

Urban Green Space Cutting Schedules and Service Delivery Standards 2026 **SOUTHGATE WARD**



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The following sets out the service delivery standards that residents can expect from the Urban Greenspaces team for cutting of highway verges and housing open green spaces.

Cutting will follow the published schedules. This cutting programme is based on 'normal' growing rates, with a reasonable expectation of higher grass growth at the beginning of the spring/summer, and an expected drop in growth in mid-summer. We have established a new reactive team to cover missed cuts - however additional cuts are only delivered if a health and safety risk is identified. If growing conditions are variable, and we see a higher than expected grass growth, we will not be able to introduce further cuts at short notice.

If a scheduled cut from the published programme is missed, we will publish it on our website on the Friday of that cutting week and will aim to return within 5 working days of that Friday. For example, we missed a cut in the week commencing 2nd June, we will report this missed cut on Friday 6th June and will aim to return to that site by 13th June. We would request that residents only report missed cuts that have not been published on the website.

Residents will be encouraged to report missed cutting rounds on the website in the same way that they do for missed bin collections.



Highways Grass Verge Cutting

- ▶ Highways grass verges will be cut in line with the published programmed cutting schedules, with an expectation of approximately 9 cuts per year.
- ▶ The cutting team will litter pick the verge prior to cutting to remove any objects that will limit quality of cut and to avoid creating unsightly litter issue.
- ▶ Cutting will leave grass at a height of no greater than 120mm, arisings will be left in situ.
- ▶ All street furniture such as bollards, sign posts, metal railings will be strimmed around to reduce grass height in line with main verge area.
- ▶ After all verge cutting blowers will be used to clear pavements of the majority of grass arisings – noting that windy conditions will affect this.
- ▶ If litter has been cut during the cutting process, operatives will aim to remove at the time of the visit.
- ▶ LBE is happy for residents to cut their verges in between scheduled cutting times if they wish to do so at their own risk.

Highways Verge Shrub Cutting

- ▶ The teams will cut shrubs outside of the bird nesting season (Aug - Jan) which ensures Enfield Council adhere to the statutory legislation, Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69/section/1>, which covers the protection of wild birds, their nests and eggs. Only in exceptional Health and Safety cases will the team cut, as this will require a bird survey to be carried out prior to any works which will ensure that operatives are compliant with legislation.
- ▶ Shrub verges will be cut in line with the programmed cutting schedules.
- ▶ Teams will usually hand cut shrubs, however in cases where shrubs have become very overgrown we will consider the use of tractor mounted flails, which will enable us to better manage future growth.

- ▶ Teams will cut back to the verge width, as a minimum, and where able, we will cut beyond to allow any new growth to remain in verge width and not impact on footways or highways.
- ▶ All cuttings will be cleared from footways and roads.
- ▶ LBE is happy for residents to cut their shrub verges in between scheduled cutting times if they wish to do so at their own risk, but consideration to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 must be given to the timing of work.



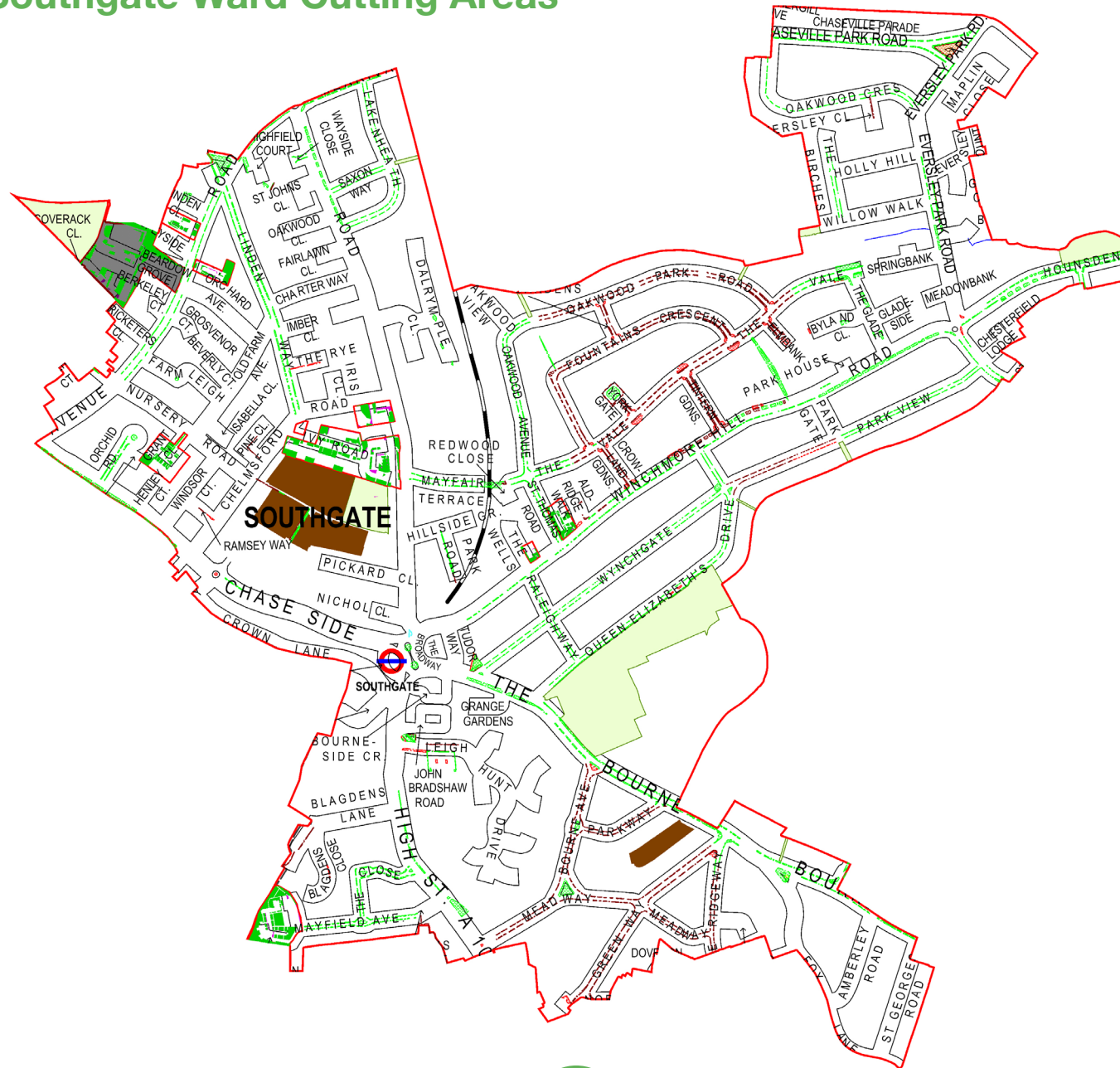
Housing Open Space Areas

- ▶ Housing open spaces will be cut in line with the published programmed cutting schedules, with an expectation of 11 cuts per year.
- ▶ The cutting team will assess the open space prior to cutting and remove any objects that will limit quality of cut and reduce likelihood of flying debris which could damage property.
- ▶ Open spaces should be clear of litter when cutting teams arrive, as a result of management by caretakers, but if litter is present, the team will litter pick prior to cutting, to avoid creating unsightly litter issue. If litter has been cut during the cutting process, operatives will remove the litter.
- ▶ Cutting will leave grass at a height of no greater than 120mm. Arisings will be left in situ, unless an additional payment is agreed to cut and collect.
- ▶ All street furniture such as bollards, sign posts, metal railings will be trimmed around to reduce grass height in line with main verge area.
- ▶ After cutting blowers will be used to clear pavements of the majority of grass arisings – noting that windy conditions will affect this.
- ▶ Some Housing areas will receive management every three weeks from the enhancement team, which will deliver enhanced management of flower beds and shrubs.

Map Showing Southgate Ward Cutting Areas

Key:

- Allotments
- Grass verge
- Shrub verge
- Rain Garden





Housing open space areas cutting schedule for

Chelmsford Road	N14 5PX	Northbourne Hse Chelmsford Road	N14 4JJ
Dene House/Manesty Chase Road (Ivy Road)	N14 6HF	Pruden Cl	N14 6DX

Cutting will take place week commencing

30/03/2026 20/04/2026 11/05/2026 01/06/2026 22/06/2026 13/07/2026 03/08/2026 24/08/2026 14/09/2026 05/10/2026 26/11/2026



Housing enhancement open space areas cutting schedule for

Grant Close	N14 5QE
Edward Lake Hse, Winchmore Hill Rd	N14 6AE

Every two weeks cutting cycle starting on 23/03/2026

 Grass Verge cutting schedule for

Chaseville Park Road	N21 1PD
Houndsden Road	N21 1LU
Oakwood Crescent	N21 1NX

Cutting will take place week commencing

30/03/2026	20/04/2026	11/05/2026	01/06/2026	22/06/2026	13/07/2026	03/08/2026	24/08/2026	14/09/2026	05/10/2026	26/11/2026
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Park View	N21 1QS
The Glade	N21 1QG
Byland Close	N21 1QH

Cutting will take place week commencing

23/03/2026	13/04/2026	04/05/2026	25/05/2026	15/06/2026	06/07/2026	27/07/2026	17/08/2026	07/09/2026	27/09/2026	19/10/2026
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