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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: EIR-17-0138 - Tree Preservation
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Attachments: [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 23 January 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

Please provide the following information. I make this request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI):

1) How many street/highway trees have been felled by the council or by council contractors since 1 April 2010? If you do not have a full total, please provide a figure for those you have recorded in the period.

About 800.

2) How many of those trees were protected by a Tree Preservation Order? If you do not have a full total, please provide a figure for those you have recorded in the period.

None.

3) How many of those trees were ancient/veteran trees? If you do not have a full total, please provide a figure for those you have recorded in the period.

None.

4) How much has it cost the council to fell street/highway trees in the period?

All work was undertaken internally and there is no separate record held for costs.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **How much has it cost the council to fell street/highway trees in the period** as it is not held by the Council. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 10(4)(a) - Information Not Held - of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it. ACC is required by Regulation 10(1)(b) of the EIRs to inform you as to why in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining this exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing this information to you. ACC is satisfied that it does not hold this information and considers that, as there is no information held, the public interest lies with the exception.

5) Please state how many trees were felled because they were diseased, decayed, dying or dead.

About 10%

6) Please state how many were felled because they were causing structural damage or an obstruction.

90%

7) How many were felled for other reasons? Please state in broad terms what these reasons might have been.

None.

8) How many of the felled street/highway trees have been replaced on streets in this period?

All of them on a 2 for 1 basis

9) How many the felled trees have been replaced off-street in this period - i.e in woodlands/nature reserved.

ACC has planted over 220,000 trees since 2010

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster
Information Compliance Officer

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

As the information which you requested is environmental information, as defined under Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs), ACC considered that it was exempt from release through FOISA, and must therefore give you notice that we are refusing your request under Section 39(2) of FOISA (Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002). However, you have a separate right to access the information which you have requested under Regulation 5 of the EIRs, under which ACC has handled your request. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under the EIRs.

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