



# EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-072, please find your question and our response below.

## **Request:**

1. How many trees does the council currently plan to fell (recommended for removal) over the next 12 months so far and why does it plan to fell them?
2. Has the council carried out any public consultation on the removal of these trees or does it have plans to do so. If so, could you please provide any detail on the number of objections/votes of support this decision has had? Please provide examples of objections and support in document form if this is possible.
3. Does the council plan to replace any of the trees, if so how many?
4. If the cost limit has not yet been reached for this request, please provide the number of trees felled over the previous two financial years (2022/3) and (2021/2). If this will breach the cost limit, please ignore this question.

## **Response:**

1. East Cambridgeshire District Council has only just started to survey all of the trees in the district this year and upload them onto our new system, so therefore we have no plans to remove any trees at this time. Once the trees have been surveyed we will know if any need to be removed (if they are dead for example).
2. We do not carry out any formal consultation when removing trees, unless the tree is adjacent to a property for example. Normally the way we would consult the public would be to put a notice up on the tree explaining why it is being removed and when we plan to do so. We sometimes ask Comms to put out the notice as well on our social media platforms. This gives members of the public time to contact us to discuss any issues they may have.
3. We aim to replace every tree we fell where appropriate, with a suitable species. Where possible we will replace with more trees than the number which were removed. Last planting season we planted 103 trees.
4. I have attached a spreadsheet with the trees we have felled in 21/22 + 22/23.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-072.

If information has been refused please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach [foi@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:foi@eastcambs.gov.uk) and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.