

## Response to Request for Information

Reference EIR 000138  
Date 3 May 2017

### ***Urban/Ash Trees***

#### **Request:**

1. How many roadside ash trees are there within your council boundary? If a total number is not known, have any surveys of numbers of roadside ash been carried out within your boundary and if so, what were the results? (For clarity, by "roadside ash" I am referring to ash trees (any *Fraxinus* species) that are close enough to a road that they could potentially fall onto or drop debris onto the road.)
2. How many urban ash trees are there within your boundary, and what is the breakdown of these between public and private property? If this is not known, how many trees of any species are there within your boundary?
3. If known, what is the total area of parks, gardens, greens and common land within your boundary?

In response to questions 1, 2 and 3 above, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

4. What was the total amount of money spent by your council on insuring trees in the last financial year (2016-17)? And what was the total amount spent on public liability insurance overall?

In response to question 4 above, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as it is not possible to identify any part of this premium relating to ownership of trees. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

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However, we can inform you of the total premium spend on the Council's combined liability insurance policy which covers public liability, employer's liability, official indemnity and professional negligence. This was £341,585.26 - last renewal 30 June 2016.