flooding. We are always very careful to use weedkiller in the smallest quantities and over the last few years we have reduced the amount of weedkiller we use across the borough and we will continue to look for opportunities to do this into the future.

Many of you might walk through the Lymefield site and you may have noticed that we have a regular group of our Greenspace volunteers who attend every week to look after the area. They cut the grass, clean the signs, remove the litter and make the area a nice place to visit. As well as maintaining the site, they have created new planters with flowers that the insects love to visit. The site has lots of natural areas that are carefully looked after which is good for all insects. One of the ways you can help the environment is by taking litter home or using a litterbin instead of dropping it.

Yours sincerely



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