



I am writing to request the following information regarding Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) within your jurisdiction:

1. The number of trees currently registered with Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs).

1. The Council do not hold information on numbers of trees, there are 809 Tree Preservation Orders.

2. The number of applications received from insurance companies to fell trees with TPOs, within the following timescales:

a. 2024 to date

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b. Jan 2019 – Dec 2023

c. Jan 2014 – Dec 2018

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3. The number of successful applications from insurance companies to fell trees with TPOs, within the following timescales:

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a. 2024 to date

b. Jan 2019 – Dec 2023

c. Jan 2014 – Dec 2018

We do not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in Regulations.

Regulation 4(4) further provides that where the local authority estimates the time taken to gather the information would exceed this limit (which based on the prescribed hourly rate, equates to 18 officer hours), it may refuse the request under section 12 of FoIA. I am satisfied the cost limit applies to your request and will explain why this is the case.

*The amount of time to check the 809 TPO folders for the information would take approx. 30 minutes per folder would equate to roughly 404 hours. The larger TPOs could take longer than 30 minutes.*