



Camposol Green Waste Areas

A report by the Neighbourhood Association of Camposol

This report relates to the “Green Waste” Areas on the urbanisation of Camposol within the municipality of Mazarrón.

Five such areas have been designated by the Town Hall, and green waste skips provided for property owners and residents to dispose of their garden waste. Between one and three such bins are provided at each location for this purpose. The locations of these areas are as follows:

Sector A – one site in Calle Andalucía.

Sector B – one site in Calle Jara, adjacent to the lower car park.

Sector C – one site in the street running between Avenida de Los Covachos and Calle Aljibe

Sector D – one site at the end of Calle Nogales on Sector D6/7

Sector D – one site at the outer edge of Calle Esparaguerra on Sector D38

Concern has been expressed by property owners, residents, associations and groups that no green waste has been collected for nearly 2 years from the majority of these sites. This has led to disposal of green waste being extended far beyond the originally intended locations, to the extent that it is almost impossible to see or identify the waste skips. The green waste is no longer green, it has decayed and is almost exclusively brown waste, much of which has mulched into the ground. It is the last two years waste and as we leave winter months, plants, trees and other garden greenery will start to grow again and the waste will again begin to be disposed of at the nominated sites. This will only exacerbate the situation and we invite the Town Hall to consider as a matter of urgency how this waste may be disposed of. We are aware of legal obstacles that have prevented previous disposals, however the current situation is untenable. In some areas, the waste is blocking public roads and being close to houses is a health hazard, with reports of rats, insects such as cockroaches living in the waste. We have seen the proposal to use the fenced off area next to the abandoned hotel on C sector, however this is reliant on volunteers coming forward to open the facility. There is no timescale on this and nature will not stop and wait for the facility to open. Plants and trees will grow and need to be disposed of now and in the next months. Unfortunately this situation has been allowed to continue for too long. Various studies have shown the adverse effect of dumped garden waste on the ecosystem, The further risk of dumping garden waste is that it may contain seeds and plant parts that may grow, as well as increase fire fuel loads, disrupt visual amenity, accrue economic costs associated with the removal of waste as well as costs associated with the mitigation of associated impacts such as weed control and forest fire.

In order to assist in understanding the true extent of this issue, this association has taken overhead videos of the five sites, and submits them for information and resolution. We have extracted still photos to be included in this report.

Sector A

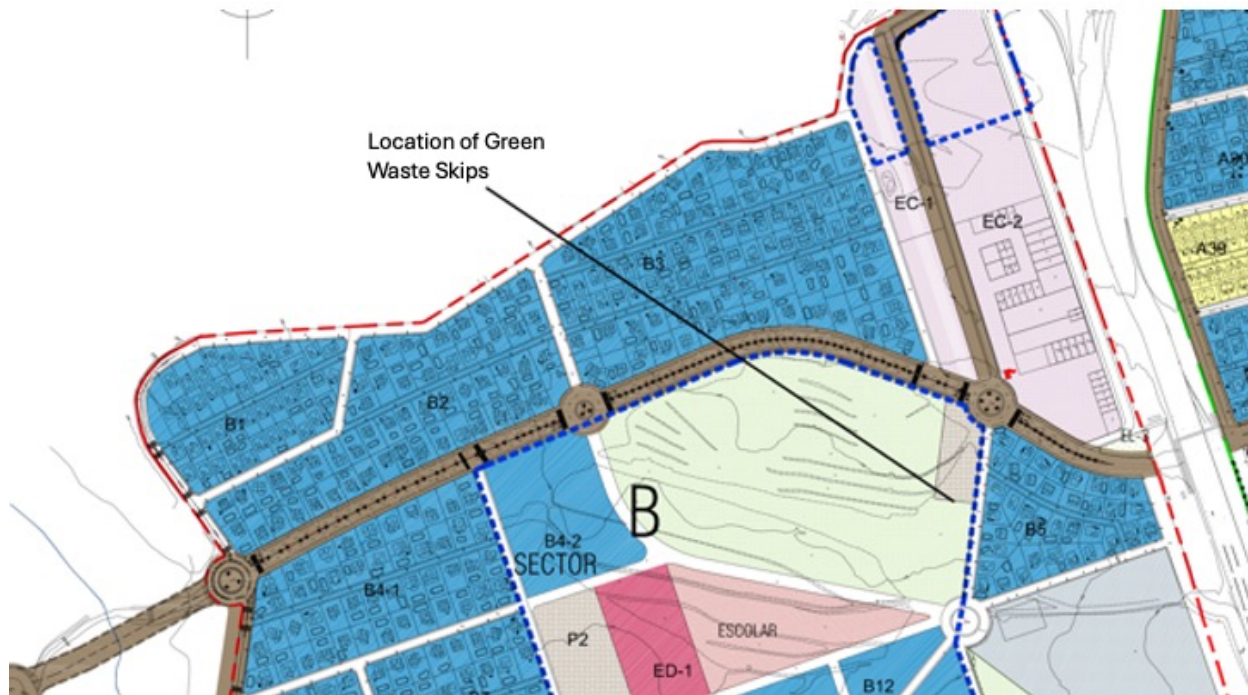
The designated waste area is located in Calle Andalucia in the area of land opposite Calle Cuenca designated as Zona Verde. This is a large open area that extends between Calle Andalucia, Avenida Saladillo and the end of the urbanisation. A very large area of the Zona Verde has been used to dispose of all types of waste. Reports from residents suggest that people and tradesmen who do not live in Camposol have been dumping their waste there for a considerable time, exacerbating the situation to an unacceptable level. The below photographs show the extent of the infiltration into the Zona Verde.

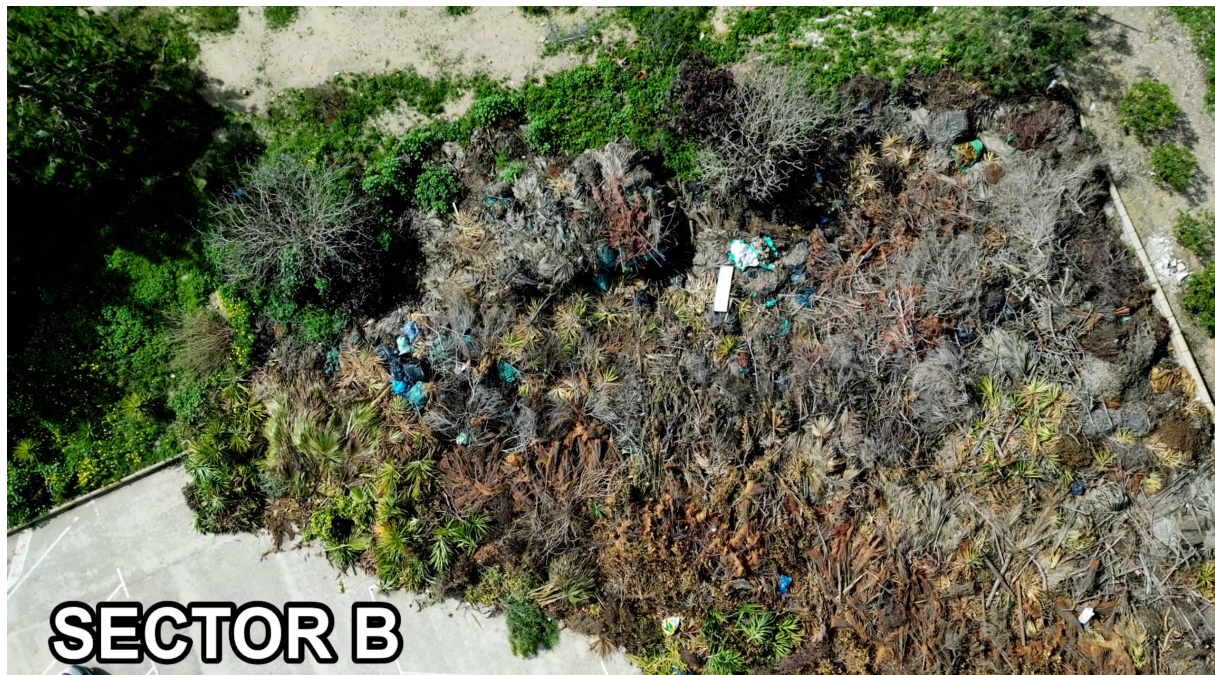




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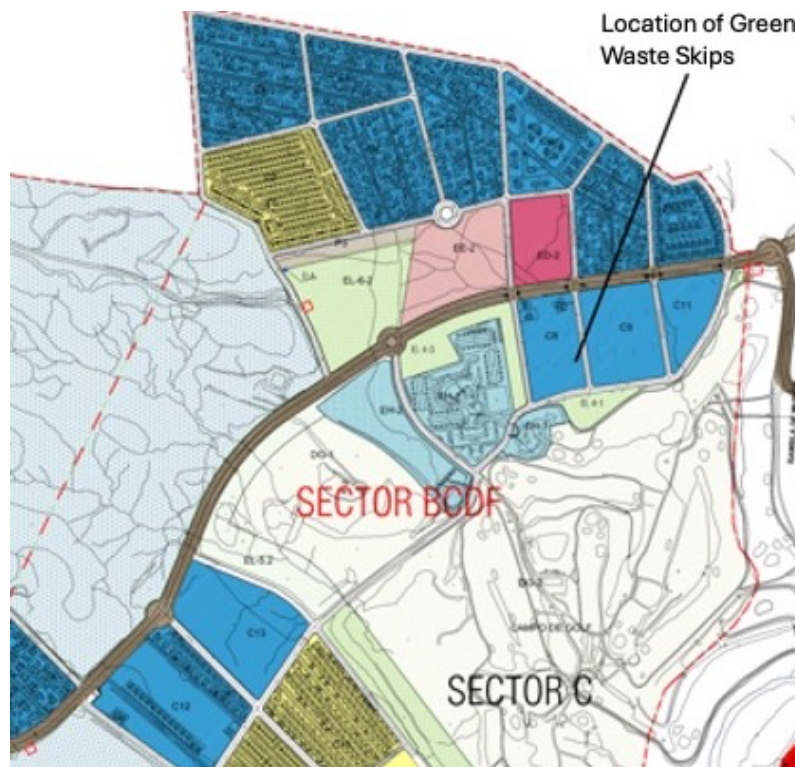
The green waste on Sector B has encroached greatly onto the lower car park. There was a fire setting the waste alight in 2024, therefore the amount of waste is far less than it would have been without the fire, however it can be seen from the photographs below that it is extensive and in danger of becoming out of control. The nearest occupied dwelling are only the width of Calle Jara away from the waste.





Sector C

The waste from sector C has spread along the entire length of the road between Calle Aljibe and Avenida de Los Covachos, and now cuts off approximately 50% of the traffic lanes on this road. It also extends along Calle Aljibe to the golf course and the hotel. As can be seen in the photographs below, it is unmanageable and should be removed.

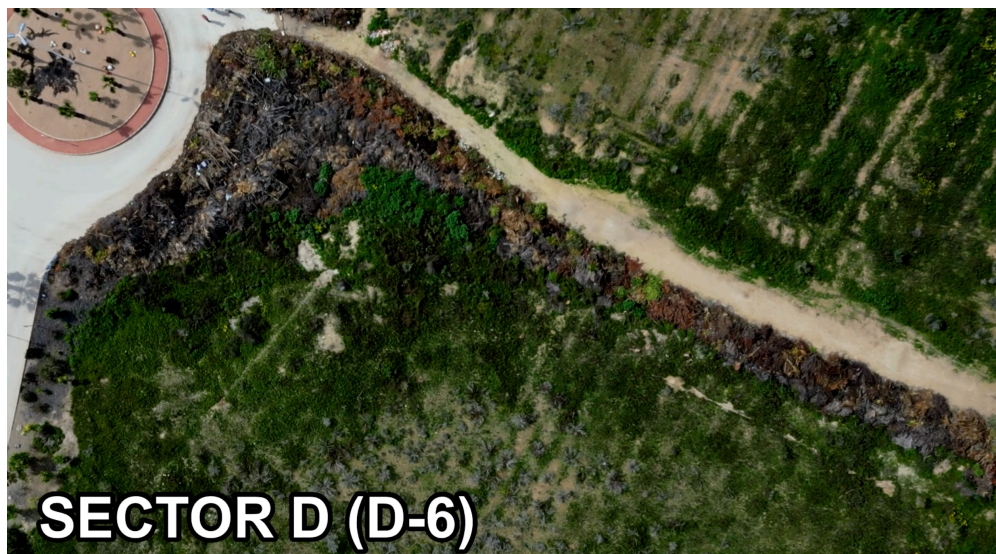
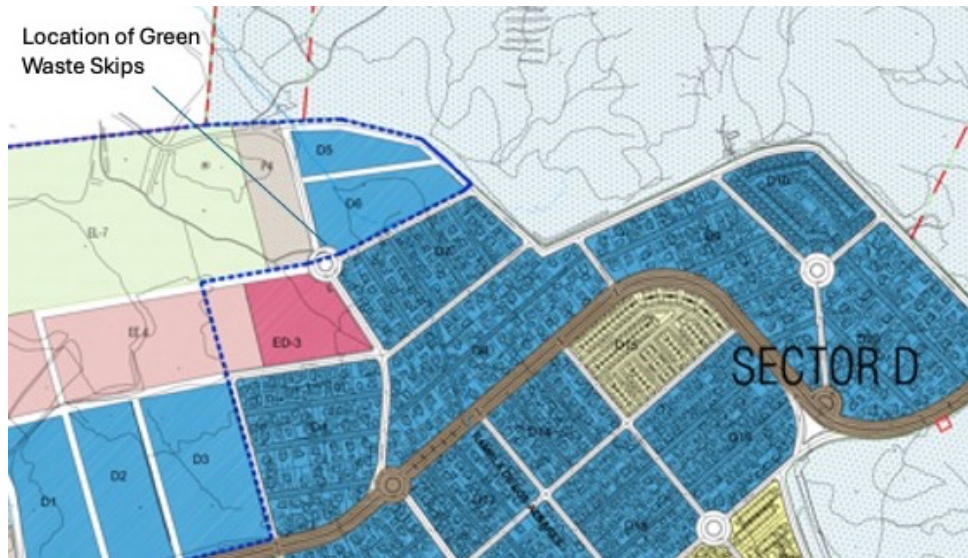




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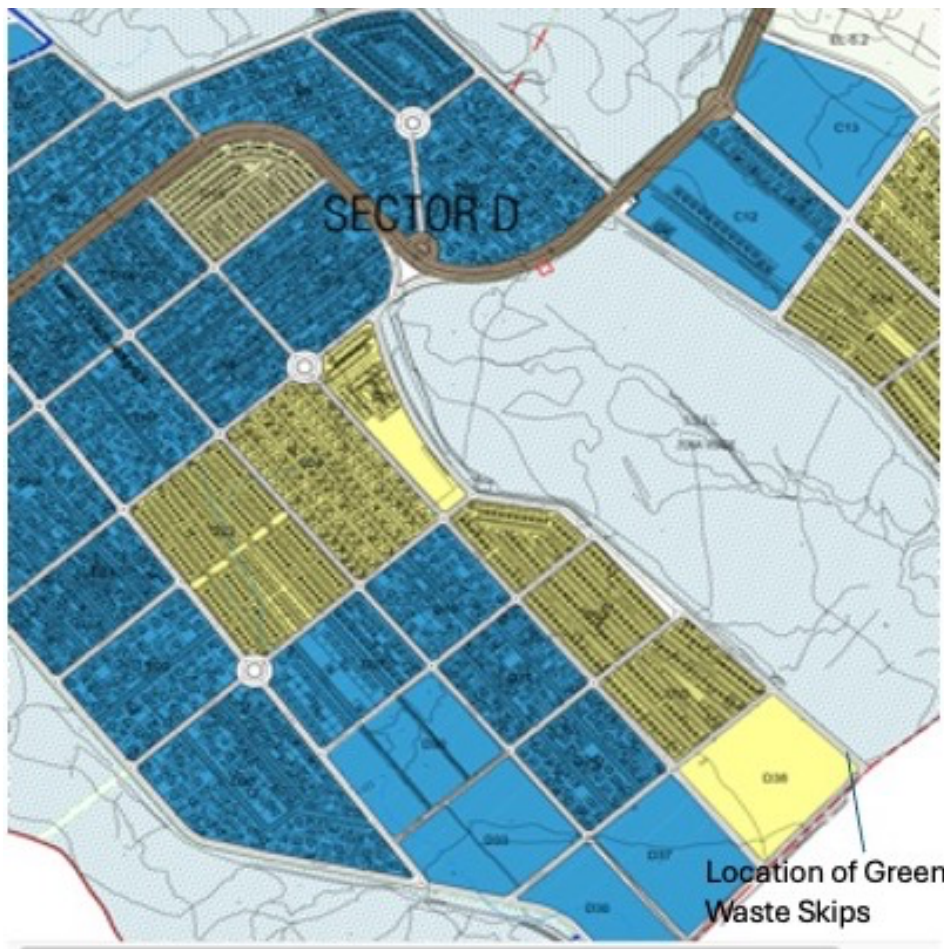
There are two areas on Sector D, officially designated for green waste disposal, one at the end of Calle Nogales on Sectors 6/7 and the other at the very end of Calle Esparraguerra at the end of the urbanisation. The latter suffered a fire in 2024, meaning that the waste currently there is less than one year old, even though it extensively covers the road. The area on D6/7 is the closest of all the waste area to occupied dwellings, with the extended waste only a few metres from the nearest house. The public road at the roundabout has lost 50% of its width on one side. The photos below show the extent of the situation.

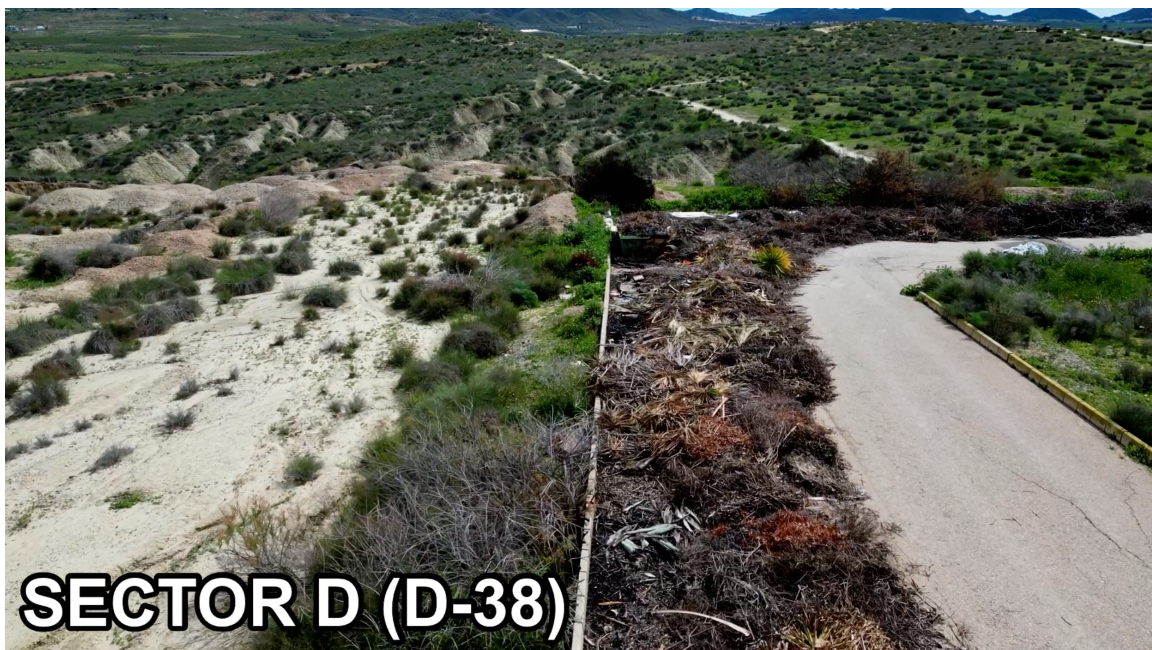
Sector D 6/7





Sector D 38





This report and the video of the affected areas are submitted for information and a resolution of the issues identified herein. We request a written response with the solutions envisaged by the City Council and when they will be implemented. A response within 28 days will allow us to report on outcomes to the neighbours of Camposol, for whom this is a serious threat to their ability to live a safe and healthy life in the municipality.

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This document is an addendum to the report already submitted by AVC regarding the green waste issue on Camposol. Here, we set out the main issues that need to be resolved:

- 1) Creation of a green waste disposal area for new waste. The enclosed area next to the hotel on Sector C has already been mentioned, however a solution has not been found. This area would be ideal for all the green waste bins on all areas to be located, as long as regular collections of the rubbish take place, to avoid it becoming another eyesore.
- 2) Removal of the existing green waste on all sectors. This is a very large task as there have been no collections on some sectors for nearly 2 years. Residents have taken steps to try and ensure that concrete and other waste has been separated on different sectors, especially Sector D6/7, so although there may be some mixed waste, it is not prohibitive. If a schedule of collections can be promoted, it will be possible to ask for volunteers to assist in separating any mixed waste from the green waste. We do not know what the response will be. Dealing with this issue must be done in conjunction with item 1) above
- 3) Several residents, acting responsibly have taken green waste to the Eco Parque in Mazarron and have been turned away and told to take the waste back to Camposol, as it is the policy of the Town Hall not to accept Camposol green waste at the site. It is important to establish if this is council policy. If so, why? If not there needs to be publicity to encourage the use of the eco parque. In addition, the eco parque need to be told to accept Camposol green waste in accordance with its rules.
- 4) The green waste areas at the existing points on all sectors would benefit from the installation of motion detection cameras, which can be used to enforce the laws on illegal dumping of waste.
- 5) Clear signage should be provided at each of the existing sites, clearly stating the new arrangements and the fact that cameras are in place. These should be in multiple languages (at least Spanish, English, French, Dutch and German), and include instructions on where and how to dispose of green waste, and the change of location of the bins.
- 6) Not directly connected with the green waste issue, however we believe that a local police clinic, held at the social centre one Friday a month when AVC has use of the main hall between 9am and 1030am would provide the opportunity for the police to explain various legal matters to residents and for them to be able to provide information to and ask questions of the police about relevant issues, including green waste.